

RIVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL

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1. **Excellent Rating from SC Department of Education:** We proudly announce that River Bluff High School has received an Excellent Rating from the South Carolina Department of Education, showcasing our commitment to excellence in education.

2. High National and Metro-Area Rankings: River Bluff High School has earned high rankings in the **2023-2024 Best High Schools list by U.S. News**, both nationally and in the metro area. This recognition reflects our commitment to providing top-quality education.

3. Record Graduation Rate: Our graduation rate has reached an **all-time high of 95.4%**, ranking among the top in the state. This is a testament to our student's hard work and the support of our dedicated staff.

4. College and Career Readiness: An impressive **85% of the 2023 graduation cohort are college or career-ready**, showcasing our commitment to preparing our students for a bright future.

5. Reduced Chronic Absenteeism: We achieved an **11% reduction** in chronic absenteeism rates during the 2022/23 school year, demonstrating our focus on improving student attendance and engagement.

6. Increased **AP Courses:** In the 2022/23 school year, we witnessed a remarkable **21% increase** in students requesting Advanced Placement (AP) courses, totaling 1912 requests. AP courses are advanced-level classes that allow students to earn college credit while in high school, providing a challenging and enriching academic experience.

7. Growth in **Dual Enrollment:** Our dual enrollment program has also seen impressive growth, with a **23% increase** in course requests during the 2022/23 school year (1012 enrollments). Over the past four years, we have witnessed a remarkable **42% increase**. Dual enrollment classes are college-level courses taken by high school students, offering an opportunity to earn both high school and college credit simultaneously, thus jumpstarting their college education.

8. Success in Athletics and the Arts: We have excelled academically, and our students have also shone in athletics and the arts. A record-breaking **30 student-athletes** signed scholarships to play in college, marking an all-time high for our school.

To explore these achievements and our report card findings in greater detail, please visit: <u>https://screportcards.com/</u>

These remarkable accomplishments would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our students, faculty, and staff and the unwavering support of our River Bluff families. Together, we continue to nurture **a community of excellence**.

We look forward to building on these successes in the upcoming academic year and remain committed to providing an exceptional educational experience for our Gators.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in the River Bluff High School community. Let's make the 2023-2024 school year even more exceptional!

Sincerely,

Jacob Smith III Principal, River Bluff High School