Carolina Forest High School

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Home of the Panthers!

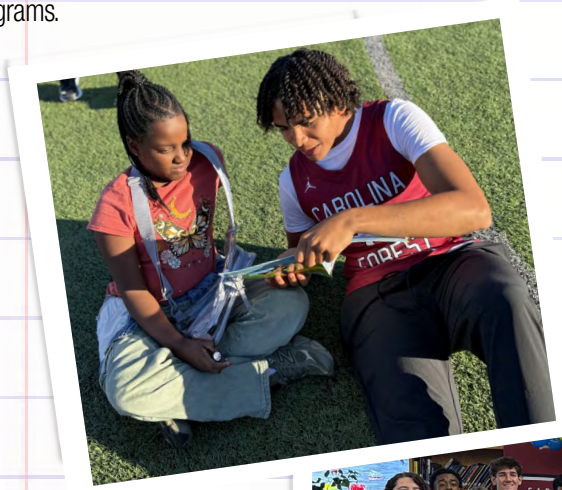


Academic Opportunities

At Carolina Forest High School, we are building relationships, embracing opportunities, and celebrating excellence across academics, STEM, the arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities. As a Cognia STEM-certified school and a Project Lead The Way Distinguished School, CFHS prepares students for the future through engaging coursework and meaningful community partnerships. During the 2025–2026 school year, students had access to 24 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and our students earned an impressive 91% passage rate on AP exams. In addition to AP courses, CFHS offers Honors and College Preparatory classes, as well as dual enrollment and PACE classes through our partnership with Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC). Beyond the classroom, Panthers shine in award-winning fine arts programs, competitive athletics, and more than 40 clubs and organizations. Together, these opportunities help students discover their passions, develop their talents, and prepare for success in college, careers, and life.

Entrance Requirements

Carolina Forest does not have an application process for any programs.



ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Our students continue to excel on both state and national assessments. Courseofferings and enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP) classes have steadily increased as we expand opportunities for academic challenge and success. During the 2025–2026 school year, Carolina Forest High School offered 24 AP courses on campus. Nine of these classes achieved a 100% passage rate, and 20 surpassed both state and global averages. With a total of 582 AP exams administered, our overall student passage rate was an impressive 91%, remaining well above state and national benchmarks.

Now in its ninth year, our STEM Project Lead the Way (PLTW) program continues to grow, offering pathways in Engineering, Biomedical Science, Cybersecurity, and Computer Science. The Biomedical Science pathway has experienced the greatest growth, with approximately 200 students enrolled in its courses this year. Student achievement remains strong, with an impressive 94% of students in Biomedical Science earning Accomplished or Distinguished scores on PLTW assessments, compared with 88% across all PLTW courses. As a Cognia STEM-certified school, Carolina Forest is proud to offer high-quality STEM courses and professional learning opportunities.



PLTW
DISTINGUISHED HIGH SCHOOL
2025-26

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ATHLETICS ACTIVITIES AT CFHS:

Our school offers a variety of athletic opportunities for students, including cross country, football, golf, tennis, swimming, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, baseball, soccer, track, softball, and lacrosse. Carolina Forest High School proudly provides our athletes with state-of-the-art facilities, including a rubber track and turf field.

FINE ARTS ACTIVITIES AT CFHS:

CFHS Fine Arts celebrated an exceptional year of creativity, talent, and achievement! CFHS boasts Horry County's largest marching band, along with three concert bands and one beginning band. All three concert bands earned Superior with Distinction ratings at the state level, and the band received the SCBDA Outstanding Performance Award—the highest honor bestowed upon a band in South Carolina.



Our orchestra also earned Superior with Distinction at Concert Performance Assessment, with 45 students selected for All-County Orchestra, 32 for Region Orchestra, five for All-State Orchestra, and one for National Honors Orchestra.

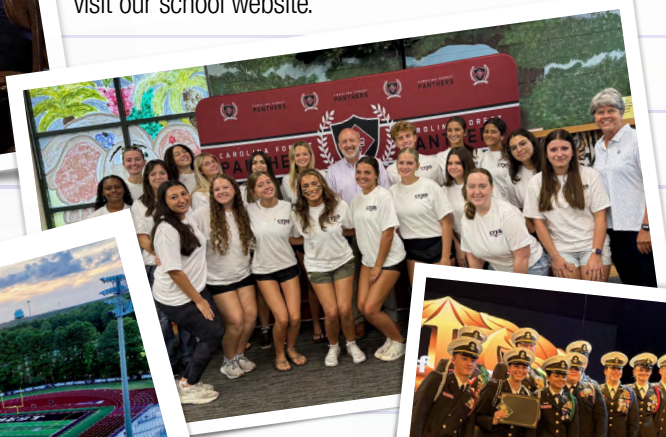
The Performing Arts Department delighted audiences with the district premiere of Chicago: Teen Edition in spring 2026, earning rave reviews.

Visual Arts students captured first place in photography at the HCS Tech Fair Art Show and Best Photo at the Horry-Georgetown County High Schools Juried Art Exhibition, with additional honors including artwork accepted into ArtFields and the winning design for the 2026 Cheerwine Festival T-shirt contest.



CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS AT CFHS:

Carolina Forest offers over 40 clubs and organizations. These offerings include Mock Trial, Future Farmers of America (FFA), We the People, Gaming/Esports, and Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA). For more information on the entire list of offerings, please visit our school website.







Mission Statement

To ensure that every student is fully prepared to be a successful contributor in a rapidly changing global society through the dedication of a caring staff and its commitment to create relevant, rigorous, and standards-driven learning in a safe environment.

Athletic Awards & Accomplishments:

CFHS Athletics celebrated an outstanding year, with all 23 varsity teams advancing to the 5A Division I State postseason and eight teams capturing Region VI 5A Championships! Boys Volleyball led the fall highlights as the 5A State Runner-Up, while winter brought an Individual Wrestling State Championship and a bronze medal at the state tournament. Track and field carried that success into spring, earning a 5A Division I State Championship in girls high jump and third-place state finishes in boys high jump and girls pole vault—an incredible year of Panther pride, teamwork, and achievement!.

Academic Awards & Recognitions:

- U.S. News & World Report Best School
- PLTW Distinguished School
- Cognia STEM Certification

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Check out all the exciting things going on in the Forest on social media! Facebook: CarolinaForestHighSchool, Twitter: @cfpanthers, @cfhighschool, @CFHS_council, @CounselCarolina

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