Our Diversity is Our Strength: Did you know that...

**Southside High School students speak 22 languages?**

### Academic
- 2014 Palmetto Gold Award Winner
- GCS Highest ACT score; 1, (2015), 1 (2016)

### Athletic
- AAA Region Champions: Boys Basketball, (2016)
- AAA Region Champions: Boys Track 4 x 100, (2015)
- 1 North/South All Stars: Girls Basketball, (2015)
- 1 Shrine Bowl All Stars: Football, (2015)

### Air Force Junior ROTC
- 2nd Place SC Upstate Regional Drill Championships, (2014, 2016)
- 2nd Place Clemson Tiger AFJROTC Meet, (2014, 2016)
- SC High School State All Services Drill Champion, (2013)

### Arts
- AA State Band Finalist, 8th Overall (2015)
- All Region One Honor Band, 1 (2014), 3 (2015)
- All County Band, 3 (2014), 5 (2015)

### Academic Team
- 1st in State, 2016
- District Scholastic Scoreboard Champion (2015)
- PACE National Scholastic Championships, 4th Overall, (2015)

### Forensic Team
- #46 Forensic National Ranking
- NSDA School of Honor, 2014
- CFL School of Excellence Award in Speech, 2014
- 2014 3A Coach of the Year
- AAA State Champions, 2009-2016

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An International Baccalaureate High School

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The purpose of Southside High School is to promote learning as a lifelong endeavor and to provide a comprehensive learning environment with opportunities for all students to develop to their fullest capacity and be productive members of a rapidly changing global and technological society.
School Improvement Council

Monthly meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month at 1 PM in the Media Center.

Elected Members (2 year term)

Jessie Bowens  Parent (2015); SIC Chair  Tracy Hall  Teacher (2015)
Azah Merrill  Student (2015), Student Body Pres.

Appointed Community Members (1-2 year term)

Nutan Malde, Tara Mosley, Dexter Reaves, Bradley Robinson

Ex Officio

Carlos Brooks  Principal
Tracy Hall  Administrator for Curriculum & Instr.

Mission Statement

Southside High School Improvement Council recognizes that a student’s education is a responsibility shared by the school, family, and community. We desire to build and establish a working relationship with Southside students’ families to promote parental involvement to support student learning.

Tag Line

Celebrating Diversity. United in Learning.

2015-2016 Programs and Events Highlights

- IBPC hosted a ‘College Application Essay Writing’ Workshop facilitated by Carol Wilson (Wofford Univ.) and Savita Nair (Furman Univ.)
- College Application Day: Advisors from area colleges assisted seniors in completing their college applications.
- 9th Grade Character Education Program (sponsored by the YMCA)
- Sophomore Institute: In partnership with the National Association of Black Engineers, the Sophomore Institute was founded in 2015
- International Festival: 400+ attendees and participants celebrated the diversity of SHS students’ cultural heritages with a huge “potluck” dinner and student performances of song, dance, and recitation.
- Triple A/G Tutoring: Tutorial and after-school programs are designed to support academic growth in all students.
- Drama: Drama students presented two productions, one each semester.
- PTSA: Serving student needs and welcoming family volunteers in Hospitality, Membership, School Store, Staff Appreciation as well as in support of PTSA school events.
- Senior Prom: A night of music and memories for Southside juniors and seniors.
- School-wide Character Ed Program: Students participated in a school-wide character education program centered around making good choices
- Choral Concerts: Twice a year musical programs presented by Southside’s choral groups.
- Band Concerts: Twice a year band concerts presented by Southside’s Orange Express Band.

2015—School Report Card

Absolute Rating: Average
Improvement Rating: Average

Poverty index: 66.1% ↓
On-time Graduation Rate: 77.6% ↑
2015 5-Year Grad Rate: 74.5% ↑

SIC Goals and Improvement Strategies:

Southside High School has implemented several strategies to improve student achievement this year. The SIC receives regular updates on these important initiatives:

- The administration identified students whose academic performance suggests they would benefit from GCSD’s Life Long Learning program, and PTSA provided funding so that students in danger of not graduating could transfer to the program, which provides flexible instruction and special attention to the needs of at-risk students.
- The administration manages record keeping via a database—test results as well as enrollment and withdrawal dates—to ensure that students are on track for graduation, whether at Southside or another school.
- The Freshmen Academy is in its eighth year of full implementation. Assistant Principal Justin Ludley works closely with a team of teachers to implement programming throughout the year to ensure that all freshmen have opportunities to succeed. Benchmark testing and incentives have been used during the school year to gauge student understanding and reward academic progress.

Facility:

2-story building built in 2006 * 44 acres of land * iPAD lab * 500-seat auditorium * Well-equipped media center * 2 Chrome Book labs
* 7 computer labs * IB Design Tech/Robotics Lab * 3 gyms * 6 tennis courts * Band room * Chorus Room * Well-equipped science labs * Promethean board technology * Greenhouse * Physics & Engineering Lab