

# Carolina Forest High School 700 Gardner Lacy Road | Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 | Phone: 843-236-7997 | Gaye Driggers, Principal

## Home of the Panthers!

## **Academic Opportunities**

In 2023-2024, we are bringing positive energy and building relationships with each other and our community as we continue to be recognized for excellence in academics, fine arts, sports, and extracurricular offerings for our students. Our Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program continues to flourish through our AP Computer Science, AP Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Calculus, and AP Statistics classes, as well as Project Lead The Way (PLTW) with its Engineering, Architecture, Biomedical, and Cybersecurity classes. The success of our PLTW program is demonstrated through Carolina Forest being recognized as a Distinguished Project Lead The Way School.

Known for academic rigor and its continued high passage rate above the state and international level, our AP program, including AP Capstone and Research, offers our students an opportunity to receive an AP Diploma from the College Board. Students may choose from 25 advanced placement classes, the highest number offered in our district. In fact, CFHS ranks high in the state in AP rankings. In addition, US News & World Report ranked us as one of the best high schools in the state. With a continued emphasis on fine arts, such as Creative Writing, Journalism, Digital Photography, Orchestra, Marching and Symphonic Band, Musical Performance and Theory, and Technical and Performance Theatre, as well as Career and Technology Education (CTE) classes, dual enrollment with Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC), and Completer Status in Business and Agricultural Science Programs, the Panthers have opportunities unmatched by any other HCS high school.



### **Entrance Requirements**

Carolina Forest does not have an application process for any programs.

#### ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Our students continue to perform well on state and national assessments. Our course offerings are steadily growing and so is our number of students taking AP classes. We have continued to provide a growing AP membership as we engage and prepare students to embrace the challenge of rigorous courses. In 2021-2022, we offered 25 AP classes onsite; five of our AP classes scored a 100% passage rate, while 17 AP classes surpassed the state average and 18 surpassed the global average. With 635 AP exams, our student passage rate was 74%, still well above state and global averages. In our sixth year, we continue to see an increase in enrollment in our STEM Project Lead the Way program, offering Engineering, Biomedical, Cybersecurity, and Architectural

courses. Our students produced an overall passage rate of 98%, with 79% achieving a score that provides a college weight for their GPA.

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#### ATHLETICS ACTIVITIES AT CFHS:

Our school has extensive athletics, including cross country, football, golf, tennis, swimming, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, baseball, soccer, track, softball, and lacrosse. Carolina Forest High School offers a variety of athletic opportunities for students.—We are proud to offer state-of-the-art facilities, including a rubber track and turf field.

#### **FINE ARTS ACTIVITIES AT CFHS:**

Our visual and performing arts programs speak for themselves. The CFHS marching band, the largest in Horry County Schools, received three Superior with Distinction state ratings. The CFHS Color Guard also placed first in the state. Additionally, Carolina Forest has the largest high school orchestra in Horry County, with 71 students. Of those, 42 students represented CFHS at Horry County's All-County orchestra, 30 represented at the region level, and eight represented at the state level. The orchestra also received the highest rating of Superior with distinction at the Concert Performance Assessment held by our South Carolina Music Educators Association. The performing arts program presented the Broadway musical 42nd Street in eight amazing performances.

#### **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS AT CFHS:**

Carolina Forest offers over 40 clubs and organizations. Some of these offerings are Mock Trial, Robotics, Future Farmers of America (FFA), We the People, Gaming/Esports, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), etc. For more information on the entire list of offerings, please visit our school website.



#### **Mission Statement**

To ensure that every student is fully prepared to be a successful contributor in a rapidly changing global society through the dedication of a caring staff and its commitment to create relevant, rigorous, and standards-driven learning in a safe environment.

## Athletic Awards & Accomplishments:

The CFHS athletes had an incredible year, with 17 varsity teams qualifying for the Region V, 5A State Playoffs, 13 of which won the SCHSL Region V, 5A Championship. Our girls' golf team won lower states, and we had an individual wrestling state champion and an individual girls' high jump state champion. Additionally, our NJROTC program excelled again this year. The unit received its 5th Distinguished Unit Award, ranking it in the top 30% in the nation. Its Cyber Patriot Team earned a Gold Tier ranking, and the NJROTC unit finished 2nd in the state and 4th in the region out of 66 competing programs.

## Academic Awards & Recognitions:

- U.S. News & World Report Best School
- PLTW Distinguished School
- Designated as a College Access Champion School
- 2023 AP School Honor Roll -Bronze Recognitions



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