

Student Achievement

For the 2019-20 school year, Powdersville High School did not receive a report card rating due to the pandemic; however, we believe we would have received another EXCELLENT rating. Our test scores and graduation rate would continue to “substantially exceed the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate.”

Powdersville High again achieved the highest graduation rate in our district, 94.6%. As always, we are very proud of our efforts to get EVERY student prepared for life after high school with a diploma.

Powdersville High School was again recognized by US News & World Report as one of the top high schools in the nation and state of South Carolina. We were named the top high school in Anderson School District One by the US News & World Report.

Powdersville High continues to work diligently on staff development for virtual and face-to-face instruction. We place students’ safety as our main priority, while also focusing on the goal of providing a high quality education to all of our students based on the Profile of a SC Graduate.

Powdersville High School REPORT CARDS for previous years are available at www.ed.sc.gov.

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Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the Powdersville High School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school’s progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.”

**Powdersville High School
Annual**

School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2019-2020



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Mission Statement

Powdersville High School is a community of learners committed to student success.

Vision

Students at Powdersville High School will be college and career ready upon graduation.

**SIC Annual Goals for the
2020-2021 School Year**

Goal 1: Powdersville High School will improve the average SAT composite score by 5 or more points above the Anderson School District One average **OR** improve the average ACT composite school by 1 or more points over the Anderson School District One average.

Goal 2: The students of Powdersville High School will annually improve performance on the SC EOCEP by 1% above the state average on four out of five of the following End of Course Exams: Algebra, English I, Biology, and U.S. History and 1% on the overall passing average of the state.

Goal 3: PVHS teachers will receive staff development in order to improve their ability to provide effective virtual instruction.

The SIC plays an important advisory role in the accomplishment of the above goals. The variety of input that the SIC provides is useful in making important decisions. Perspectives from inside the school (teachers and administrators) meet with perspectives of those outside the school (parents and community members). Together we discuss goals, allocation of resources, policies and procedures and direction and vision for Powdersville High School.

School Achievements

2019-20 was an outstanding year at Powdersville High School. Our school continues to stand out as one of the best in the State.

Non-Academic Awards and Accomplishments:

1. Our **Varsity Girls' Volleyball** team won the AAA State Championship. Volleyball coach, **Brooke Passini**, was named SCHSL AAA Coach of the Year.
2. Our **Boys' Cross Country Team**, coached by **Libby Holiday** and **Isaac Moore**, won the Regional Championship.
3. **The Ville**, the Powdersville High School literary magazine advised by **Amanda Foster**, was awarded 3rd place in the State in Poetry, Fiction, and Sketch Design.
4. Senior, **Draylon Burton**, was named #2 ranked player for 3A basketball in South Carolina. He was also named the 2020 Region One 3A Player of the Year and was part of the 2020 3A Boys' SCBCA All State Team. The **Boys' Basketball** coach was **Chase Garner**.
5. 13 **Powdersville High School Chorus** members, led by **Carol Adams**, made Region Choir.
6. The Powdersville **Jazz Band**, directed by **Trey Ferrell**, earned straight Superior ratings for the first time in the school's history.
7. Powdersville High School students, under the leadership of **STUCO** and their advisor **Chandler Rushing**, raised \$35,023.80 for the Care Center during Spirit Week.

Presidential Award for Excellence in

Mathematics and Science Teaching

Dr. Jenny Van Buren, mathematics teacher at Powdersville High School, was named by President Donald J. Trump as a recipient of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). She is one of two recipients in the state of South Carolina. Nominations and awards are facilitated by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Established in 1983, PAEMST is the highest award given by the U.S. Government to kindergarten through 12th grade teachers of mathematics and science, including computer science.

A panel of distinguished mathematicians, scientists, and educators at the State and National levels assess the applications before recommending nominees to OSTP. Teachers are selected based on their distinction in the classroom and dedication to improving science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education.