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Seneca Senior High School 2020 Report to the Parents



Dear Palmetto’s Finest Parents and Stake Holders,

It is with great pride that I present you with the 2020 *Report to the Parents*. Our students, faculty and staff have had an unusual year academically, artistically, and athletically, as has the rest of the country. Not surprisingly, I am indeed proud of the manner in which our faculty and staff, our students, parents, and our community as a whole, have pitched in to make distance learning a reality and a success. As you look through the *Report to the Parents*, I hope you will gain a sense of how our students and faculty and staff genuinely love and support one another through the good times and in the difficult times. 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!”



Seneca Senior High School
Class of 2020

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 School District of Oconee County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: employment or gender related issues - Director of Human Resources Services; 504 or disability related issues - Assistant Superintendent for Instruction; equal access issues - Associate Superintendent of Administration. All may be contacted by mail at 414 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691 or by phone at 864-886-4400.

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 976 students in 9th through 12th grade. Seneca High offers meaningful programs ranging from **Graduation Services** and our **5th Block-extra time, extra help program** for our most at-risk population to offering **21 Advanced Placement courses** to challenge our most ambitious students. The development of a **“CAT” Advisement Period** focused on college and career readiness and **College Application Month** help equip students with the skills needed to excel after graduation. These programs have all led to a rise in standardized test scores and have had a positive impact in the graduation rate over the past five years. Seneca High was named a **2016 Top 20 Public High School in South Carolina by US News and World Report**, as well as being named the highly coveted award of **Palmetto’s Finest in 2017**. During the **2019-20 school year**, Seneca also boasts the **3A Girls Cross Country State Championship Title, 3A Gameday Cheer Championship Title**, an accredited **JROTC Honor Unit with Distinction**, a **Gold FFA Chapter**, a **U.S. Presidential Scholars Candidate**, and the **SC Association of Agricultural Educators Mentor Teacher of the Year**. Seneca also has won **13 State Choral Championships** as well as **16 State Athletic Championships**. The class of 2019 earned more than **\$18 Million in Awarded Scholarships**, earned **12 SC Academic Achievement Honors Awards** and had **16 Palmetto Fellow Scholarship** students. It is definitely a great time to be a **Seneca Bobcat!**

Seneca High School Standardized Testing Results

ACT Results	Seneca High	District	State
2019	19.1	19.0	18.8

SAT Results	TOTAL Score	Mathematics	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing
	2019	2019	2019
Seneca High	1062	525	537
SDOC	1037	508	529
STATE	1021	500	521
NATIONAL	1039	515	524

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

Seneca High School students enjoy success across the entire educational gamut—academics, the arts, and athletics. The Class of 2019 led the district by earning over **\$18 million in scholarship money**, a Seneca High record, and we feel confident that the Class of 2020 will show similar success! Listed below are programs unique to Seneca High School in which we attribute many of our

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| Advanced Placement Course Offerings (21) | JROTC Raiders |
| 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 | PLC Meetings |
| 5th Block | Project Unify |
| 50th Class Reunion Reception | SAT & ACT Workshops & Classes |
| Future Educators Association | SHS Hall of Fame |
| Shop With a Bobcat | SIC Focus Teams |
| FFA Student Service Program | SREB High Schools That Work |
| Graduation Services (1 coach) | STEAM Programs |
| High School Service Learning | Student Government |
| Honors Chorale & Madrigal Singers | Summer Sports Camps |
| Interact (Rotary) Club | Teacher Cadets |



Accreditation

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

