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Purpose of the Report:
This Report is issued by the Carolina High School and Academy School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.



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Report to Parents

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CHS&A Achievements

Philanthropy and Community Development:
CHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes held their second annual "Race for Grace" to raise funds for emergency support of CHS students.

AFROTC volunteered at Harvest Hope.

Athletic Excellence:
In Boys' Basketball, there were two students that received All-Region Honors for I – AA Boys' Basketball : Zachary Andrews and Devonte Foster. Foster also represented Carolina in the FC Greenville v Spartanburg All Star game. Zachary Andrews and Reuben Jones were selected to the participate in the Piedmont Athletic Association East v West All Star game. Coach Fair received Coach of the Year as his basketball team was the first runner up.

In Girls' Basketball, one student received All-Region Honors:
Sherelle Jackson

In Wrestling, two students received All-Region honors: Andrew Zovich and Tony Fuller. Joseph Mitchell competed in the State meet in his first year as a wrestler.

CHS&A Achievements (continued)

Vocational Excellence:
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) traveled to Pickens H.S. for the District 1 leadership conference and two students placed in the top 3 in two categories:
Kellen Dorchen – 3rd place; Business Math
Hannah Grant – 2nd place; Public Speaking 1

Artistic Excellence:
Three students participated in the 2014 Young Women in Art Exhibition sponsored by Converse College. Here are the 3 seniors and the titles of their accepted works:
Olivia Adams – Pacified
Julianna Escobar – Where Am I?
Courtney Pauley – Phantom

Olivia Adams' work was also selected for exhibition in the Western Region Youth Art Month Exhibit at the Governor's School for the Arts in March 2014.

Academic Excellence

Following in the tradition of providing rigorous instruction for CHS students, the incoming freshman class will enter a project-based learning environment provided by our partnership with New Tech Network. Students will be assigned an electronic device that will provide access to web-based resources and participate in collaborative efforts to solve real-world problems and issues.

SIC Annual Goals

Our vision is to create a culture in which the school and community foster **academic excellence** and the **social development** of all students in a **safe and inviting environment**.

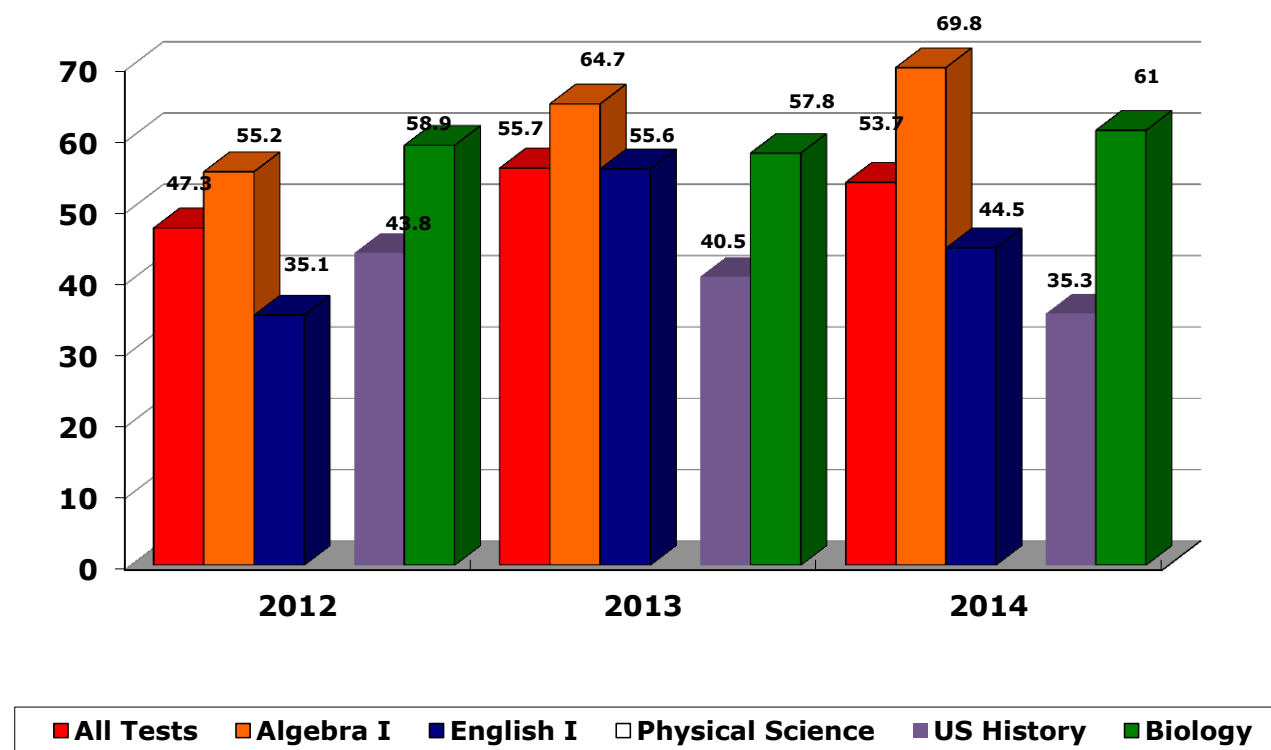
Academic Excellence: This year, two curriculum nights were held to help incoming freshmen and all upperclassmen plan for registration and college. The SIC began to solicit professionals to augment the CARE tutoring program.

Social Development: Student Government completed a survey indicating that student interests in volunteer activities were more aligned with long-term and career-centric opportunities. Mrs. CHS pageants include mentoring and highlight student accomplishments. Mentoring programs for boys and girls are growing. Boys' and Girls' Club partnerships include free membership at CROC center. Partnership with Edwin Penland (marketing firm) exposes marketing class to marketing use of social media.

Safe & Inviting Environment: More student accomplishments are displayed on the walls and web-site than ever before. Quarterly recognition continues for attendance and academics.

Volunteers are Needed! Nearly 50 improvement ideas were generated, but our core team is small; we especially need bi-lingual participants to be able to meet and work in two languages (English/Spanish).

Student Achievement



According to the latest school report card:

- The Algebra I End-of-Course passing rate scores have improved by 5.1%.
- The Biology I End-of-Course passing rate scores have improved by 3.2%, giving Carolina the highest passing rate for Biology in school history.
- English and US History end of course exam performance is much improved.
- Graduation rate continues to improve, from 48.8% in 2010 to 55.8% in 2011, to 58.7% in 2012, and 62.4% in 2013.
- **At the time of this report, Carolina posted a 66.7% graduation rate for 2014.**

Demographics indicate that 93.75% of students are from families living below the poverty index; 84.2% receive free or reduced lunch.

Attendance had declined since 2010 (730 students) to 2011 (680 students) and 2012 (678 students). There was a slight increase in 2013 (693).

Both absolute rating and growth rating of CHS&A in 2013 were “below average.”

CHS families can participate by

- using the Parent Portal to view & support student progress,
- reading at home,
- turning on sub-titles for television/movies, and
- encouraging student participation in CHS tutoring and other programs that focus on improvement of reading.

CHS&A Programs

Rigor in the class-room includes 1500 class observations per year

Air Force JROTC program (2006)

CARE before/after-school tutoring (2009)

APEX credit recovery and Summer School tuition assistance (2009)

Dean's List (Academics and Attendance (2009)

Health Professions magnet program (2010)

Project Lead the Way engineering magnet program (2010)

Incentives for improvement (2010)

High Schools that Work (2010)

Online and virtual courses (2010)

Partnership with two career centers (2010)

Synergistic Learning Labs: 2 math, 1 English

“Reading & Robots,” Physical Science,

Genetics, First Responder, Forensic

Science, Health Lab (2010)

Intensive HSAP blitz & incentives (2010)

Advanced Placement courses (2010)

Early College through Greenville Tech (2010)

Jobs for American Graduates (2011)

Engineering Prototype Lab (2011)

Six Microsoft Computer Labs (2011)

Telephone Call-Outs to families (2012)

Urban League College Tours for \$10 (2012)

College Planning night (2012)

Teen Achievers mentor Freshman Success (2012)

Hands-on Common Core (2013)

Field Trips like AP Human Geography going to

Happy Cow Creamery (2012)

Technology at Carolina High School includes PLTW software, online courses, mobile laptop carts, smart boards, etc.

There are 15 athletic teams and 23 student organizations at CHS. There is now a Booster Club to support them financially. **(Volunteers needed!)**