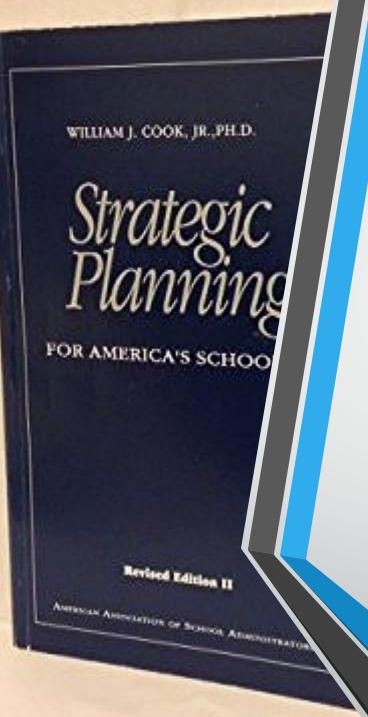


## Hampton County School District Strategic Plan Addendum

Support Document

2023-2025

Ronald Wilcox, Ed. D. Superintendent of Schools



## **FORWARD**

"A Strategic Plan is a means where in an organization recreates itself."

-Bill Cook

## This Plan is based on the following:

- 1. Adherence to US Department of Education Laws, Guidelines, and Regulations
- 2. Adherence to the State of South Carolina Statutes and Regulations
- HCSD Board of Education influence and input into the selection of areas to improve upon
- 4. HCSD Employee input, Parent input, and Student input into the process
- 5. HCSD Superintendent and Administrative Leadership input
- 6. Community input



## **Mission**

HCSD provides all students with the highest quality education that equips them to succeed in an evolving world.

## Vision

"The vision of Hampton County School District is",

Empowering students to achieve excellence and positively impact the global community.



#### **Belief Statements**

#### We believe that

- Stakeholder involvement is important to a successful district
- Teamwork is necessary for accomplishing goals
- A positive school culture promotes student growth
- A safe respectful environment is necessary for student learning
- We must focus on the total child
- Every employee serves a vital role
- Early childhood education is critical
- Parents play a vital role in their child's education
- Maintaining a student-centered approach to instruction is essential
- Students must be career, college, and/or work ready
- Students need technology training for academics and vocational skills



## Goals for the District

In addition to the District Strategic Planthe following list of goals have been developed from Board discussions by the Superintendent and developed by the District Leadership Team as a supplement to our targeted areas for improvement outlined in the District Strategic Plan

## HCSD Strategic Plan Areas for Improvement

School Climate
 Culture of Learning

• Student Achievement

Engagement of Learning

Growth in Learning

Teacher/Administrator Quality

Leadership for Learning

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Effective July 1, 2022

#### Performance Standards

K-12 and Postsecondary Institutions



#### Quality characteristics

Four key characteristics are evident when institutions effectively adopt the Cognia Performance Standards and engage in Cognia's peer review process for accreditation and continuous improvement.

CULTURE OF LEARNING: the institution's focus on the challenges, joys, and opportunities for learning, and the coherence with its mission and vision

LEADERSHIP FOR LEARNING: the responsibility of an institution's leaders to influence and impact all aspects of the institution in positive ways

**ENGAGEMENT OF LEARNING:** the inclusion of all learners in the learning process, and their development of confidence and love of learning

GROWTH IN LEARNING: the growth of learners in the programs and curricula provided by the institution and their readiness to successfully transition to next levels of learning

These characteristics serve as our model for identifying and discussing school and system quality. Additional information will be available to members to show how the standards align with these characteristics.



## HCSD Strategic Plan Performance Goals

#### **School Climate**

• Create a safe, orderly and supportive environment by increasing respondents' perception of school climate, safety, and satisfaction with the learning environment by 3% per year on state and local surveys and decreasing by 3% the number of Out-Of-School (OSS) suspensions.

#### **Student Achievement**

- By 2026, HCSD will improve attendance rates through an annual 3% decrease in Chronic Absenteeism rates.
- By 2026, HCSD will decrease the percentage of students scoring Not Met 1 on SC READY state assessment by 3 percentage points in grade 3 and HCSD will Increase the percentage of students in grades 3-8 scoring "Meets or Exceeds" in ELA on SC READY by 3 percentage points in order to be on-tract to meet state target goal in 2026.
- By 2026, HCSD will decrease the percentage of at-risk students in grades K-12 scoring in Tier 3 as evidenced by iReady Reading and Math data by 3 percentage points yearly.
- Expand Educational Opportunities Academic and Vocational -Increase the number of students, by 3% annually meeting the on-time graduation rate and increasing by 3 percentage points those who score a level 3 or higher on the WIN College and Career Readiness Exam.
- By 2026, HCSD will increase the percentage of students scoring a C or higher on the state End of Course (EOC) assessment by 3% points in English 2 and by 5% points in Algebra 1.



## HCSD Strategic Plan Performance Goals

#### **Teacher/Administrator Quality**

- <u>Leadership Capacity</u>- By 2026, HCSD will provide ongoing professional development for progress monitoring and intensive targeted intervention in both Reading and Math in grades K-12 to improve outcomes for at-risk students and increase by 3 percentage points the percentage of Tier 1 on grade level students by increasing teacher / administrator knowledge of data driven instruction, targeted intervention support, and to increase teacher / administrator quality.
- <u>Resource Capacity</u> Build the teachers and administrator quality by hiring highly qualified teachers and decreasing by 3% the percentage of teachers teaching with an out-of-field permit and decreasing by 3% the percentage of inexperienced teachers.
- To increase teacher administrator quality, HCSD is participating in LETRS training for all PreK Third grade teachers, interventionists, instructional coaches, and principals to provide intensive two- year professional development to increase their knowledge of best practices as evidenced by an increase in student achievement in Phonological Awareness and Phonics with a 3- percentage point increase in student scoring on grade level or above on diagnostic tests in iReady in grades K and 1.



## Goal 1: Improve Test Scores

#### **Employee Input**

- Provide appropriate teaching materials
- Provide appropriate methodology & instructional coaching support to teachers
- Principals to monitor instructional delivery
- Use data to determine effectiveness
- Provide Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) for all students (PK-12)
- Hire & Retain highly qualified teachers
- Provide technology devices for students & teachers
- Improve attendance rates for students & staff

- Establish after-school programs in all schools
- Provide time & encourage teachers to collaborate
- Provide differentiated instruction to students.
- Protect instructional time
- Provide appropriate homework to reinforce learning
- Maintain small class sizes
- Provide intervention support for students
- Help students prepare for high-stakes testing
- Seek highly qualified personnel in all positions
- Fill staff shortages
- Provide laptops to all students and teachers

## HCSD Academic Recovery Improvement Plan 2021-2025 Goals-Strategies-Action Steps





#### South Carolina Department of Education

2022-23 Academic Recovery Plan Feedback

District Name: Hampton

#### Overall Plan

Hampton County School District is commended for their focus upon clear, measurable strategies and objectives. HCSD is also commended for their articulation of legislative expectations such as reference to and plans for MTSS and R2S. HCSD highlights notes of celebration and measurable targets for improvement. Your district's goals and strategies provide the necessary evidence of meeting student needs. You are encouraged to update your plan with the SCDE when goals are met or require redirection based on assessment data. Based on your responses, we have provided some suggestions to strengthen your district's goals.

#### Goal One

Interventions outlined are focused on accelerating learning for students who are below grade level expectations to help them meet and/or exceed grade level expectations.

Goals indicates specific strategies for providing interventions learning lag for students in ELA/Math.

Your goal is clear and has a realistic timeline which includes **b** monitoring efforts to support the eventual completion of the g action-oriented and clearly define resources, frequency and to outline professional development to include instructional walk and reflections. Instructional leaders in the district have been idistrict roles and school based personnel.

Recommendation: Evaluate the effectiveness with vendors su resources being maximized to support the vision of this goal, t and the academic readiness of students?

#### Goal Two

Interventions outlined are focused on accelerating learning | level expectations to help them meet and/or exceed grade l

The goal indicates specific strategies for providing *interventic learning lag for students*. The goal includes an articulation of



#### Hampton 1

Overall Plan

Strong Evidence

Thank you for submitting your district's Academic Recovery Plans. Your academic recovery plan demonstrated strong evidence and fully met the planning requirements. You are encouraged to update your plan with the SCDE when goals are met or require redirection based on assessment data. Please see the below feedback for each one of your goals.

Goal One Strong Evidence

Your goal indicates specific strategies for providing interventions to address a specific tier(s) of learning lag for students in ELA/Math.

Goal Two Strong Evidence

Your interventions outlined are focused on accelerating learning for students who are below grade level expectations to help them meet and/or exceed grade level expectations.

Goal Three Strong Evidence

Your interventions outlined in the goal are evidence-based and are informed by multiple data sources.

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Hampton County School District releases first report cards

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#### Hampton County School District releases first-ever district, school report cards

Michael M. DeWitt, Jr. Bluffton Today

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The South Carolina Department of Education has recently released district and school report cards, and Superintendent Ron Wilcox and his staff are proud of the improvements made in the recently consolidated Hampton County School District.

From improved elementary school Math and English Language Arts scores to improvements in SC Ready scores and high school graduation rates among older students, overall the H.C. School District appears to be on an upward academic track that in some areas exceeds the state average.

"I am proud of our students, teachers, and principals for the effort they have made to consolidate and do well on the report card," Wilcox said in a release. "I am especially proud of Kristy Wood, Curriculum Director, and our Curriculum Committee for the leadership they have shown. Debra Holmes and Marsha Robinson, current Board members also serve on the Curriculum Committee. We have done well to rebound from the COVID issue that closed our schools and set us back academically. Our Board has placed much emphasis or lets to see incomment."

The school district recently consolidated Wade Hampton High School with Estill High School to form Hampton County High School after having consolidated the two school districts.

Here are several highlights from the district report card summary released last week by Wilcox's office

#### South Carolina School Report Cards

Hampton County School District had an 88 percent graduate rate for 2023, which reflects a six percent increase over the previous year and is above the state average.

All four elementary schools in the district that received a Report Card Rating improved their overall rating score.

Brunson Elementary School, North District Middle School and the former Wade Hampton High School all moved to a high overall category rating.

Both BES and NDMS received an overall rating of "GOOD" on their report card.

#### **South Carolina Ready Scores**

Hampton County School District Data Snapshot for Grades 3-5:

- HCSD had an overall increase,+6 points, in the percentage of students scoring "Meets or Exceeds" in ELA = 48%
  All six elementary schools saw a decrease in the percentage of students scoring "Does Not Meet" on SC READY in ELA
- HCSD had an overall increase, +5 points, in the percentage of students scoring "Meets or Exceeds" in Math = 50% HCSD Math scores for Grades 3-5 were ABOVE state average (HCSD 50%, State 48%)
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  HCSD exceeded the state's growth rate in Math in Grades 3-5 (HCSD gained 5% points, State gained 3% points)
  HCSD exceeded the district's target improvement goal for Spring 2023 in both ELA & Math for Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8

  HCSD had an overall increase, +10 points, in the percentage of students scoring "Meets or Exceeds" in ELA = 46%
  All five schools with middle school students saw a decrease in the percentage of students scoring "Does Not Meet" on SC Ready in
- All five schools with middle school students saw an increase in the percentage of students scoring "Meets or Exceeds" on SC Ready in PLA
- HCSD exceeded the state's growth rate in ELA in Grades 6 (HCSD gained 10% points, State gained 8% points)
  HCSD had an overall increase, +1 point, in the percentage of students scoring "Meets or Exceeds" in Math=25%

https://www.blufftontoday.com/story/news/local/2023/11/12/hampton-county-school-district-releases-first-report-cards/71551106007





School Report Cards are embargoed until public release- October 15

#### District Data- Spring 2023 SC Ready State Assessment

- ❖ 6% increase in ELA scores for Grades 3-5
- ❖ 5% increase in Math scores for Grades 3-5
- 10% increase in ELA scores for Grades 6-8
- 1% increase in Math scores for Grades 6-8

#### Other Highlights:

- Decreased "Does Not Meet" subgroup district-wide in ELA in Grades 3-5
- Above the state average in Math in Grades 3-5
- Exceeded the state's growth rate in Math in Grades 3-5
- Decreased "Does Not Meet" subgroup district-wide in ELA in Grades 6-8
- Exceeded the state's growth rate in ELA in Grades 6-8

#### **Secondary Data-**

- ❖ 4% increase in English 2 EOC scores
- ❖ 6% increase in Graduation Rate



Elementary Schools	Overall Rating 2023	Overall Rating 2022
Brunson Elementary	Good (57)	Average (48)
Estill Elementary	Average (50)	Average (45)
Fennell Elementary	Average (48)	Average (47)
Hampton Elementary	Average (47)	Average (42)
Middle Schools	Overall Rating 2023	Overall Rating 2022
Estill Middle	Average (47)	Good (49)
North District Middle	Good (48)	Average (43)
High Schools	Overall Rating 2023	Overall Rating 2022
Estill High	Below Average (49)	Below Average (49)
Wade Hampton	Average (51)	Below Average (49)

Elementary School Overall Ratings Points		
Excellent *	61 to 100	
Good	53 to 60	
Average	42 to 52	
Below Average	34 to 41	
Unsatisfactory	33 and below	

Middle School Overall Ratings Points		
Excellent	56 to 100	
Good	48 to 55	
Average	36 to 47	
Below Average	29 to 35	
Unsatisfactory	28 and below	

High School Overall Ratings Points		
Excellent *	67 to 100	
Good	60 to 66	
Average	51 to 59	
Below Average	40 to 50	
Unsatisfactory	39 and below	



#### Report Card Analysis:

All (4) Elementary Schools that receive a Report Card rating improved their overall rating score.

BES, NDMS, & WHHS all moved to a higher overall category rating.

Category ratings changed for the following schools:

BES- Academic Achievement- Average to Good

Student Progress- Average to Good

FES- Academic Achievement - Below Ave to Average

EHS- Academic Achievement- Unsatisfactory to Average

Graduation Rate- Average to Good

WHHS-College & Career Readiness- Average to Good

Climate score ratings changed for the following schools: (Target Area)

EES- Unsatisfactory to Below Average

FES- Unsatisfactory to Average

HES- Unsatisfactory to Below Average

NDMS- Average to Good

EMS- Average to Excellent

BES- Average to Below Average

EHS & WHHS- NO CHANGE

## Goal 2: Implement the Facility Program

### **Employee Input**

- Build a new high school
- Renovate Estill High School for the Estill Elementary School
- Evaluate the schools on the North Side and consider closing or combining schools
- Develop a long-range Facility Improvement Plan
- Work with county & cities to utilize school buildings that are no longer used or dispose of surplus properties in accordance with state guidelines
- Evaluate safety and update security of all buildings
- Address storage needs & meeting spaces for district

- Provide adequate maintenance of schools
- Work to have clean & safe facilities
- Update playground equipment
- Evaluate all roof conditions & develop a replacement schedule
- Have cameras in all schools and on buses
- Properly maintain the heating & cooling systems
- Pressure wash and clean outside of buildings annually
- Develop a renovations plan for each school
- Evaluate kitchen equipment needs
- Strive for cleanliness by having appropriate staffing, supplies, & equipment



## FACILITY PLAN

June 20, 2022

Ronald Wilcox, Ed. D. Superintendent of Schools Hampton County School Distri

See Attachment

The Facility Plan consists of the following components:

- Build a new high school for the county
- Establish a PK-8 Estill area school campus for FY 24/25 school year
- Implement the State's recommendation for having two elementary schools on the North side of the county as funds become available or look to combining schools for cost savings
- Due to the high cost to renovate-place a hold on using Fred's building for a Central Office
- Maintain facilities not in the building program through constant maintenance and monitoring

Groundbreaking Target Date January 18, 2024



## Goal 3: Fill vacant teacher and bus driver positions

#### **Employee Input**

- Contemplate non-pay perks or perks payable at retirement
- Meet with teachers and drivers to hear their needs and concerns
- Establish teacher retention initiatives
- Evaluate and maintain our salaries to be competitive
- Lobby state legislatures for bus driver pay increase
- Consider incentive programs for staff such as housing, continuing education, etc..

- Procure more funding to purchase buses, hire drivers, & increase pay
- Strive to maintain student behavior on buses & in classrooms
- Provide competitive pay & benefits for staff
- Establish incentive bonuses for recruitment and retention
- Provide mentor teacher support for new teachers
- Develop and support fair & consistent discipline codes for all
- Recruit constantly

#### **HCSD Job Fairs**

**Human Resources Department** 



HSDMarch11thJobFair

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LRYyJL-5cc

Hampton County School District WTOC Recruitment Video

## Goal 4: Complete the consolidation process

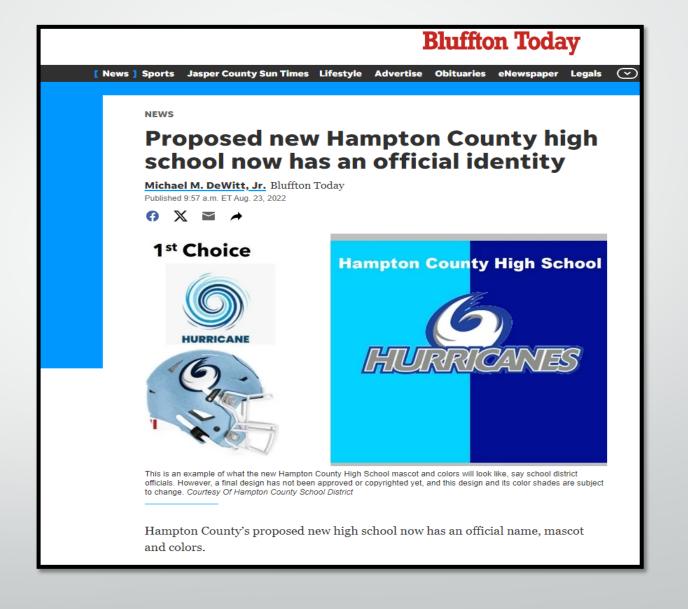
## **Employee Input**

- Help HCHS strengthen all programs and discipline
- Facilitate the relocation of Estill Elementary to EHS campus
- Continue the Branding process for the new school and district
- Build new district & school website
- Evaluate personnel annually for cost saving opportunities
- Establish district-wide expectations and initiatives

- Complete the building of the new high school
- Establish policies for the new district
- Communicate with stakeholders through all venues
- Do a facility study on all schools to determine if further consolidation can be made
- Establish after-school bus services for athletes and students who participate in clubs/programs

#### Timeline:

- SY 22-23
   Began combining student groups (athletes) for TEAM building activities, camps, & events
- SY 22-23
   Mock Day with both high schools
- Summer 2023-Summer learning combined both schools at HCHS campus
- SY 23-24
   "New" Hampton
   County High
   School



## Goal 5: Keep the school district fiscally sound

## **Employee Input**

- Train all staff in Infinite Visions
- Begin training an Assistant Finance Director
- Have finance committee to review financial matters of consequence
- Meet all state and federal reporting obligations
- Preplan for funding for equipment replacement/capital improvement (curriculum, technology, facilities, etc.)

- Establish budgets for each school & department
- Strive for efficiency by combining jobs through attrition
- Establish annual reports

#### **Hampton County School District**

Financial Services Policies and Procedures Manual



Finance Staff and Phone Exts:

Kathy Culclasure 1003

Shenna Solomon 1004 Grants, Pupil Activity, Budget

Eanion Boyd 1005 Accounts Payable

Danaejah Hallman 1020 Payroll

Morgan Peeples 1043 Time sheets, Deposits

Jerold Smart 1058 Procurement, Contracts

Eleanor Murray 1026 Benefits, Workers Comp, Liability Claims

and Proof of Insurance

Please call the person in that special area.

## Goal 6: Increase communications with stakeholders

### **Employee Input**

- Continue teacher advisory groups to address employee concerns
- School Board will host quarterly-Community Forums throughout the district to include local governments
- Provide communication opportunities with all parents (i.e.- Parent Square, Social Media, Newsletters, Communication Vignettes, etc.)
- Provide communication opportunities with the students at each school
- Utilize surveys for obtaining feedback

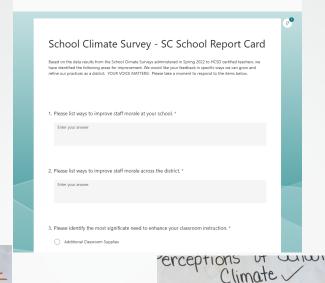
- Establish community forums
- Use all modes of communication when a communique is sent out
- Establish a quarterly newsletter
- Ensure all staff responds to emails, phone calls,
   & other communications in a timely manner

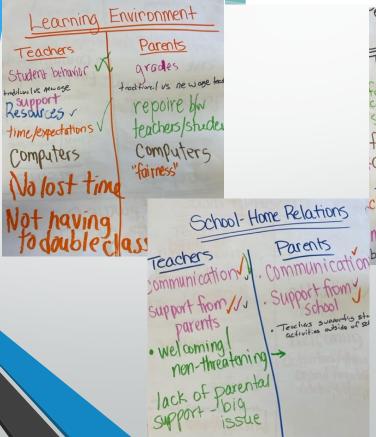
## Climate Survey Accountability on Report Card



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Stakeholder Involvement
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Surveys for Feedback
Staff
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## Goal 7: Develop Hampton County School District into a "unique school district"

## **Employee Input**

- Base decisions on data driven student interest and community needs
- Identify desirable and unique programs for our school district and work to implement them
- Involve our employees in developing ideas of uniqueness worth implementing
- Strive to become the best school district in the Lowcountry
- Become a K-14 school district by expanding college & technology learning opportunities/course credits beyond high school diploma
- Celebrate & highlight CTE courses & pathways
- Study the implementation of developing a daycare for employees
- Consider a "unique" school calendar for students & staff
- Provide student workshops to teach special skills

- Provide updated technology to students and staff
- Consider offering a foreign language to all students
- Study the possibility of providing childcare for employees
- Score well on state report card
- Develop opportunities for all children to participate in public speaking



#### Schools earning a Badge of Recognition:

- ❖ Ben Hazel Primary School
- Varnville Elementary School
- Brunson Elementary School

7 of our 9 schools were included in the rankings

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Three Hampton County schools named Best Elementary Schools in SC

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#### Three Hampton County schools named Best Elementary Schools in South Carolina for 2024

**HCSD News Release** Bluffton Today

Published 8:30 p.m. ET Nov. 19, 2023 | Updated 8:31 p.m. ET Nov. 19, 2023

Washington, D.C. - The following Hampton County Elementary Schools — Ben Hazel Primary, Varnville Elementary, and Brunson Elementary School — are among the South Carolina recipients honored by the 2024 Best Elementary School rankings by U.S. News & World Report.

Across the nation, the top 40 percent of the state's public, charter, and magnet schools receive rankings with highly ranked schools being awarded badges of recognition. Seven of the nine Hampton County Schools were included in the rankings with three elementary schools earning the top honor badges.

"We are extremely proud of the work being done in our schools to provide students of Hampton County with a high-quality education," said Kristy C. Wood, HCSD director of curriculum & instruction. "This recognition is just a small glimpse into the great things happening in Hampton County School District. A huge "Thank you' to our dedicated teachers, instructional leaders, and principals for all their hard work. We appreciate you and all you do for our students!"

Superintendent of Schools Ronald Wilcox added, "We are proud of our schools that were recognized in this report. We commend our administrators, teachers, and staff for their hard work. I also thank our curriculum committee that meets once per month to support our academic programs."

The curriculum committee is comprised of instructional leaders along with two board members, Debra Holmes and Marsha Robinson, who meet with the committee to help support curriculum and instruction along with Board Chair Hannah Priester and Superintendent Wilcox.

The methodology of the rankings focuses on state assessments of students who were proficient or above in mathematics and reading/language arts while accounting for student backgrounds, achievement in core subjects, and how well schools are educating their students.

The 2024 Best Elementary and Best Middle School rankings are based on publicly available data from the U.S. Department of Education

"The 2024 Best Elementary and Best Middle School rankings offer a way for parents to get a snapshot of their child's school and how well it is doing compared to other schools within their community and state," said LaMont Jones, managing editor for education at U.S. News.

#### Hampton County School District US News Badge Awarded Schools:

Ben Hazel Primary - Ranked #117 Badge Winner (80.92 Percentile)

Varnville Elementary- Ranked #143 Badge Winner (76.64 Percentile)

Brunson Elementary- Ranked #213 Badge Winner (65.13 Percentile)

To be eligible to earn a badge, the elementary or middle school must be in the 6oth percentile or above.

Both HCSD middle schools were very close to earning the badge of recognition as well with Estill Middle School earning a percentile score of 58 and North District Middle a score of 51.

Hampton County School District has seen continuous growth in test scores despite the hurdles being faced in education today, say administrators.

For more information https://www.usnews.com/education

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HCSD Partnership with TCL Culinary Arts Institute with grant support from Truist Bank Foundation

32 - HCHS students attended

Students received college credit and Safe Serve certification upon completion along with full chef uniforms, knife kits, & other supplies

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Hampton students cook up career skills at TCL's Culinary Arts Institute

From staff reports Bluffton Toda Published 12:23 p.m. ET Aug. 3, 2023



Hampton County School District students prepare food and learn valuable culinary lessons at TCL's Culinary Institute.

Courtesy Of TCL



Technical College of the Lowcountry - TCL

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Check out today's front page of the Hampton County Guardian! Great seeing these young campers in the... See more



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Hampton students cook up career
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# Goal 8: Implement a total quality management model to improve the overall effectiveness of the district

## **Employee Input**

- Integrate the TQM management philosophy into our daily activities
- Operate the school district with committees-Monthly Facility, Athletics, Curriculum, Finance, & Policy Meetings
- Weekly director meetings (Process, Evaluation, & Improvement)
- Monthly Instructional Leaders Meetings (Principals, Instructional Coaches, Instructional Directors, etc.)
- Embed weekly Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings into school schedules for instructional staff
- Be customer focused & data-driven

- Provide more opportunities for stakeholders to be involved in decision making
- Communicate successes
- Provide booklets, guides, & flyers to explain programs



**Total Quality Management Principles** 

## Goal 9: Develop an academic and vocational model that prepares students for College and Career Readiness

#### **Employee Input**

- Continue to develop the Early College Program to increase College & Career Readiness
- Increase the number of students who graduate with a high school diploma and a 2-year degree
- Establish partnerships with local industries to identify specific skills needed to be considered work ready & employable
- Utilize local expertise to teach special vocational skills
- Offer basic life skills workshops to high school students
- Expand college & career opportunities for our middle and secondary students (i.e., -courses, certifications, internships, etc.)

- Annually evaluate all program offerings
- Provide special vocational opportunities for special needs students
- Attract quality teachers in math & science
- Offer vocational programs that will allow to students to earn a living if they stay in that field
- Provide early college opportunities for all students

Hampton County students who earned an Associates Degree from USC Salk while also earning simultaneously earning their high school diploma

> 2022-3 students 2023- 2 students

SY 2023-2024 84 students in Dual Enrollment (TCL & USC Salk)

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School), earned their associate degrees.

As part of the early college partnerships with local school districts, three high school seniors, Alyssa Hanna (South Carolina Connections Academy), Jayda Risher (Wade Hampton High School) and Faizah Rivers (Wade Hampton High



As part of the early college partnerships with local school districts, three high school seniors (center), Alyssa Hanna (South Carolina Connections Academy), Faizah Rivers (Wade Hampton High School), Jayda Risher (Wade Hampton High School) earned their associate degrees. Courtesy Of USC Salk

2023 USC Salk High School Graduates 2-WHHS Seniors

# Goal 10: To ensure a robust Career & Technical Educational (CTE) program that provides a seamless pathway for students to become career ready, certified, and/or college ready.

## **Employee Input**

- Hire and retain quality CTE teachers
- Replace CTE equipment to stay up-to-date with industry standards
- Meet with businesses, industries in the county and surrounding areas to stay current on job market trends and needs
- Increase students graduating with industry recognized credentials
- Increase work-based learning opportunities for students
- Increase partnerships with local colleges (TCL and USC SALK) to allow for dual enrollment and dual credit possibilities for CTE
- Use data to evaluate current and future CTE programs

- Visit leading CTE programs within the state to gain new insights and perspectives
- Work with local agencies & industries to identify career opportunities in the area
- Define employability skills for students in the workforce