

2022-23 Points of Pride

- ◇ *Senior Scholarships: Over \$9 million*
- ◇ *20 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipients*
- ◇ *172 Seniors Earning Career & Technical Education Certification*
- ◇ *92% of Seniors College-Career Ready*
- ◇ *Teacher of the Year: Jeron Martinez*
- ◇ *Support Staff of the Year: Kathy Olson*
- ◇ *566 Advanced Placement (AP) test taken, 80% pass rate*
- ◇ *35 AP Capstone Certificates, 10 Capstone Diplomas*
- ◇ *55 Nationally Recognized AP Scholars, 19 AP Scholars with Honors, 36 AP Scholars with Distinction*
- ◇ *Female wrestler state champion, 12 student-athletes signed letters of intent to play collegiate sports, 3 region champions, 40 all region athletes, and 7 all state athletes*
- ◇ *Ranked #14 in South Carolina by US News and World Report*
- ◇ *DECA – State DECA Competition: 4 finalist in top ten for their event, including three 1st place, two 2nd place, two 3rd place*
- ◇ *Youth in Government – Student elected Lieutenant Governor, named Premier Delegation*
- ◇ *Teens for Healthy Youth – recognized by the CDC for promoting positive teen health*
- ◇ *National Honor Society – 5,000+ community service hours*
- ◇ *JROTC– 7 teams ranking in top ten for state and regional competitions including four 1st place wins*
- ◇ *Regional Work-based Learning Student of the Year*

A Message From Principal Donica:

“This report is issued by the Bluffton High School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school’s progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.”

2022-2023 Academic Achievement

End-of-Course (EOC) Pass Rates

Course	BLHS	State
Algebra 1	84%	68%
Biology	80%	59%
English 2	89%	84%
US History	78%	61%
Overall	83%	68%

Overall EOC Pass Rate: Ranked

#1

in the district

ONLY EXCELLENT RATED
DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

State Report Card

- OVERALL RATING: EXCELLENT
- Academic Achievement: Good
- Preparing for Success: Good
- English Learner’s Progress: Average
- Graduation Rate: Excellent
- College & Career Readiness: Excellent
- School Climate: Good

SIC– Invitation to Join

We are seeking parents and community members interested in improving student achievement and enhancing our learning environment through community involvement. Meetings occur the first Thursday of each month from 6:00 -7:30 PM in room 1120 and/or ZOOM (September through May).

Community Connections

- ◇ *Career Exploration*
- ◇ *Community Outreach Initiative*
- ◇ *Internships*
- ◇ *Reality Day*
- ◇ *Business Partners in Education*

Improvement Plan Targets

- Multi-Language Learner Progress
- End-of-Course Performance (Algebra 1, English 2)
- School Climate
- Teacher Retention

Four-Year Graduation Rate: 93.1%
(8.9% increase from 2018-19)

Ranked #1 in the district all-time
under current rules

Special Programs

-Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering and Biomedical Sciences: PLTW Engineering prepares students for STEM careers by emphasizing hands-on engagement and problem solving. PLTW Biomedical Sciences offers an innovative learning environment providing students with the skills and training necessary to succeed in a post-secondary healthcare career.

-Acceleration Academy: Acceleration Academy students can earn college credits and national career-related certifications in the following areas: Emergency and Fire Management, Family and Consumer Sciences, Media Technology, and Visual and Performing Arts.

-JROTC: The Army JROTC curriculum addresses the South Carolina College & Career-Readiness Standards which include leadership, global awareness, wellness, and life skills. Among others, the curriculum strives to promote learner-centered education that inspires life-long learning, improved communication, personal responsibility, good citizenship, overall respect, and critical thinking skills.

- AP Capstone: Rather than teaching subject-specific content, this program develops students' skills in research, analysis, evidence-based arguments, collaboration, writing, and presenting. Students who complete the two-year program can earn one of two different AP Capstone awards: AP Capstone Diploma™ or the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™.

- Allied Health Sciences: The Allied Health Sciences Pathway teaches the foundational skills needed by healthcare professionals who work in therapeutic, diagnostic, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and includes internship/clinical opportunities.

2023-24 Bluffton HS School Improvement Council (SIC)

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College Dual Enrollment available for
both Technical College of the Low
Country and University of South
Carolina-Beaufort

Bluffton High School

Annual Report to Parents 2023-24

“BOBCAT NATION!”



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Mission Statement

Bluffton High School is committed to assuring that all students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to live as productive and informed citizens in an ever-changing society.