

Richlands High School

2012-2013 Results and 2013-2014 Next Actions

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School Vision: Excellence in Education

School Mission: Richlands High School will prepare students to be skilled, responsible and ethical leaders for today and beyond.

School Purpose: We Grow Futures

School Executive's Message:

Richlands High School continues to strive for excellence and growing high achieving students. We have a high graduation rate which speaks to our School Purpose Statement of “We Grow Futures”. Our staff has embraced the new Common Core standards and will continue to work diligently to provide instruction that is rigorous and challenging. We worked hard last school year on developing effective PLC's through ongoing staff development. Our staff development this year is focused on data and literacy. We have created an environment where teachers have focused discussion outside of scheduled professional development time which has allowed new and seasoned teachers to share best practices and to grow as educators. As we move through the 2013-14 school year, RHS will continue to focus on learning outcomes that are consistent with the current curriculum to ensure our students are Career and College Ready.

School's Strengths: Richlands High School is a true community of people with history and a solid foundation of core values. We have very little discipline which lends us to being a school where people want to continue to come to. We have a strong Fine Arts department which has been given many opportunities to perform locally and statewide. It is because of these ongoing opportunities and growth within the department that we are working on developing a “Fine Arts” focus of study cohort.

School's Challenges: Due to our ever growing population, we struggle with the limitations of our infrastructure (library, gym, restrooms, auditorium, locker rooms, etc) to adequately provide for our students. We have been able to provide classroom space because of the use of 8 portable classrooms on campus. RHS has continued to struggle with test scores (especially Math I) and the retention of Math I teachers. There is a continued need to work on writing as a focus across the curriculum.

2013-2014 Focused Next Actions:

We will look at, study and use data (ClassScape, EVAAS and all other test scores) to address the concerns in areas of need. We will continue to work on mastering the Common Core and NC Essential Standards and, in particular, the adjustments to the new Math curriculum. Ongoing training with the new PowerSchool program

Greatest Accomplishment in 2012-2013:

For the NC Accountability Report, RHS scored above the local and state averages on the WORKEYS and ACT assessments as well as surpassing the local and state averages on the four and five year graduation cohorts. RHS attained a four year rate of 87.4% and a five year rate of 91.2%.

I am extremely proud of the fact that our students received 1.3 million dollars in scholarships last year!! The vast majority being academic based!!