

Student Achievement

For the 2018-19 school year, Powdersville High School received a rating of EXCELLENT on the annual South Carolina School Report Card, acknowledging that our school's performance "substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate."

Powdersville High again achieved the highest graduation rate in our district, 96.7%. This number means that only two of the over 200 students who entered our school as 9th graders did not complete a high school diploma. 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 recognized by US News & World Report as one of the top high schools in the Nation. This is the first such recognition since PVHS opened in 2011.

Powdersville High continues to lead Anderson One and continues to rank among the highest in the state on mandated testing such as End of Course Testing, AP, and SAT/ACT.

"To view the entire report card for Powdersville High School for the 2018-19 school year, look for the "REPORT CARDS" section on the South Carolina State Department of Education website. 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" 2018-19



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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

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: 100% of PVHS teachers will participate in collaborative planning within their departments each month throughout the entire school year and provide documentation of collaboration through a Google Form, which was created by administration with the input of faculty council members.

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

2018-19 was an outstanding year at Powdersville High School. Our students and faculty have been recognized for their accomplishments and 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 State Championship.
2. Volleyball coach, **Brooke Passini**, was named SCHSL AAA Coach of the Year.
3. Our **Varsity Girls' Soccer Team**, coached by **Collin Melton**, was runner-ups at the SCHSL State AAA Soccer Championship.
4. Senior, **Cason Leigh Barbary**, was named Distinguished Young Woman of Anderson County.
5. **Avery Brocket, Sterling Nicholas, Kara Wacenske, and Conley Bowers**, all students in **Eric Anthony and Caytee Champman's** Science classes, received a first place award for the coolest crystal in the US Crystal Growing Competition.
6. Junior, **Draylon Burton**, reached 1000 career points in basketball. The first male player to reach this goal in school history.
8. For the first time in school history, **Jerek Walker, Walker Patterson and Liam Wubben**, made All State Chorus.

SC History Teacher of the Year

Leslie Martin, U.S. History teacher at Powdersville High School, has been named the 2019 South Carolina History Teacher of the Year, an award presented annually by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the nation's leading organization dedicated to K-12 American history education.

Inaugurated in 2004, the History Teacher of the Year Award highlights the crucial importance of history education by honoring exceptional American history teachers from elementary school through high school. The award honors one K-12 teacher from each state, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools and US Territories.

Now celebrating its twenty-fifth year, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History was founded in 1994 by Richard Gilder and Lewis E. Lehrman, visionaries and lifelong supporters of American history education. The Institute is the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to K-12 history education while also serving the general public. Its mission is to promote the knowledge and understanding of American history through educational programs and resources.