

## School Achievements

National AVID Demonstration Site

“Good” Absolute Score and “Excellent” Growth Rating on 2012 Report Card

Gold Flag for performance and Silver Flag for “Closing the Gap” from the state

City and Conference football champs, 2012 season

Second place in the district-wide middle school Battle of the Books

Nine Junior Scholars

Corey White Award winner-Zoie Smith

School Geography Bee winner-Max Melnik,

School Spelling Bee winner-Jaden Wright

National Board Renewal-Linda Couch,

Anderson Arts Center 2013 Youth Art Month Show in March-Ashley Bailey, Mark Orndoff, Liza Kravchuk, Jaden Wright, Jocelyn Martin, Max Melnik, Zoie Smith, and Cassidy Treadwell

AnMed Display Choice Award-mosaic will be displayed for one year-Liza Kravchuk;

Arts High School Orchestra Southwood Academy of the Arts-Anslie Vickery

## **Robert Anderson**

### **SIC Members**

*Nori Gale, Community Member, Chair*

*Mysti Ballard, Parent*

*Jennifer Diebold, Teacher*

*Wendy Johnson, Teacher*

*Jada Pond, Student*

*Jim Rometry, Parent*

*Emily Vickery, Parent*

*Macy Gaines, Community*

*Jason Rudas, Community*

*Kathy Dobbins, Principal*

*Curtis Smith, Instructional Facilitator*

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### **Purpose of the Report**

*This report is issued by the Robert Anderson College and Career Academy 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.*

## **Robert Anderson College and Career Academy Annual School Improvement Council**

### **Report to the Parents 2012-2013**



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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Robert Anderson College and Career Academy is to prepare our students to be self-sufficient adults by creating a culture which nurtures academic achievement through rigorous instruction, develops student leadership skills, and promotes college and career readiness.

## SIC Annual Goals

- Percentage of students in grades 6-8 who score Met or above on ELA, math, science, and social studies PASS tests will increase by 2%.
- Using SIMILAR SCHOOLS data, our school will improve its rank in 80% of the identified areas of concern.
- Recruit and retain highly qualified teachers for every classroom by assuring that all teachers meet the NCLB highly qualified definition.
- The school climate will improve through increased parent/community involvement and better citizenship as detailed in our plan.

The goals listed above are part of our five year improvement plan for 2008-2012. Since the 2011-2012 school year was the first year of existence for Robert Anderson, we have nothing but baseline data from our 2012 PASS scores and report card.

The Robert Anderson staff will continue to make high student achievement the number one goal for our students.

Highly qualified teachers are a necessity in classrooms and the administration will continue to hire teachers who meet the highly qualified status as determined by the SC State Department guidelines.

Parents are always welcome at Robert Anderson, and the goal is to have more parents involved with volunteer opportunities at the school. Along with Mrs. Dobbins' Sunday call and the school website, our goal is to provide more information about all volunteer opportunities.

## Student Achievement

On the fall MAP testing, students from Robert Anderson showed growth in all areas. Below is the percentage of students who increased in each content area from fall 2011 to fall 2012:

Reading: 59.3%  
Mathematics 53.3%  
Language Usage: 60.9%

Student achievement is also reflected in the fact that Robert Anderson received a "Good" Absolute Rating and an "Excellent" Growth Rating on the 2012 State Report Card. The school also received a gold flag for performance and a silver flag for "closing the gap." The school received a score of 89.4 on the new Federal Accountability scale. This indicates that students exceeded state expectations during PASS testing in 2012.

100% of Algebra 1 students made a score of 70 or above on the End of Course Test compared to 97.1% of students in schools like ours. 97.1% of our English 1 students scored 70 or above compared to 95.3% in schools like ours.

72.9% of teachers at Robert Anderson have advanced degrees compared with 60% at schools like ours.

***For more information, you may view Myschool's "S.C. School Report Card for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).***

## Additional Information

Our founding principal, Mrs. Evelyn Murphy passed away on December 29, 2012. Her legacy will go on in the culture she created first at Southwood and carried to Robert Anderson. The walkway in front of the school has been named Murphy's Way, and a reading garden will be constructed in front of the library and named "The Evelyn Murphy Reading Garden" in her memory. The AVID scholarship has also been renamed "The Evelyn Murphy AVID Scholarship."

Mrs. Kathy Dobbins was named principal, and Mr. Matthew Crawford was named assistant principal.

The Anderson Five School Board approved the name change from Robert Anderson Middle School to Robert Anderson College and Career Academy on March 17, 2013. The name change reflects our magnet status of college/career readiness with AVID and leadership as the key components.

Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, Robert Anderson will initiate a 1:1 technology initiative. Every student at Robert Anderson will have the use of a Google Chromebook during the school day. Teachers will use this technology to increase content knowledge in new and innovative ways. Robert Anderson is the only school in District Five that will have 1:1 technology during the 2013-2014 school year.