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Performance Goals

Goal One: The percentage of students who meet the requirements on EOC will increase by 10% by 2017.

Goal Two: The percentage of ninth grade students who earn a standard High School Diploma, and graduate in four years will increase by 10% by 2017.

Goal Three: With the use of a comprehensive program of recruitment, retention, and professional development, the school will strive for a workforce that is 100% Highly Qualified.

Goal Four: The percentage of parents, teachers, and students who respond to the state evaluation survey will indicate an increase in satisfaction with the learning environment by 2% each year.

Principal	Nicholas Pearson
Assistant Principal	Jarrod DuBose-Schmitt
Assistant Principal	Brian Harvey
Assistant Principal	Manuel Kennedy
Assistant Principal	Walter Lide
Assistant Principal	Dr. Mary Kay Norton
Assistant Principal	Keisha Scriven
Assistant Principal	Celeste Whiteley
Administrative Assistant	Terry Law
IB Coordinator	Marie Mulholland
Athletic Director	Terrence Scriven
Guidance Director	Lynn Twitty
Media Specialist	Ronda Speed

Our Beliefs

We believe that:

- Children are our highest priority.
- The family has the greatest influence on the life of a child.
- The community is responsible for educating its children.
- Learning is a life-long process.
- All children can learn.
- Everyone has inherent worth.
- Equal opportunity is an inherent human right.
- Human lives can be positively changed.
- Education for all is essential for the survival of society.
- Each individual has a responsibility to contribute to society.
- High expectations promote high levels of achievement.
- The pursuit of excellence requires hard work.
- Knowledge of national and international cultural diversity fosters understanding and cooperation.
- Positive role models are essential for the development of skills and values.
- The protection of our environment is crucial to our existence.



Annual Report To The Parents

2015-2016

Mission Statement

The mission of Sumter High School, the hallmark in academics, arts, and athletics, is to provide exemplary learning experiences in order to insure that each student has the skills to compete in our global society.

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School Improvement Council

Randall Twitty	Chair/ Community Member
Tammy Achziger	Community Member
Greg Johnson	Community Member
Kimberlee Haefelin	Teacher
Deana Rennick	Teacher
Marie Mulholland	Parent
Amy Jamison	Parent
Xzavian Burson	Student
Zoe Mooneyham	Student
Nicholas Pearson	Principal
Celeste Whiteley	Assistant Principal
Chad Hoshour	Teacher of the Year



SUMTER HIGH SCHOOL

Where All Students Can Excel

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Sumter High School continues to provide excellent academic and extra-curricular opportunities to our students. The newly adopted AVID program, along with our challenging curriculum is providing students with the tools needed for success. Sumter High School's graduation rate increased from 78.8% to 83.1%. This rating continues to be higher than schools like ours and the State average. We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff.

Since the implementation of AVID in the 2014-2015 school year, many students have shown great potential and are college bound. AVID is an approved elective course taken during the school day. Current 9th and 10th grade students are enrolled in an AVID Elective and challenging classes. Students learn organizational and study skills, work on critical thinking and asking probing questions, get academic help from peers and college tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities that make college seem attainable. As students progress in AVID, their self-image improves, they become academically successful leaders and are role models for other students.

As we continue to prepare the students of Sumter High School for future endeavors, the support of the community is a crucial part of making this effort a success. Students today need more knowledge and advanced skills leaving high school than ever before. We thank the community for all you have done this year and will continue to do in the future. Your input and cooperation as we reshape the school climate at Sumter High is needed. We ask that if you receive a survey or a request to attend a meeting, please make every effort to participate so that your voice can be heard. Thanks for all you do for the students at Sumter High School.

Sincerely,
Randall Twitty
School Improvement Council Chair

Nicholas Pearson
Principal

Sumter High School Needs Assessment

The new Sumter High School Renewal Team analyzed test data, examined existing programs, and suggested new ones. This group of teachers, students, and community members examined the previous school renewal plans and initiated goals that would help our students succeed academically. The goals the team developed are as follows:

- Continue to assist all students in successfully passing coursework and high stakes tests.
- Continue to increase the number of 9th grade students earning a High School diploma in four years and ultimately exceeding each year's graduation rate.

During our school renewal planning process this year, the team agreed that Sumter High School should continue to focus on student achievement, teacher/administrator quality, and improving the school climate. After meeting with members from the community, students, and staff members, the team agreed to implement strategies to address the previously stated needs. We utilized information from test data, attendance reports and discipline reports. Surveys for students, parents, and staff members were included.

IT IS THE MISSION OF SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT to provide an intellectual and safe environment, which equips students to be responsible, successful, and productive citizens in a global society.