

## Artistic Glows

Our school prides itself on relationships students build outside of the classroom and the connections they make through our various extra/co-curricular programs. Northwestern High School's performing and visual arts program produces many South Carolina All-State performers. Our students routinely exhibit artwork in local and state competitions, with many pieces receiving top honors. One of our student's artwork has been placed in the United States Capitol due to winning first place in the 5th Congressional District competition.

### **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.

## MEMBERSHIP

### **Teachers**

Kathryn Castillo, SIC Chair  
Bridget Elmore

### **Students**

Gregory Johnson  
Nolan Robbins

### **Parents**

Lee Ayers  
Chrissie Robbins

### **Community Members**

David Bartles  
Karen Brackett Browning  
Dawn Pursley

### **Ex-officio Members**

Elizabeth Barbery  
Tameka Drayton  
Maurice Herrington  
Branda Polk  
Kevina Satterwhite  
Karl Skroban  
Katie Beth Tinker  
Tanya Tucker

# Northwestern High School

**EXCELLENCE**

**Is Our STANDARD**



## School Improvement Council

Annual Report to Parents

2020-2021

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## Trojan Initiatives

Northwestern's School Improvement Council focused a lot of energy during the 2019-2020 school year on the Bond Referendum. The SIC wanted to ensure that the capital improvements proposed were priority and in the best interest of our school. While COVID-19 did not allow for a Trojan Jump Day to acclimate rising 9th graders to Northwestern, we were still able to host students in our second annual Trojan Summer Bridge Program. This program gave incoming freshmen the opportunity familiarize themselves with campus and learn some tips on having a successful high school career.



For the 2020-2021 school year, the Northwestern SIC will focus on keeping our parents informed and supporting them through the Canvas learning management system. In addition to increasing the percentage of technologically literate parents, we want to help promote the literacy goals of our school and district - to increase disciplinary literacy instruction in all classrooms.

## Athletic Highlights

As a result of the competitive spirit of our numerous student-athletes and twenty varsity teams, Northwestern strives to positively represent our community in competition. Northwestern High School continues to set the bar high for competition on the field, with several all-region, all-area, and all-state performers in the 2019-2020 school year. While continuing our tradition of having athletes who perform well in the classroom, we have received over 40 scholar-athlete awards within the past year.



## Academic Achievements

With a significant number of students trying to learn without internet services, Northwestern, along with Rock Hill School's transportation department, mailed and personally delivered more than 3000 packets of instruction for students throughout our closure. Through these efforts, Northwestern saw a significant increase in our graduation rate, which rose over 3% from 2019 to 87%.

In the 2020 graduating class, 47 seniors graduated with Highest Honors, and 31 graduated with Honors. Seven seniors earned the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma. Twenty-seven seniors graduated with the esteemed status as AP Scholar. Of these 27 AP Scholars, there were 5 AP Scholars with Honor, 5 AP Scholars with Distinction, and 1 National AP Scholar. The number of Gold Seal Diploma students was 139, and the number of Palmetto Fellows were 22. Due to our 2020 graduates and staff's hard work, our combined monetary value of all scholarships awarded exceeded \$15 million.

Northwestern continues to take extreme pride in helping all students develop in several areas while developing World Class Skills identified in the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. Our faculty and staff effectively provide targeted instruction to a diverse group of students. Their dedication to instructional delivery has earned our faculty members local, state, and national honors and awards. Programs of studies at Northwestern include CATE, Dual Credit, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Project Lead the Way.