



STROM THURMOND HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

Strom Thurmond High School is dedicated to a tradition of excellence. We strive to provide a safe and supportive environment, high-quality education and to prepare our diverse student body for the future. We promote Pride, Class, Courage, and the Will to Win.

We strive to prepare all students to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens ready to meet any challenges they may face. In partnership with families and community, our goal is to create relevant learning opportunities for students -- both inside and outside the classroom -- that help them develop the knowledge, critical thinking skills, and character necessary to succeed in a technologically advanced world. We value pride in everything we do and strive to enable students to perform at their highest level of

STUDENT COURSE LOAD

1. Strom Thurmond High School operates on a 4 period A-B Block Schedule.
2. Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh grade students are enrolled in 8 courses.
3. Typically, seniors will enroll in a minimum of five classes.
4. All students must demonstrate proficiency in computer literacy before graduation.
5. Students may take virtual and dual-enrollment courses once approved by their school counselor.
6. Strom Thurmond and the Strom Thurmond Career & Technology Center share the same campus. This allows our students to easily access Career and Technology Programs. All 9th graders take a computer science course that explores all the programs provided by the STCTC. Currently 92% of STHS students attend classes at the Career Center and 38.5% of students graduate as a CTE completer.
7. STCTE offers career and technology education completer courses in Agriculture Mechanics and Technology, Horticulture, Building Construction, Business Information Management, General Management, Cosmetology, Health Science, Sports Medicine, Welding Technology, Marketing Communications, Pre-Engineering PLTW, Automotive Technology, Cyber Security and Megatronics.

ACCREDITATION

Strom Thurmond High School is a comprehensive four-year public high school serving 760 students in grades 9 through 12. Strom Thurmond opened in the fall of 1961 and graduated its first senior class in the spring of 1962. STHS is accredited by the South Carolina Department of Education and AdvancEd Accreditation. Research indicates that schools with strong extra curricular involvement foster positive academic environments. Students participate in athletics, marching band, NJROTC, Beta Club, Mock Trial, FCA, and other organizations and activities.

Strom Thurmond, in partnership with Piedmont Technical College, offer a robust dual-enrollment program. 26% of the 22-23 graduating class completed at least 6 hours of dual enrollment.

Principal

Fran Altringer

Director of Career & Technology Center

Dr. Alan E. Gray

Assistant Principal

Crystal Hadden

Assistant Principal

Mary Bates

Class of 2024

Total Seniors	156
4 year college	36.5%
2 year college	14.1%
Total College	50.6%
Military	3%
Work/Other	46%

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Palmetto Fellows:	11
Life Scholarship:	102
Junior Scholars:	61

SCHOOL COUNSELING STAFF

Gail Hicks

Lead Counselor, Grades 10, 12 (M-Z)

Kathy McKenzie

School Counselor, Grades 11, 12(A-I)

Shakenia Carter

School Counselor, Grade 9

Meghan Johnson

Career Specialist

Amber Harmon (Class of 2028)

Keri Wiemer (Class of 2027)-

Gear Up Graduation coaches

Lisa Crocker

Department Secretary/Registrar

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

Since 2016-2017

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 60-69

F = Below 60

WF=Withdraw Fail=50

WP=Withdraw Passing No Grade

FA (failure due to attendance)=50

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	3 units
US History	1 unit
American Government	1/2 unit
Economics	1/2 unit
Other Social Studies	1 unit
Physical Education or Junior ROTC	1 unit
Electives	7 units*
Computer Science	1 unit
Foreign Language or Career and Technology Education	1 unit

*Beginning with the class of 2027, students will be required to earn a .5 credit of Personal Finance and 6.5 elective credits.

EXPLANATION OF TRANSCRIPT

School Calendar: STHS's school year consists of 4 quarters of approximately 9 weeks in duration. Classes meet for 18 weeks(1 semester) or 36 weeks(2 semesters).

Course Placement: Placement in each course level depends on student achievement, standardized test scores, teacher recommendation and parent/student request.

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 & Dual Enrollment 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 GPA is ranked from highest to lowest. Class rank is calculated at the end of each semester.

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DISTRICT: Edgefield County School District is located in a rural, agricultural community with a county population of about 27,021. It borders the Savannah River and includes Strom Thurmond Lake encompassing about 506 square miles, The district consists of 1 high school, 2 middle schools, 4 elementary schools, 1 career center, an adult education program a literacy center and an alternative school program. The total student population is 3172.

SCHOOL: Enrollment 711

Strom Thurmond 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, career and technology, and special education. **Twelve** Advanced Placement courses and **24** Honors courses are offered. The dual enrollment program at Piedmont Technical College complements the academics. Approximately 64% of students are eligible for free/reduced lunch and 29% self-reported as first generation college students. The population is 44.7% Black, 5% Hispanic/Latino, White 44% and 2 or more races, 5%.

COMMUNITY: Strom Thurmond is located in the rural, agricultural community of Johnston. Johnston has a population of about 2332 citizens. Edgefield County is the largest producer of peaches in the country. STHS provides educational opportunities for the students who reside in Edgefield county to include the cities of Johnston, Trenton and Edgefield.

STAFF: 45 Professional Staff

60.2% hold masters degrees or higher.

ADVISORY: Advisory is offered daily to all students to provide tutoring, and academic support, mentoring and student involvement in school athletics clubs, extracurriculars and activities. By fostering positive relationships with faculty and students through advisory, the goal is to improve academic performance and build school pride.

ACADEMICS: Strom Thurmond High School offers classes at the college preparatory, honors and advanced placement levels. In addition, STHS teaches a dual enrollment teacher cadet course in conjunction with the University of South Carolina Aiken campus. STHS offers 7 advanced placement courses and 29 honors courses. The STHS Career and Technology Center offers 48 career and technology education courses which equates to 13 CTE completer programs. Most completers graduate with an industry certification. Dual enrollment courses are offered through Piedmont Technical College and almost 10% of students take at least one course during their high school career.

Students are engaged in a variety of work based learning experiences including internships, field trips, virtual job shadowing, school based enterprises and engaging classroom speakers.

ACADEMIES: This school year, STHS is implementing the academy model to include a Freshman Academy, Human Services and Business and STEAM academies. We believe the Academy Model will significantly enhance our students' educational experience, providing them with the tools and knowledge they need for future success.