Hilton Head Island High School SIC

Annual Report to Parents & Community 2025-2026

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What is the SIC?

In South Carolina, a School Improvement Council is an advisory council to the principal and school on issues related to school improvement. By law, every K-12 public school in South Carolina must have a SIC that is made up of parent, teacher, student (grades 9-12), and community member representatives. The principal is an ex-officio member of every SIC. A SIC may create additional ex-officio positions such as the school's Teacher of the Year, PTA or PTSO President, or a past SIC Chair.

HHIHS Administration

Principal: Steve Schidrich

Assistant Principals:
Kristen Austin
Margherita Haldenwang
Dr. Debra Womble

Athletic Director:
Fred Hunter

Purpose of the SIC Annual Report

Each year the SIC and our administration are charged with preparing an Annual Report to the Parents/Community in accordance with South Carolina law. The purpose of this report is to serve as an overview of the school year's progress towards goals and objectives outlined in the School Improvement Plan. Here you will find many facts, success stories and an overview of our school improvement goals. We at HHIHS are fortunate to have teachers and staff who go above and beyond for our students and their families. I am proud to serve as a parent leader in the HHIHS community and personally ask that you consider becoming involved in our efforts to make our school the best it can be. - Jennifer Walter, SIC Chair 2025-2026

SIC Goals

GOAL 1: Oversee construction of new school building

ACTIONS TAKEN:
- SIC had input in designing the new school
- SIC received updates on design of school from architects and builders
- SIC provided input on certain new programs considered to be offered in new school

GOAL 2: INCREASE COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF HHIHS

ACTIONS TAKEN:
- SIC hosted Career Day on March 13th, with over 60 speakers from the community
- Ensure school website updated with current and relevant information

GOAL 3: INCREASE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

ACTIONS TAKEN:
- Updated and revised Parent Handbook for HHIHS parents. Available in both English and Spanish.

GOAL 4: PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND INVOLVEMENT IN WRITING OF SCHOOL 5-YEAR PLAN

ACTIONS TAKEN:
- Two SIC meetings dedicated to discussing and updating goals for 5-year plan
- Reviewed HHIHS State Report Card with principals

2024-25 School Improvement Council (SIC) Members

The School Improvement Council (SIC) is an advisory council to the Principal and school and is made up of elected parents, teachers, students, and appointed community members.

- Steve Schidrich, Principal HHIHS
- Jennifer Walter, SIC Chair
- Keri Olivetti, Vice Chair, Parent Representative
- Beth McCune, Secretary, Parent Representative
- Jenni Cerrati, Parent Representative
- Katie Kurkul, Parent Representative
- Anjie Olander, Parent Representative
- Charles Schroeder, Parent Representative
- Christopher Linkimer, Parent Representative
- Krista Dunton, Parent Representative
- Vicki Watts, Parent Representative
- Patricia Schoelkopf, Teacher Representative
- Mary Beth White, Teacher Representative
- Karen Metropolis, Community Representative
- Kristen Hamilton, Community Representative
- Audrey Clayton, Community Representative
- Wendy Serpe, Community Representative
- Mary Beth Lyon, Community Representative
- Bill Payne, Community Representative
- Lee Jenkins, Community Representative
- Kristen Keller, Community Representative
- Mike Quigley, Ex-Officio Member/Past Chair
- Jessica Howard, Ex-Officio Member/PTSO
- Dorthy Mastrorocco, Student Representative
- Elanor Best, Student Representative

HHIHS 2024-2025 School Report Card

HHIHS received a rating of "Good" on the 2024-2025 SC School Report Card. Good is defined as "school performance exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate." School Report Card data is taken from https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eT0yMDI1JnQ9SCZzaWQ9MDcwMTAwMw

International Baccalaureate (IB) Test Information

Diploma Programme (DP) examination results over the last four years

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) aims to do more than other curricula by developing inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who are motivated to succeed. The DP curriculum is made up six subject groups and the DP core, comprising theory of knowledge (TOK), creativity, activity, service (CAS) and the extended essay. A minimum score of 4 on the National Standardized IB end of course test is required for college credit.

Year	IB Courses Offered	Number of Candidates (students) Examined	Number of IB Diploma Candidates	Diplomas Awarded	Exams Administered	Scores of 4-7
2025	14	134	27	20	291	205
2024	19	130	19	17	243	206
2023	20	105	23	20	228	178
2022	15	105	13	13	190	163

Strategic Plan Goals for HHIHS

Goal 1: By the end of the 2025-26 school year, HHIHS will have an on-time graduation rate of 90.5%
Goal 2: By the end of the 2025-26 school year, HHIHS will have 80% of graduating students who will be College and/or Career Ready.

Goal 3: During the 2025-26 school year, 50% of those HHIHS students taking the Algebra 1 EOC will score C or higher.

Goal 4: During the 2025-26 school year, 72% of those HHIHS students taking the English 2 EOC will score C or higher.

Goal 5: During the 2025-26 school year, 55% of those HHIHS students taking the Biology 1 EOC will score C or higher.

Goal 6: During the 2025-26 school year, 54% of those HHIHS students taking the US History EOC will score C or higher.

Goal 7: During the 2025-26 school year, 50% of the ML students who take the ACCESS test will reach their English Growth Target.

Goal 8: During the 2025-26 school year, 86% of those HHIHS students who take an IB Assessment will score 4 or higher.

Goal 9: During the 2025-26 school year, 68% of those HHIHS students who take an AP exam will score 3 or higher.

Goal 10: At the end of the 2025-26 school year, HHIHS will have 90% of teachers return for the 2026-27 school year.

Mission of HHIHS

The mission of Hilton Head Island High School is to prepare each student to become a productive, responsible citizen in a complex, global, technological age that requires lifelong learning. To fulfill this mission, we believe it is important to:

- Provide rigorous, balanced curriculum and exemplary teaching
- Maintain a disciplined, highly academic atmosphere and expect the best from every student
- Foster personal responsibility, citizenship, and civility by enforcing high standards of student behavior
- Work in partnership with family and community to help each student succeed
- Provide an environment in which excellent teachers thrive
- Provide quality facilities and technological resources to enhance learning
- Promote tolerance, trust and respect among all members of our multicultural school community
- Provide a safe, inviting and stimulating school environment
- Provide educational opportunities suited to each student's developmental needs and potential

SNAPSHOT OF THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Top of the Class
- Valedictorian: Elizabeth Markowitz
- Salutatorian : Tyler Wiedermann

2026 Senior Scholars
- 17 HHIHS Seniors were named BCSD Senior Scholars

Biliteracy Seal
- 48 HHIHS Seniors will graduate with the South Carolina Seal of Biliteracy

DECA Competition National Finalists
- Elizabeth Markowitz

Model UN
- 3 Distinguished Delegates and 1 Honorable Mention at the Georgia Southern Model UN Competition
- 4 HHIHS Model UN students competed at the National Model UN in NYC

Orchestra Awards

SCMEA Region Orchestra
- Mallika Krishna

SCMEA Solo/Ensemble
- DBriggs Beckham and Edwin Salazar

Service Academies
- 2 Seniors accepted into the US Air Force Academy

2026 Scholastic Art Awards

National Silver
- Sophie Olander, Charlotte Hussey and Sienna Schultz

2026 SC State Fair Competition

1st Place – Sienna Schultz

2026 Promising Picasso Art Competition

1st Place – Sienna Schultz

2nd Place – Aubrey Cranford

2026 Heritage Scholarship Awards
- Winners

Jackson Hollman and Kaden Stewart

Boys and Girls Club
- B & G Club Youth of the Year for the Lowcountry Sharlene Mosqueira-Mesa

Seahawk Stage Company
- Premier Community for Theatre Education N
- National Designation

NLI College Athletes
- 11 Students sign NLI to play College Athletics

Region Player of the Year
- Football: Thaddeus Czarnecki
- Football: Defensive Player: Andrew Massey
- Golf: Brooke Niclaus
- Cheerleading: Cassidy Ott
- Girls Tennis: Alyssa Ruckno
- Cross Country: Julia McKenna

North-South All Star Tournament
- Tennis: Carly Anthony
- Volleyball: Gracie Pufal

Senior All Star Game:
- G. Lacrosse Lizzy Markowitz
- G. Lacrosse Laila Weaver

Region Coach of the Year:
- Football: BJ Payne
- Boys Volleyball Kevin Murphy

SCFCA 4A Lower State Head Coach of the Year
- Football: BJ Payne

SCFCA 4A Lower State Assistant Coach of the Year
- Jaylen Whitlow

North South All-Star Tournament Coach
- Volleyball: Garret Talarczyk

4A State Championship Team
- Girls Golf

4A State Individual Champion
- Harper Hedden
- Bryce Stephenson

4A State Runner-Up
- Cross Country: Julia McKenna
- Swimming: Cadence Smith, Piper Lucas, Vivian Shave & Olivia Johnson

All State

Cross Country: Julia McKenna

Volleyball: Gracie Pufal

Wrestling: Bryce Stephenson,Cole Sowers. Jourdyn Mootry and Makayla Hincey

Girls Golf: Cat Gavin, Brooke Niclaus and Harper Heddon

Swimming: Olivia Johnson, Piper Lucas, Vivian Shave Cadence Smith and Wes Lucas

Tennis: Carly Anthony. A;ussa Riclmp

Football: Josh Bigger, Jeremiah Walters ,Thaddeus Czarnecki, Beau Sexson and Andrew Massey

All Region Athletes
- 39 All-Region Athletes (not including unannounced) spring sports

Carlisle Cup
- Top Ten expected Carlisle Cup for 4A – for best overall athletic program 24-25