



Donaldson Career Center GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Donaldson Career Center, located in Greenville, SC, is a public school accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). We are a “Technology Centers That Work” site with the Southern Regional Education Board, which focuses the efforts of our center on “Ten Key Practices” to improve student achievement. Donaldson primarily serves students from Carolina Academy, Southside High School, Greenville Senior High Academy, and Woodmont High School, however, students from any Greenville County high school may elect to attend the center for specialized career preparation programs.

The 2011-2012 school year continued the momentum from last year and we have experienced a number of accomplishments with our students and our faculty. We have also continued our focus on curriculum and standards, high expectations, and rigor. We have made significant progress and will continue to refine our practices in the process of teaching and learning.

By the end of April, over 80 students will have tested for or have earned industry and/or work-based certifications. We have also continued to prepare our students for study at the postsecondary level. We implemented one additional Early College course this year and are currently in the planning phase of adding two additional courses for the 2012-2013 school year.

The career programs of study offered at Donaldson Career Center include Aircraft Maintenance (through Greenville Tech), Automotive Technology, Building Construction, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education (Introduction to Teaching in 12-13), Health Sciences, Law Enforcement, Nail Technology and Welding. During the 2012-2013 school year, we will add additional program offerings to address the interests and goals of our feeder school students. The proposed new programs are Fashion Design and Construction and Digital Art and Design.

This year we continued to successfully establish relationships with local businesses, industry, and organizations to give authentic learning experiences to our students through cooperative learning, job shadowing, internships and field trips. With the help of our School Improvement Council and business community, we were able to provide over 60 work-based learning experiences to our students in various programs. Once again in April, our center hosted its annual career fair with over 40 local colleges and businesses represented. We are especially pleased and thankful for the efforts and support of our district, community, students, parents, faculty and staff in supporting our school’s mission and goals this year.

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