

# Chesnee High School

2023 Annual Report to the Community



## **Principal**

Erik Gerstenacker

## **Administrative Team**

Michael Allen, Steven Olejnik

## **Athletic Director**

James Hyatt

## **Instructional Coaches**

Holly Barrett, Jessica McAbee

## **School Counseling Team**

Ashley Height, Lindsey Steven, Donna Tucker

## **School Improvement Council**

Holly Barrett, Erik Gerstenacker, Dawn Lipscomb, Page McDowell,  
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Scruggs, Kris Showen, Pennie Stacey

## **A Message from our Principal**

Chesnee High School is dedicated to the success of our students. Education is our passion and we work to ensure our students have the knowledge, skills and characteristics necessary for them to be successful in their future endeavors, whether that be college, career or military. We are a school embedded in excellence and committed to high standards in academics, athletics and the arts.

The administration, faculty and staff consider it a privilege to work with your children every day and want to help them be the best they can possibly be. We know that in order to accomplish this, there must be a strong partnership involving the school, the student and the family. Working together, we can truly maximize each student's potential.

## **Chesnee High School Mission Statement**

Our mission is to provide total commitment in an exceptional educational environment by maintaining the highest standards for **all** students while simultaneously protecting and nurturing them to succeed, to enable them to become socially responsible citizens, and to prepare our students to excel globally in college and careers.

## **School Community Achievement**

### **Academic**

- ACT: Our school composite score is slightly below the state average of 18.5. Our Reading sub-score increased and our composite score decreased from the prior year. The percentage of our juniors scoring a composite score of 20 or higher decreased to 32.2% from 37.3% from the prior year.
- SAT: Average SAT total scores for juniors decreased from 958 to 902.
- ACT Workkeys: 2021-2022 Workkeys was implemented in place of WIN Career Readiness test. 38.6% of juniors earned a silver or higher on Workkeys.

- College/Career Readiness: The percentage of 2022 senior students who were either college or career ready increased from 70.1% to 80.3%.
- Advanced Placement Courses: CHS offered 2 AP courses, AP Drawing and AP 2D Design. The pass rate increased to 100% from 65% in the previous year.
- Dual Enrollment courses on campus include ENG 101, ENG 102, CPT 101, MAT 110, MAT 120, BIO 101, BIO 210, ASL 101, SOC 101, PSY 201, SPC 205, MUS 105, HIS 102-SCC, and Teacher Cadet-Upstate.
- The Class of 2022 earned over four million dollars in college scholarships.

## **Fine Arts**

- **Art:** There were many artworks displayed at the Chapman Cultural Center, Youth Art Month County Art Show, Spartanburg District Two Art Show, Piedmont Interstate Fair, and Fredrick Memorial Gardens for Black History Month. Many artworks were accepted into the Converse College Emerging Young Artists Juried Art Show and Focus on Youth Juried Show. In addition, students had their artwork displayed in the Spartanburg District Two Administrative Office.
- **Band:** State Finalist (6<sup>th</sup> at state), Superior and Excellent Rating for Marching Band, Excellent Rating for Concert Band, Superior and Excellent ratings at Solo and Ensemble, 3 students selected for District 6 Region Band, 2 Student All-State callback
- **Orchestra:** Two students selected to the Region One Honors Orchestra, Fall Concert Performance, Winter Concert Performance, Spring Concert Performance, 20<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Superior Rating at SCMEA Orchestra Division Concert Performance Assessment, 41 Superior Ratings and 7 Excellent Ratings at the SCMEA Orchestra Division Solo & Ensemble Festival, Superior Rating at Carowinds Music Festival, "Celebrate" Senior Concert, Performed with the Concert Band at graduation.

## **Athletics**

**Football:** 7 All-Region players, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Region, **Cheerleading:** Region Champions, Top 6 in the 3A State Championship as a 2A school, **Volleyball:** 1 All-State Player, 1 Region Player of the Year, 1 North South Player, 3 All-Region Players, **Wrestling:** Region Champions, 3 State qualifiers, 2 All-State, 8

individual Region Champions, **Boys Basketball:** 2 Pre-Season All-Region, 1 All-Tournament Rippy's Tip-off, 1 All-Tournament Roundball Classic, 2 All-Region, **Girls Basketball:** 2 All-Region, **Co-Ed Soccer:** 3 All-Region, **Girls Golf:** 4 All-Region Players, Region Player of the Year, Upstate Golfer of the Year, 2 All-State Players, Individual State Champion, AA Player of the Year, AA Region 2 Champions, AAA Upper State Champions, AAA State Champions, **Boys Golf:** 2 All-Region, Region Runner-up, AA State Championship – 7<sup>th</sup> Place, **Esports:** Inaugural season of Rocket League, 2nd round of playoffs against schools all along the eastern seaboard, **Softball:** 6 All-Region, 1 All-State, 2 North-South All Stars, Region Champions, Region Player of the Year, District Runner-Up

### **Faculty and Staff**

- Mrs. Tammie Burrows was selected as the 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year for Chesnee High School.
- Mr. Danny Scruggs was selected as the 2021-2022 Ambassador of the Year for Chesnee High School.

### **Performance Goals**

- By May 2023, juniors will obtain an average composite score of at least a 20 on ACT.
- By the end of the 2022-2023 school year, students scoring a C or higher in all EOC-tested subjects will increase at least 5%.

### **Updated Activities**

- Professional development sessions have focused on small-group instruction, teacher clarity, and success criteria. Teachers have participated in multiple learning walks and differentiated PD.
- TLTs have focused on incorporating research-based instruction and personalized learning for all students.
- Guidance will work to continually update our scholarship newsletter on the school webpage so students and parents are provided information regarding funding for higher education.
- Automated phone calls, emails, and social media will be utilized to keep families informed of opportunities and of student progress.

## **Updated Needs Assessment**

- To further encourage success among our at-risk students, we will continue to utilize Structured Learning Time (SLT) which is our hour lunch period where students and teachers can partner together to increase student success.
- To continue our efforts to ensure that our graduates are college and career ready, we will:
  - Utilize a 9GR spreadsheet to help target students who need to retake ACT Workkeys
  - Take a schoolwide approach to test prep
  - Emphasis students taking dual credit courses to take at least 6 hours
  - Continue to offer dual enrollment courses to 10<sup>th</sup> graders