

Highlighting Performing and Fine Arts

- The year marked the return of the Spring Showcase highlighting the arts at Southside
- Orchestra Ambassadors attended community performances
- First-year teacher and Band Director Mr. Nick Bruce was awarded a substantial grant from the South Carolina Arts Commission.

Saluting JROTC

- Southside cadets organized the TAD parade and honored veterans on Veterans' Day. Color Guard cadets performed ceremonial drills and participated in the community.
- Cadets traveled to Shaw Air Force Base .
- Southside's JROTC Academic Team scored in the top 16 teams in the country, earning an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C.
- Cadets organized and led the 2023 College and Career Fair.
- JROTC cadets have earned over 500 hours of community service during this school year.

Recognizing our Faculty and Staff

- Teacher retention rate has dramatically increased and our recent "Team Tiger" alumni have been recognized as emerging leaders at the school and district level.
- Ms. Sonja Coppenbarger was named as the GCSD Employee Spotlight winner by the Greenville Federal Credit Union.
- Ms. Sarah James was honored with a special recognition at the Greenville County Literacy Association.
- Mr. Wynne Boliek and Ms. Mary Ford will work with Stanford University this summer to update the curriculum.

-Ms. Megan Wright, Ms. Sarah James, and Ms. Olivia Baker as Emerging Teachers of the year.

Principal's Message

Operating a high school amidst a global pandemic has been a feat that would not have been possible without Southside's exceptional students, parents, and staff. THANK YOU! We did it! Southside High School envisions a learning environment that challenges and optimizes potential to promote college and career readiness and to enable students to recognize and optimize their personal best. SHS will accomplish its vision through a bold and innovative approach. We will know that we are meeting our vision and mission when we have: well-rounded, self-aware students who are capable of sharing their stories and ascending to adulthood before graduation.

SIC Members

Jessie Bowens, Chair
Ryan Leger, Professional School Counselor
Meenu Jindal, Parent
Theodore McCullough, Parent
Barbara Brown, Parent
Lavonda Sweeney, Parent
Julie McGaha, Magnet and Innovative Programs

Appointed Members

Jennifer Bickel, Community
Leda Young, Community

Ex-Officio Members

Andre M. Dukes, Principal
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Report to the Community 2021-2022

Celebrating Diversity. United in Learning



Vision:

To create world class educational opportunities that prepare college and career ready graduates.

Southside High School is a small, public partial magnet high school serving a diverse population of students in grades 9 - 12 with a comprehensive academic program consisting of AVID, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, and Dual Credit. Southside has maintained a reputation of academic excellence, diversity, and a large number of programs while providing rigorous standards in all areas for college and career readiness.

Celebrating Academic Programs

- Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Freshman Academy
- Tiger Alliance with Clemson University
- HYPE with South Carolina State University
- Sheltered Instruction Cohort
- Faculty-led committees organized around the AVID pillars (culture, leadership, systems, instruction, AVID site team) Strategies
- AVID Schoolwide Implementation
- We provide additional support for students with academic promise who will be first-generation college bound.
- Expand International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement participation and support.
- Expand the use of data to differentiate instruction.
- Expand CTE courses to meet students' needs and interests.
- Expand on-line learning opportunities for credit recovery and initial credit.
- Implement Dual Credit with Greenville Technical College
- Expand transition and inclusion support for Exceptional Education students.
- 77% International Baccalaureate Diploma Passage Rate

Through efforts of students, parents, teachers, administrators, community volunteers, and business partners, Southside continues to sustain academic growth as evidenced by the following 1-year achievements from 2020-2021:

- Increases in ACT performance across several sub-tests, as well as the composite score, as follows:
 - English subtest increased +4.2%, and 0.5% increase of students meeting benchmark score
 - Math subtest increased +3.8%, and 1.5% increase of students meeting benchmark score
 - Science subtest increased +5.5%, and 1.2% increase of students meeting benchmark score
 - Composite test increased +2.6%, and an increase of 0.7% of students meeting benchmark score
- Increases in SAT performance across ALL three sub-tests, as follows:
 - An increase in average SAT Reading & Writing of +18 points
 - An increase in average SAT Math of +14
 - An increase in the average SAT Composite score of +33 points
- Dramatic increases in CTE course enrollment and completion, as follows:
 - An increase in CTE enrollment (from 432 to 536 students)
 - An increase in CTE completers (from 23 to 36 students)
 - An increase in students earning a national or state CTE credential (from 46 to 123 students)
 - Large increases in students passing End of Course Tests between June, 2021 and January, 2022, including:
 - a 37% increase in Algebra 1 passage rate, and a 12% increase in English 2 passage rate

Applauding Athletics and Activities

Fall Sports

- Girls Cross Country finished as Region Runner-up; qualified to participate in the state championship run as a team
- Football finished as Region Runner-up; hosted the first round of the playoffs; Senior Chanc Gamble was the Co-Region Offensive Player of the Year
- Girls Tennis - advanced to the AAA playoffs
- Nelia Leong - Girls Golf - finished 19th of 82 competitors at the Girls AAA state championship

Winter Sports

- Wrestling - Senior Job Carter was the region heavyweight champion; team qualified 5 athletes for the upper state championships
- Girls Basketball - Co-Region Team Champion; advanced to the Upper State Championship Game; junior Kamari Thompson earned All-State honors for the 2nd consecutive year
- Boys Basketball - Qualified for the AAA playoffs

Spring Sports

- Boys Tennis - Qualified for the AAA playoffs; Senior RJ Jindal invited to participate in the state championship tournament
- Boys Soccer - Qualified for the AAA playoffs for the first time in 10 years
- Greenville County Academic Champions (A and B team)