

## **Central High School**

Our school's mission is to learn leadership, the common core, and relationships for life. Our mission is to provide a safe, disciplined learning environment that empowers all students to develop their full potential. We feel strongly about helping to build leaders that can succeed in whatever endeavor they undertake. Winning is not always the measure of success. Our students understand the "Win, win" philosophy and use it in their daily life. Common standards keep us focused on learning appropriate content and preparing our students to graduate. Last but just as importantly, setting examples for our students of meaningful and lasting relationships will go with them throughout their lifetime.

Central High School in Flatt County is in rural Madison, South Carolina. The school is located on First street. Madison is a small town situated 20 miles from the county seat. Students come from several small communities which are similar in economic status and diversity while most live in the outlying areas in the county. Our student population is made of 47% Caucasian, 36% African American, 6% Multi-race, and 11% Hispanic. One hundred percent of the teachers hold a bachelor's degree and 57% have a master's level or a specialty degree. Difficult economic times have hit the area resulting in buy-out and closing of two local factories. Over the past three years, enrollment has dropped by 3%. While adopting our own unique mission stated in the introduction, we embrace the district mission of providing a safe, disciplined learning environment that empowers all students to develop their full potential. We strongly agree with and uphold the district's belief statement: "In a consistently safe and healthy environment, all students can become responsible, respectful, and resourceful. We believe students learn best when actively engaged in the learning process. Education is a collaborative partnership involving school, family, and community."

### **What makes us special?**

- Our warm, family-like environment where everyone counts!
- Our high expectations for our students to reach their full potential.
- Our committed, dedicated, and caring staff who strive to make your child's learning and social experiences fun and meaningful.

### **We are on a constant mission to make our learning environment responsive and exciting:**

- Fast, wireless access throughout the school.
- Rated as one of the top academic schools in South Carolina
- e-Learning (using Google Apps for Education)
- Senior classroom block is a modern learning environment (MLE) with 4 classrooms surrounding an open, flexible teaching space which includes a computer hub and art area.
- As well as a suite of desktop computers, we have an enviable 1-1 device-to-student ratio in the senior school with iPads and Chromebooks.
- Interactive data projectors to connect and extend teaching and learning.
- Cycle track and a fleet of Avanti bikes.
- School Radio Station with student DJs.
- Green Screen Room for movie making and other media activities
- Three state championships in the past five years. One in football, one in softball, and one in baseball. Great athletic programs

- 42 Clubs and organizations
- Very school spirited

**Two areas of concerns for the school:**

Originally, Central High School was a 10-12 campus for 17 years. In the spring of 2020, the school geared up to become a complete four-year high school for the 2020-2021 school year. This transitions in grade-level composition is causing destabilizing effect on relationships among staff.

Overcrowding was never a problem. But now, the population of the school has increased from 800 students to 1,250 students The school now has 12 portable classrooms.