

Dutch Fork High School Profile 2023 - 2024



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Dutch Fork High School ensures the academic, social, mental, physical, and personal growth of all students so that they will be college and career ready in a globally competitive world. We provide a challenging and comprehensive curriculum that utilizes effective teaching strategies and creates a stimulating environment that fosters self-respect and motivates the continual pursuit of life-long learning and service.

◆ Accreditation

Dutch Fork High School is accredited by the South Carolina Department of Education and Cognia. A member of the *High Schools That Work*, Dutch Fork is recognized as a National Blue Ribbon school, Palmetto's Finest, and a recipient of the Siemen's Foundation for Excellence in advanced placement.

◆ Community

DFHS is located about 15 miles northwest of Columbia, SC and serves most of the town of Irmo, the communities of Dutch Fork and Ballentine, and a portion of the Lake Murray area. This is a rapidly growing suburb of Columbia that combines the amenities of our state capital with the tranquility of rural byway. A family oriented community, residents expect and support excellence in education.

◆ School District Five: Student population 17,000 +

Recognized statewide and nationally for achievements in academics, the arts, athletics, and leadership, School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties is synonymous with educational excellence. The district continuously pursues high standards of achievement while seeking to ensure that each child possesses the tools to "thrive in a changing world."

◆ School: Enrollment 1706

Dutch Fork High School is an award-winning school that offers a comprehensive curriculum for students in grades 9-12. Curriculum areas offered include college preparatory, honors, advanced placement (AP), career and technology, and special education. Twenty-eight AP courses are offered along with 3 college credit courses. A four-year pre-engineering program, "Project Lead the Way", is part of the curriculum. The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program accelerates and enriches learning experiences for students who are academically gifted in science and mathematics and have expressed an interest in a STEM related major or career.

◆ Explanation of Transcript

School Calendar: DFHS's year consists of 4 quarters of approximately 9 weeks in duration. Classes meet for 18 weeks (1 semester) or 36 weeks (2 semesters) on an alternating block schedule of 90 minute class periods, four periods per day.

Course Placement: Placement in each subject depends on student achievement, standardized test scores and teacher recommendation; students are not tracked into any one program.

Grade Point Ratio: A uniform grading policy has been implemented in South Carolina for all students. This system has a grade point ratio which is calculated by assigning a weight to each numerical grade on all courses carrying credit. An additional .5 is assigned for Honors courses and an additional 1.0 is assigned for Advanced Placement courses. To calculate GPR, the sum of the weights of each grade is divided by the number of units attempted.

Class Rank: In each class the student's GPR is ranked from highest to lowest. Ranking is established on the sixteenth day of each school year to include all summer classes and new students.

Transcript Designations

H=Honors

CP= College Preparatory AP= Advanced Placement

◆ Student Activities Program

Dutch Fork High School sponsors an excellent program of co-curricular activities. Opportunities exist in student publications, community service, academic competitions, music, JROTC, theater and athletics, to name a few. Dutch Fork High School is renowned for its academic and co-curricular success.

"School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, disability, spousal affiliation, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, pregnancy, service to the armed forces, or status with regard to admission to, treatment in, or employment in its programs and activities as required by Title II of ADA, Title VI, Title IX and Section 504, or any other protected characteristic, as may be required by law. Non-discrimination inquiries regarding students should be addressed to the Director of Special Services/504 & ADA Student Coordinator. Non-discrimination inquiries regarding employees and adults should be directed to the Chief Human Resources Officer/ Title IX & 504/ADA Employee Coordinator. Either can be contacted at 1020 Dutch Fork Road, Irmo, South Carolina 29063, (803) 476-8000."

◆ Advanced Placement Courses

2-D Design, 3-D Design, and Drawing, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles, Language, Literature, Environmental Science, European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Music Theory, Physics 1 & 2, Physics C, Psychology, Research, Seminar, Spanish Lang, Statistics, US Government, US History, World History

◆ Honors Courses

English 1-4, World Geography, World History, Geometry, Algebra 2, Prob and Stats, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Anatomy & Physiology, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Research 1 & 2, French 3-5, Spanish 3-5, Dance 5, Theatre 4 & 5, Chamber Choir 1 & 2, Showchoir 1 & 2, Band 4, & 5, Orchestra Master 3 & 4, Intro to Engineering Design, Engineering Design & Development, 2D Design, and 3D Design, Aerospace Engineering, Principles of Engineering, Principles of Biomedical Science, Human Body Systems, Clean Energy Innovations, Clean Energy Applications

All transcript grades are numeric, but convert to the following letter grades:

SC transitioned to a 10-point Grade Scale in 2016-17. Prior year courses were evaluated on a 7-point Grade Scale (see below).

2015-2016	2016-2017
A = 93-100	A = 90-100
B = 85-92	B = 80-89
C = 77-84	C = 70-79
D = 70-76	D = 60-69
F = Below 70	F = Below 60
I = Incomplete	I = Incomplete
FA = Frequent absences/no credit	FA = Frequent absences/no credit

Honors: College Preparatory:

AP- Advanced Placement CP- College Prep

H - Honors

◆ Graduation Requirements

All students in South Carolina are required to earn 24 units in order to receive a high school diploma. The 24 units must be distributed as follows:

English 4 units
 *Mathematics 4 units
 Science (Biology Required) 3 units
 US History 1 unit
 American Government 1/2 unit
 Economics 1/2 unit
 Other Social Studies 1 unit
 Physical Education or JROTC 1 unit
 Electives 7 units
 Computer Science 1 unit
 Foreign Language 1 unit
 or
 Career & Technical Education 1 unit

- One unit of an approved computer science can be applied to the math requirement.

◆ Block Scheduling

Dutch Fork High School students are able to enjoy an environment of enhanced study through the use of block scheduling. With block scheduling, students:

- Have more in-depth study due to longer class periods.
- May take 8 courses per year possibly earning 32 credits during four years rather than the traditional 20-24 credits.

Dutch Fork High School Graduating Class of 2023

Total Seniors - 386

Attending 4 yr college 61%
 2 yr college 25%

Total College 86%

Military 4%
 Work/Other 9%

PALMETTO FELLOWS: 36

LIFE / HOPE SCHOLARSHIP: 234

SCHOLARSHIPS: Members of the Class of 2023 were offered \$43,595,566 million in scholarship & athletic awards.

◆ Composite SAT Scores

Dutch Fork High School				
Year	% Srs	EBRW	Math	Total EBRW + Math
2022	86.6	558	562	1120
2021	73.4	545	542	1087
2020	87.8	545	544	1089
2019	82.4	552	555	1107

◆ Advanced Placement Test Scores

	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
# of Exams	1261	1093	1077	1034
# of Students	594	499	501	511
Pass Rate	74.7	72.1	77	79

◆ Graduation Rate (in percent)

	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
	89.1	84.8	84.4	85.3

◆ National Merit Scholars

Class of	2020	2021	2022	2023
Finalist	9	4	12	7
Semifinalist	9	4	12	7
Commended	1	3	3	2

◆ 2023-2024 Ethnic Distribution (in percent)

African-American	38
White	46
Asian	5
Hispanic	6
Other	8