

# SUMTER HIGH SCHOOL

**Grades: 9 through 12**  
**Opening/Closing: 8:15 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.**  
**School Colors: Blue and Gold**  
**School Mascot: Gamecock**  
**School Theme: "Bridging the Gap in  
Academics, Communication and  
Technology"**  
**Enrollment: 2357**  
**Average Class Size: 30**



## **Brief Description of Instructional Program**

Sumter High School helps all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing, facilitating and designing rigorous academic programs, which include Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Enrollment (at both USC and Central Carolina), International Baccalaureate (IB), Foreign language, Project Lead the Way (STEM) and Robotics courses.

Each year the number of students enrolling in challenging, upper-level coursework increases. These academic programs have received local, national and international recognition and awards. We continue the implementation of the AVID Program, which emphasizes organizational and interpersonal skills, preparing students to be college and career ready upon graduation. This program serves our ninth and tenth graders and will expand this year in to the eleventh grade curriculum. Another expansion in our educational setting is increasing the use of technology in the classroom. We incorporated the use of Chromebooks in all core classrooms and will continue

expanding in all grade levels through our district's Global to One initiative.

Sumter High School takes pride in being in the spotlight and creating a path to excellence. Extra-curricular programs provide students the opportunity to experience success while developing the life and career characteristics of perseverance and determination as well as self-direction, collaboration and teamwork. We are extremely proud of our athletes for their amazing accomplishments.

We offer a school-wide Character Education program, which includes instruction on life and career characteristics. All teachers are certified and highly qualified to teach in their field and continue to participate in school and district professional development, which will prepare them to help their students achieve academic success. Sumter High School continues to set and exceed standards of excellence. We embrace the challenge of constantly evolving and growing as professionals in the ever-changing field of education. Our goal continues to be to provide the best, well-rounded educational opportunity for all our students.

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### Outstanding Features and Programs

- International Baccalaureate Diploma Program
- College Prep, Honors, and Advanced Placement Courses
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)
- Vocational Courses (Welding, Cosmetology, Accounting)
- Apple Mac Computer Lab
- Environmental Learning Center
- Teacher Cadet Program
- AFJROTC
- Drama
- Art, Ceramics, and Photography
- Special Education Programs
- Honors Graduate Program
- Credit Recovery
- After School Tutoring
- Free SAT and ACT Prep Courses
- Engineering Program “Project Lead the Way”
- Manufacturing Technology (Mechatronics)
- College Credit through USC Sumter and Central Carolina Technical College
- STEM Premier
- Early College Program

### Recent Awards and Honors

- AdvancEd Accreditation
- 5A Region 6 Principal of the Year
- Palmetto Silver Award
- High Schools That Work Award
- All State Choir Participants
- All State Band Participants
- All State String Participants
- Athletic State and Region Championships
- Palmetto Fellows
- National Merit Scholars
- National Achievement Scholars

- Teaching Fellows
- ROTC Distinguished Unit Award
- AFJROTC Drill Team State Championship

### Extracurricular Activities

- 36 Athletic Teams
- AFJROTC
- Beta Club
- Black Heritage Club
- Cock’s Quill
- Drama Club & International Thespian Society
- Environment Club
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
- First Priority
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Interact Club
- Jazz Band
- Junior Civitans
- Key Club
- Marching Band
- National Honor Society
- National Technical Honor Society
- New Praise Choral & Gospel Choir
- Show Choir
- Spanish Club
- Student Government Association
- Winter Guard
- Yearbook

### Parent and Teacher Opportunities

- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Teacher Advisory Council (TAC)
- School Improvement Council (SIC)
- Band Booster Club
- Athletic Booster Club
- Choral Booster Club
- Drama Booster Club
- Freshman/New Student Orientation

- Senior Parent Night
- Meet the Teacher Night

### Special Student Incentive Programs

- Academic Awards Program
- Band, Strings and Chorus Awards
- Athletic Awards
- Faculty Citizenship Award
- Honor Rolls
- Golden Apple Awards
- Senior Awards Night
- High School Nation
- Sumter Touchdown Club Awards
- CATE Completer Award

### Community Involvement

- Shower Shaw with Cookies
- United Way Campaign
- Principal for the Day
- SC Arts Commission’s ABC Umbrella Project
- Business Partners
- Ed-OP Day, College Fair
- Adopt-A-Highway
- Domestic Walk Against Violence
- Angel Tree
- AFJROTC Blood Drives
- FAFSA Pin Day
- Relay for Life
- American Heart Walk
- Circle K’s Fueling Our Schools Initiative
- IB CAS – Stuffed Animals for Children’s Hope Drive

### Faculty Profile

- One Principal
- Seven Assistant Principals
- 148 Teachers
- One Media Specialist
- Six Guidance Counselors
- 63.8% Advanced Degrees
- 12 National Board Certified Teachers