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# Seneca Senior High School 2017 Report to the Parents



Dear Parents and Stake Holders,

It is with great pride that I present you with the 2017 *Report to the Parents*, as the newly named **Palmetto's Finest High School in South Carolina!** Our students, faculty and staff have had a tremendous year academically, artistically, and athletically. In addition to being named Palmetto's Finest, a high point this year was accomplishing a graduation rate of 88.9%. As you look through the *Report to the Parents*, I hope you will gain a sense of the same excitement that is permeating through the classrooms, hallways, auditoriums, and athletic fields where the Bobcats perform. We are proud of our diverse student population and the communities that each student represents. We are equally proud of Seneca High, a school that is a direct reflection of our involved and supportive community. Join me in applauding the efforts made by our student body, faculty and staff, and community stakeholders as we continue to pursue our goals in becoming the best high school in South Carolina!

“Faithful and True-Hearted...We'll be TRUE to YOU!”

T. Cliff Roberts, Principal



### Seneca Senior High School Mission Statement

Through the pursuit of excellence in academics, arts, and athletics, the mission of Seneca High School is to create lifelong learners who are prepared to compete in a global environment and actively participate in diverse societies.

### The Purpose of Report to the Parents

As required by Act 135, the School Improvement Council at Seneca High School has prepared this Annual School Summary Report to provide an update of our progress toward the school's major goals as indicated in our school improvement action plan. This report also includes accomplishments and test data from last year, as well as school improvement activities planned for this school year. Please take time to review this information and contact the school if you have any questions regarding this report. Your suggestions concerning the improvement of our school program are always welcome.

### Seneca High School State Awards

Seneca High serves 970 students in 9th through 12th grade. Seneca High offers meaningful programs ranging from **Graduation and Transition Services** through a **21st Century grant program** for their most at-risk population to offering **22 Advanced Placement courses** to challenge their most ambitious students. The development of a **Hybrid Program, Advisement Period, and implementation of BOBCATS Central** help equip students with the skills needed to excel after graduation. These programs have caused a rise in standardized test scores and an increase in the graduation rate over the past five years. Seneca High has received the **Palmetto Gold Award** the past two years and was named a **2016 Top 20 Public High School in South Carolina** by US News and World Report.



### Seneca High School Standardized Testing Results

ACT Statewide Testing Results (11th Grade)	Seneca High	District	State
2016	19.0	17.9	18.2

SAT Results	Composite		Math		Critical Reading		Writing	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
Seneca High	1485	1564	499	529	506	531	480	503
SDOC	1498	1508	508	506	508	510	482	486
STATE	1442	1446	483	490	483	490	475	472
NATIONAL	1490	1453	498	494	489	487	462	466

## Seneca High School: Excellence in Academics, Arts, and Athletics

Seneca High School students enjoys success across the entire educational gamut—academics, the arts, and athletics. The Class of 2016 led the district by earning over **\$12 million in scholarship money**. Listed below are programs unique to Seneca High School in which we attribute many of our successes:

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| Academic Retrieval Programs                  | Interact (Rotary) Club         |
| Advanced Placement Course Offerings (20)     | International Teaching Fellows |
| Athletic Sports Teams (28)                   | Mock Trial & Model UN          |
| CAT Advisement Period                        | National Beta Club             |
| CNN (CAT Nation News)                        | National Honor Society         |
| Drama Spring Production                      | Parent Coffees (Guidance)      |
| Early Bird Courses and PLC Meetings          | SAFE Harbor Relational Classes |
| Faculty LAC (Leadership Advisory Council)    | SAT and ACT Workshops          |
| 5th Block/BOBCATS Central/21st Century Grant | SHS Hall of Fame               |
| 50th Class Reunion Reception                 | SIC Focus Teams                |
| Educators Rising Educational Symposium       | SREB High Schools That Work    |
| FFA Student Service Program                  | STEAM Programs                 |
| Graduation Services (2 coaches)              | Student Government             |
| High School Service Learning                 | Summer Sports Camps            |
| Honors Chorale & Madrigal Singers            | Teacher Cadets                 |
| Hybrid Classes                               | Tigers Teach Interns           |



#### Accreditation

Seneca High School continues to maintain satisfactory accreditation status from both the State Department of Educations and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools / AdvancED. Seneca High School has been a *High Schools That Work* School since 1988.

