

# NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL

## SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

2022-2023

### Trojan Initiatives

Northwestern's School Improvement Council had a primary focus on returning to in person meetings and establishing the criteria for Trojan Excellence. We took time each meeting to reflect on needs specific to Northwestern while acknowledging and celebrating achievements.

Our SIC supported an increased social media presence through the emphasis of our big four to support a safe and engaging learning environment. With social media, we want to promote a positive school image and celebrate the many achievements of our students and faculty and staff.

We were able to conduct our Summer Bridge Program which focused on preparing incoming freshmen for high school culture and procedures. Our school has been able to offer daily after school tutoring through ESSER funds to help with pandemic learning loss. In regards to our performance on the school report card, we've tracked and encouraged students to become completers through programs at our Applied Technology Center. We hosted ACT and SAT Blitzes to prepare our juniors for these standardized assessments. Our End-of-Course Examination teachers (Biology 1, Algebra 1, English 2, and U.S. History and the Constitution) use Mastery Connect to analyze data, provide differentiated groups, and assess students' mastery of their course standards. We have refined our MTSS program and work to provide targeted support to increase student outcomes.



#### Artistic Glows

Our **band** program received the Outstanding Performance Award signifying their success during the marching and concert seasons at multiple events and adjudications.

Our **theatre** program performed *Beauty and the Beast* receiving multiple Blumey nominations. They also received numerous placements and superiors at state festival.

Our **chorus** program received a superior with distinction at their state performance assessment.

Our **orchestra** program received a superior at their state performance assessment.

Our **visual arts** program showcased student work and demonstrated high levels of talent.

#### Athletic Accolades

**Individual State Champion:** Wrestling

**State Runner Up:** Football

**Region Champions:** Volleyball, Girls Cross Country, Wrestling, & Football

Numerous All State and All Region Players



# Academic Achievements



Northwestern continues to take extreme pride in helping all students grow in several areas to develop the World Class Skills identified in the Profile of a South Carolina Graduate. Programs of study at Northwestern include CATE, Dual Credit, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Project Lead the Way. In the 2022 graduating class, 5 students received the IB diploma. We had 10 AP Scholars, 22 AP Scholar Candidates, 21 Dual Credit recognitions, 45 Highest Honors, and 30 Honor graduates. Six students went into military service.

## Membership

### Parents:

- Branda Polk, Chair
- Stacey Reeves, Vice Chair
- Gretchen Hansson

### Students:

- Travis Robbins
- KyAsia Reed
- Dawson Tucker

### Teachers:

- Kelly Chavis, Secretary
- Gisella Cosentino
- Susan Snyder

### Community Members:

- Mercy Cureton
- Latoya Morrison

### Ex-Officio Members:

- Hezekiah Massey
- Candice Phillips
- Rhine Kirkland



It was a great first day  
Trojans!



Some reminders:

- Dress Code (no midriffs, shorts/skirts must be mid-thigh or longer)
- No cell phones or earbuds in class
- No earbuds during transitions
- Wear your ID

## **Purpose of the Report**

This report is issued by the Northwestern School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting several goals and objectives along with other accomplishments during the school year.