

Building for growing enrollment

HCS is the third largest school system in South Carolina and continues to be one of the fastest growing. More than 700 additional students were added to our rolls this year.

Construction is in full-swing on five new schools, three of which are newly-added and two that will replace current facilities. Three middle schools are underway for the Socastee, Carolina Forest, and Myrtle Beach attendance areas. When the new Myrtle Beach Middle opens, the current school will be converted to become the new site for Myrtle Beach Intermediate. An intermediate school is being built for the St. James area and will serve grades fifth and sixth for the St. James attendance area. This strategy will provide some relief to the St. James area by pulling fifth grade out of feeder elementary schools and pulling sixth grade out of the feeder middle school.

A new elementary will replace the current Socastee Elementary, one of our oldest facilities that is both over capacity and land-locked. In addition, major renovation and addition projects are underway at Midland Elementary and North Myrtle Beach High, bringing much-needed relief to crowded schools and replacing sections of the facilities that are among the oldest in the District.

New Schools

St. James Intermediate
9641 Scipio Lane
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
170,918 sq. ft. two-story facility
Student capacity: 1,200
Budget: \$47,742,333

Socastee Middle
151 Esso Road
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
150,000 sq. ft. two-story facility
Student capacity: 800
Budget: \$42,488,116

Ten Oaks Middle
150 Revolutionary War Way
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579
170,918 sq. ft. two-story facility
Student capacity: 1,200
Budget: \$45,930,227

HCS building projects, both the new schools and the renovation and addition projects, are made possible because of a voter-supported one-cent sales tax passed in 2008.



Replacement Schools

Socastee Elementary
4223 Socastee Boulevard
Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
120,230 sq. ft.
two-story facility
Student capacity: 916
Budget: \$37,953,991

Myrtle Beach Middle
3101 N. Oak Street
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
170,918 sq. ft.
two-story facility
Student capacity: 1,200
Budget: \$46,485,102

Major Renovations & Additions

Midland Elementary
43,794 sq. ft. two-story addition, replacement of the cafeteria and administration areas and site improvements
Budget: 16,191,887

North Myrtle Beach High
Significant renovations and an addition to the entrance and auditorium with new seating, lighting and sound; new roofing; and HVAC
Budget: \$21,086,340



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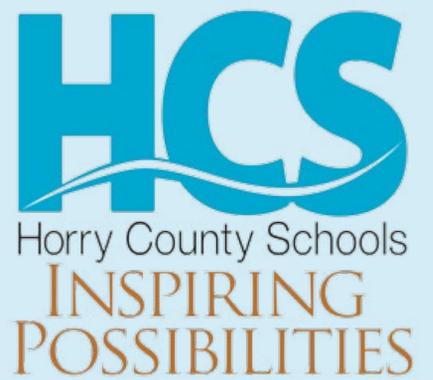
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Annual Report 2017

Horry County Schools is inspiring possibilities for student success through a broad range of unique teaching and learning opportunities.

The countywide school district encompasses 51 schools in the nine attendance areas of Aynor, Carolina Forest, Conway, Green Sea Floyds, Loris, Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach, Socastee, and St. James. Horry County Schools, with nearly 44,000 students, is South Carolina's third largest school district.

A Closer Look

- The Scholars Academy serves high achieving students in grades 9-12 and offers college-level and accelerated programs of study.
- The Early College High School targets students in grades 9-12 who are under-represented in post-secondary education and allows students to achieve two years of college credit while also earning a high school diploma.
- STEM Programs, located at the Academy for Arts, Science and Technology and Conway High, serve students with interests, abilities and career goals in science, technology, engineering and math. The STEM Program at the AAST has earned AdvancED STEM Certification.
- HCS operates its own virtual school to expand, enhance, and personalize course offerings to students.
- HCS offers multiple dual-credit opportunities through local post-secondary institutions and the Internet.
- Foreign language courses in French, Spanish, and German are offered in grades 9-12.
- The integration of technology is supported with one-to-one devices for students in grades 5-12, two-to-one devices for grades 3 and 4, standards-based digital content, laptops for teachers, ongoing teacher training, interactive whiteboards, and personalized applications that help to maximize student learning. Unique opportunities are available for students to showcase their technological skills and creativity through class assignments and competitive events.
- HCS uses an innovative computer-based testing program for grades 2-10 with tests in mathematics, language, and reading. It also provides results quickly to enable teachers to monitor instruction and address student needs.
- A fine arts program features a full-range of instruction in visual and performing arts, including band, chorus, orchestra, drama and visual arts.
- High school athletics include football, basketball, baseball, track and field, softball, volleyball, wrestling, soccer, cheerleading, golf, tennis and lacrosse.
- Child development classes serve identified 4 year-olds. Both child development and kindergarten are full-day programs.
- The average class size is lower than allowed by the state. For HCS, class sizes are: Kindergarten, 25:2; Grade 1, 20:1; and Grades 2-3, 21:1.
- The award-winning HCS Mobile App provides contact information, map access, bell schedules for each of our schools, a real-time newsfeed, calendars, menus, PowerSchool access, YouTube playlists, and direct access to our social media.



School and Team Awards

- HCS middle schools are South Carolina's first recipient of the Apple Distinguished Education Program award.
- St. James High named a Palmetto's Finest Award winner.
- St. James, Aynor, and Myrtle Beach high schools earned places in the US News and World Report's top 25 High Schools in SC.
- The School Improvement Councils (SICs) of St. James Elementary and St. James High are two of 16 Councils named to the South Carolina School Improvement Councils' Honor Roll for 2017.
- Burgess Elementary School was awarded as the 2016 SC Green Steps Overall School of the Year.
- Ocean Bay Middle Roborays Lego Robotics team won the Champions Award, 1st Place at the FIRST Lego League East State Championship and competed in FIRST Robotics Lego League World Festival in St. Louis, MO.
- River Oaks, Seaside, and Burgess elementary schools received the Horry County Outstanding School Award for their efforts in recycling, composting, gardening and overall sustainability.
- Burgess Elementary received the ASCD Whole Child Award.
- St. James High's Girls Golf team won the 2016 Class AAAA State Title.
- Aynor High's baseball team won the Class AA State Title.
- Aynor High claimed the AA State Softball Title.
- St. James High School's Softball Team honored as having 9th best team GPA in the nation according to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.
- Carolina Forest High's Show Choir was featured on Dance Network's "To the Stage".

Student Awards

- Scholars Academy and Carolina Forest High School senior John Mastroberti was one of 11 students worldwide to earn a perfect score on AP BC Calculus exam.
- St James High's Michael Mewhorter claimed state wrestling Class AAA individual state title.
- Myrtle Beach High's Ethan Epstein won the Class AAA state individual championship for the 3,200-meter dash.
- Socastee High's Jenny Rogers was the 2016 Congressional Art Competition Winner for her acrylic painting, "Light".
- Myrtle Beach High's Alex Burroughs became a recent recipient of the South Carolina Youth of the Year Award from the state's Boys and Girls Club.
- Aynor High's salutatorian for the class of 2016, Bailey Richardson, is the first woman to be awarded The Citadel's Star of the West Scholarship.
- Forestbrook Middle's Skyler Kistenmacher had his poem published in the "Your Own Pages" section of the September 2016 issue of Highlights magazine.



Staff Awards

- Carolina Forest Elementary's 5th grade teacher, Kim Rothberg, was a SC finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.
- St. James Elementary's Lynn Quinn was named the 2016 Elementary Teacher of the Year by the South Carolina Bar Association's Law Related Education (LRE) Division. This statewide honor recognizes Quinn's work to establish an elementary Mock Trial Club for 4th and 5th graders.
- HCS Early College High School's Samantha Decerbo was named a Behring Teacher Ambassador for National History Day®.
- Ocean Bay Elementary's Shannon Peterson was chosen as HCS Teacher of the Year
- Forestbrook Middle's Joey Trail, former HCS Teacher of the Year selected as SC Teacher of the Year finalist
- Whittemore Park Middle's Vicki Wilson was selected as HCS Support Staff of the Year
- Myrtle Beach High's athletic director, John Cahill, was awarded the 2016 Athletic Director of the Year by The South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association.
- Conway High's Dr. Jim Berry was presented the 2016 Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award by the National Athletic Trainer's Association.

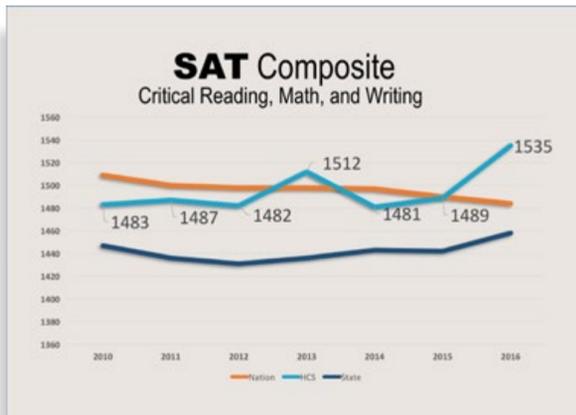


HCS earns AdvancED accreditation

HCS was awarded system-wide accreditation by AdvancED last spring, yielding an international seal of approval. After an intensive review by a team of educational professionals with K-12 and collegiate expertise, individuals through the country and around the world can trust that HCS has met high standards for quality, leadership, and innovation. In a separate review, the Academy for Arts, Science, and Technology was awarded the new AdvancED STEM Certification, distinguishing the program as a highly-effective school prioritizing education in science, technology, engineering and math.

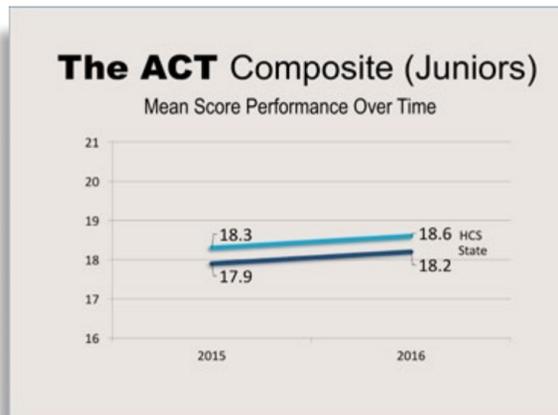


The SAT



Horry County Schools' SAT composite for 2016 surpassed the national average and climbed a record 46 points for a district composite of 1535. HCS students gained 17 points in Critical Reading, 16 points in Mathematics, and 15 points in Writing. Our SAT composite is 51 points above the national average and 77 points above the state average.

The ACT



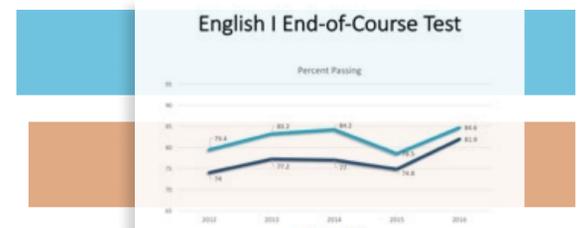
ACT scores released in 2016 are the first issued since the State decided to use this college entrance exam as a required assessment for all third-year high school students. Historically, students voluntarily signed up to take college entrance exams independently of their schools. The District's 2015 ACT scores surpassed the national average, representing the performance of 1,069 college-bound students who took the test voluntarily. Scores reported in 2016 include the results of 2,658 students who were required to take the test their third year of high school, regardless of post-secondary plans.

Scores reported this year set new benchmarks as a statewide administration and will be used for comparison to scores released in 2017. While results from 2016 are not comparable to the previous year, HCS out-performed the state in all subtests, as well as the ACT composite, in the first required statewide administration.

State law also requires that third-year high school students take ACT WorkKeys, a job skills assessment measuring Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics and Locating Information. Nearly 90 percent of HCS students qualified for the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate. The percentage of District students earning NCRC certificates was higher than the state, 89.4 compared to 86.8. More HCS students qualified for silver and gold certificate recognition than their statewide counterparts.

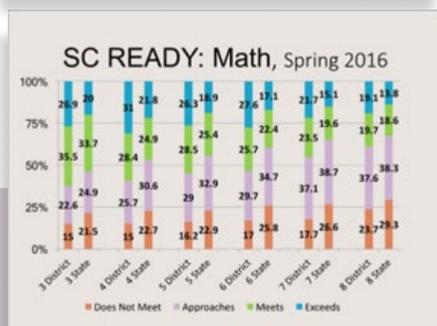
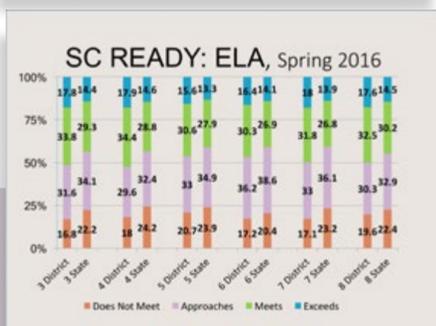
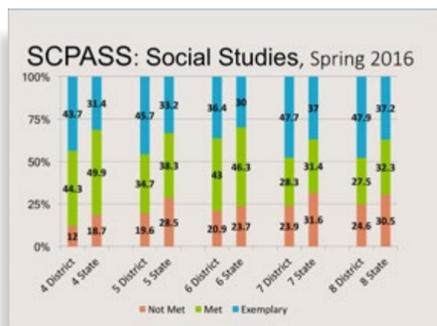
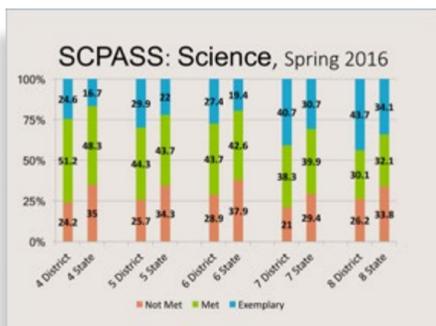
End of Course Tests

State-required End-of-Course tests are administered to students in four high school courses; Algebra 1/Mathematics of the Technologies 2; Biology 1/Applied Biology 2; English 1; and US History and Constitution. The mean scale scores for HCS was higher than State scores on all four tests. More HCS students scored A's and B's than their statewide peers.



SC READY and SCPASS

Students in grades 3-8 take the SC READY test to measure achievement in English Language Arts and mathematics. In 2016, HCS students out-performed the state in both subjects at all grade levels in the number of students who met and exceeded standards. The same grade levels also out-performed the state on the SCPASS assessment which measures student achievement in science and social studies.



2016 Graduates

- Earned \$63.5 million in scholarships
- 78% of 2,421 graduates plan to attend either two-year or four-year post-secondary schools.
- 5% plan to join the Armed Forces
- 9% plan to enter immediate employment
- 10% of 2016 graduates earned an HCS Honors Diploma
- Of the 1,890 college-bound graduates, 72% meet eligibility requirements for scholarships supported by the SC Education Lottery
- 2016 graduates collectively earned 2,776 dual credit classes, which qualify for both college and high school course credits. Using the current cost-per-hour fee from the University of South Carolina, the number of dual-credit courses has a value of \$4 million.

Consolidated Budget (2016-2017)

Revenue:		
Local	\$290,244,824	36.01%
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$161,948	0.02%
State	\$198,309,958	24.60%
Federal	\$44,386,486	5.51%
Other financing sources	\$94,616,914	11.74%
Fund Balance	\$178,312,030	22.12%
TOTAL	\$806,032,160	100.00%
Expenditures:		
Instruction	\$290,595,040	36.05%
Supporting Services	\$180,674,896	22.42%
Community Services	\$1,877,800	0.23%
Debt Service	\$43,290,910	5.37%
Facilities & Construction Svcs	\$237,195,327	29.43%
Other Financing Sources	\$52,398,187	6.50%
TOTAL	\$806,032,160	100.00%

