

## Demographics

Battery Creek High School (BCHS) – Where Dolphins Make A Wave Every Day, is located in a rural area that is north and west of the city of Beaufort. We are one of five public high schools in Beaufort County, and we are demographically 45.4% Black, 39.1% White, 11.4% Hispanic, and 4.1% Other. While we continue to predominately operate on an AB block schedule, we also have a few classes that meet daily. Our basic structure continues to be driven by a focus on the selection of career majors.

For the sixth consecutive year, we have honored parents for making our “Parent Honor Roll.” Parents, by continuing to fulfill criteria established in support of discipline, attendance, and academics, were recognized during each of our school’s two semesters.

Driven by the pursuit of providing an optimal learning environment that will promote the greatest opportunities for students to achieve their intellectual and creative potential to graduate with a clear path of action to become a productive citizen, our Leadership Team and all staff members have worked diligently to implement the concepts of career academies. As a third year TAP school, we were able to build on successes from the previous school year, having earned a Value-Added Score of “5” for the first two years. Among the successes were impressive improvements in end-of-course exam results in U. S. History and English 1. Also impressive was the fact that our school’s Report Card Absolute Rating improved from “Average” to “Good.” To enhance the likelihood of successes, we continued to employ our quarterly celebrations of student achievement, utilized pull-out programs,

analyzed benchmark testing data to develop strategies for addressing areas of academic challenges, and offered extra help after school hours via Title 1 funding. A federally funded initiative, GEAR-UP, was implemented as well. This initiative was put into action to ensure that the Class of 2017 is college and career ready by their graduation year. We also continued the execution of our Drop Everything and Do Math program. In addition, all stakeholders continued to be deeply involved in decision making.

Extracurricular activity participation, with continual high-level student desire to participate in our student activity programs, was again remarkable. Many of our seniors earned academic scholarships, and one of our seniors earned the very prestigious Gates Millennium scholarship. Our Wrestling Team was crowned 2104 State Champion. One of our junior female track team members was our State's AA high jump champ. Coach Nathan Day was recognized as the State's AA Wrestling Coach of the Year by the High School Sports Report. Our MCJROTC program maintained its recognition as a flagship cadet training organization throughout our State and was proud to be informed that the program was recognized as a distinguished school for the twenty-first consecutive year. With pride, our motto: The Creek – Where Dolphins Make A Wave Every Day, continues to be an expectation.

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