

Golden Strip Career Center Report To The Parents 2019-2020

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Golden Strip Career Center is helping all students develop world class skills and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by providing opportunities that will enable students to reach their highest individual potential to live and work successfully in a global economy. We foster an appreciation of the dignity of work, worth of the individual, pride of accomplishment, respect for quality workmanship, and the desire for excelling in a chosen career. We prepare graduates with the essential knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to successfully enter and compete in today's job market or to continue their education at the post-secondary level. We offer dual enrollment through Greenville Technical College for several of our courses where students receive college credit along with their high school Carnegie units.

Golden Strip strives to offer courses that are of interest to students and provide ample opportunities for employment. In addition to on-campus classroom and lab experiences, work-based learning enhances the education of many students through cooperative education (co-op), internship, or apprenticeship experiences. These work-based learning experiences are a "win-win" in providing huge benefits to both the participating student and company. Students are able to apply the skills they are learning in class to real world situations. Students participating in these experiences are typically paid with students usually beginning at industry competitive entry-level wages.

Golden Strip Career Center students participate in student organizations related to their chosen career field. These organizations include SkillsUSA and the National Technical Honor Society. 100% of our students were members of SkillsUSA this school year. We are extremely proud that membership into the National Technical Honor Society was offered for the first time in the 2019-2020 school year. Over 200 students qualified for membership and 75 students were inducted as charter members.

The opportunities for Golden Strip Career Center students are abundant. The 2019-2020 school year saw the addition of two new programs and exciting work-based learning opportunities with upstate employers. Combined with a growing number of certifications offered at our center and the large number of winners at the SkillsUSA state competition, this has been a very successful year for our students. We are constantly striving to do more for our students and with the continued support of our stakeholders – students, parents, businesses, and the community – we will.