

PHILIP SIMMONS HIGH SCHOOL

SIC REPORT TO PARENTS

SPRING 2026



SIC MEMBERS

Chair

Eric Hacher, Teacher

Elected

Lisa Bussinelli, Parent
Terry Haas, Parent
Alicia Wolf, Teacher
Mia Lowe, Student
Ethan Mester, Student
Merritt Payne, Student
Sam Sablotsky, Student

Appointed

Joe Casagrande,
Community Member
Sallie Lawrence,
Community Member
Kate Sablotsky,
Community Member

Ex-Officio

LaTanya Butler, Principal
Paige Duvall, TOY
Joyce Hanclosky, AP

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN GOALS

School Climate: By June 2026, PSH will achieve high satisfaction with the school environment among students, parents, and teachers. To achieve this goal, we implemented school-spirit events, mental health awareness initiatives, a mentorship program, and enhanced stakeholder communication via Thrillshare and social media. To date, we have achieved our satisfaction goals for students and teachers, with parent satisfaction increasing by 12%.

Student Achievement: By June 2026, we will reduce the percentage of students failing one or more classes to 5% and lower the overall course failure rate to 3%. To support this goal, we implemented a comprehensive academic recovery initiative, offered test preparation resources across multiple platforms, established an accommodations lab, and focused on increasing college and career readiness (CCR) rates. In the spring of 2025, PSH had met this goal.

Teacher/Administrator Quality: By June 2026, 100% of teachers and administrators will be actively engaged in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). Our implementation strategy includes reorganizing the PLC structure to ensure all teachers' participation, providing professional development opportunities for all faculty, and identifying technology needs to support our educators. This year, 100% of teachers participated in subject-level PLCs.

For more information about our success, please see the PSH's 2025 School Report Card at <https://www.tinyurl.com/bace82c2>.

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CURRICULUM & OPPORTUNITIES

- The academic program operates primarily on a 4x4 block schedule with a limited number of year-long skinny classes.
- PSH offers 15+ AP Courses across our English, math, science, social studies, and arts departments.
- Over 25 Honors-level courses and dual-credit classes are offered across all departments at PSH.
- Students can earn the following certifications: Manufacturing Skills Standard Council, Certified Nursing Assistant, and Occupational and Safety Health Administration.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

2025 SC Report Card Rating: Excellent

- On-Time Graduation Rate: 91.4%
- EOC English 2 Scoring C or Higher: 80%
- EOC Biology Scoring C or Higher: 66%
- EOC US History Scoring C or Higher: 57%
- AP Exam Scoring 3 or Higher: 83.9%
- 1YOTG: 96.3%
- 2YOTG: 93.6%
- 3YOTG: 88.1%
- 5YSSR: 94.6%
- College OR Career Ready Rate: 82.2%
- Average ACT Composite Score: 19.9
- Average SAT Composite Score: 1067

PSH HIGHLIGHTS IN ATHLETICS, ARTS, AND ACADEMICS

PSH students have achieved an impressive range of accomplishments:

- Highest percentage of students graduating CCR in the district
- Highest ACT/SAT average scores in the district
- Highest percentage of Lottery Scholarship-eligible students in the district
- Highest percentage of seniors earning credits in AP and Dual Credit Courses in the district
- Highest percentage of NHS and Beta Club membership since the school opened
- 10 of 16 possible Region Championships won
- 2024-2025 State Championships in Boys and Girls Cross Country, Girls Track, Boys Golf
- 2025-2026 State Championships in Girls Volleyball, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Boys Basketball
- 31 SCHSL Scholar Athletes
- 1st Place Robotics Team in the LowCountry Qualifier
- Carlisle Cup winner (3rd time in 9 years)
- Marching Band placed 1st in their division in every competition
- 1st Place recipient of the Home Telecom Award and Congressional Award Winner



If you are interested in getting involved with the PSH SIC,
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