

## School Achievements

National AVID Demonstration Site

2015-2016  
AVID Schoolwide  
Site of Distinction

School Geography Bee winner-Alana Blair

School Spelling Bee winner-Morgan McConnell

Annual Anderson Arts Center Youth Art Month  
Show: Tiffany Lu, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Middle School

Duke Tip Scholars (7<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Abby Lippiatt  
Caitlin Watkins

Jr. Scholars (8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Garrett Donald  
Dominiq Wahlenmayer  
Jacob Gipson  
Tiffany Lu  
Randall McGill  
Carlie Howard

Cory White Award-Korianna Watt

Teacher of the Year 2015-2016  
Courtland Wright

All County Orchestra  
1<sup>st</sup> Violin  
7<sup>th</sup> grade: Caitlin Watkins  
8<sup>th</sup> grade: Lauren Ladsen, Alana Blair

## **Robert Anderson**

### **SIC Members**

*Veronica Wideman, Chair*  
*Diane Koch, Parent*  
*Adrianna Ligon, Parent*  
*Sandra Whitney, Parent*  
*Megan Allen, Teacher*  
*Courtland Wright, Teacher*  
*James Clinkscales, Community*  
*Macy Gaines, Community*  
*Melissa Elgin, Parent*  
*Korianna Watt, Student*  
*Leonard Galloway, Principal*  
*Ansley Jones, Instruction*  
*Matthew Crawford, Asst. Principal*  
*Diane Mayfield, Asst. Principal*



### **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 Middle School**

### **Annual School Improvement Council**

### **Report to the Parents 2015-2016**



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### MISSION STATEMENT

The Robert Anderson Middle School's mission is to educate students through rigorous instruction in order to prepare them to be college and career ready.

## SIC Annual Goals

- Percentage of students in grades 6-8 who score Met or above on science, and social studies PASS tests will increase by 1%. This year base scores will be determined using SC Ready for ELA and Math.
- 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.
- In addition, the state has mandated that the school develop a plan to implement the *Read to Succeed* mandated by the South Carolina Department of Education. The goals for *Read to Succeed* will be included in the revised strategic plan. This plan will ensure that South Carolina graduates are College and Career ready.

The goals listed above are part of our five year improvement plan for 2013-2018.

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 Mr. Galloway's Sunday call and the school website, our goal is to provide more information about all volunteer opportunities.

## Student Achievement

During the 2014-2015 school year, the students at Robert Anderson participated in the ACT Aspire testing for ELA and Math and PASS Testing for Science and Social Studies. The following numbers indicate the percentages of students who showed grade level proficiency on the tests.

English: 67.8% (Middle schools with students like ours-62.3%)

Reading: 33.3% (Middle Schools with students like ours-32%)

Mathematics: 40.4% (Middle Schools with students like ours-31.1%)

Writing: 32.7% (Middle Schools with students like ours-24.5%)

PASS Science: 69.6% of the students scored Met or above. (Middle Schools like ours-58%)

PASS Social Studies: 77% of the students Scored Met or above. (Middle Schools like ours-66.5%)

100% of Algebra 1 students made a score of 70 or above on the End of Course Test compared to 95.7% of students in middle schools like ours. 100% of our English 1 students scored 70 or above compared to 91.1% in middle schools like ours.

78.4% of teachers at Robert Anderson have advanced degrees compared with 58.1% at middle schools like ours.

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

## Additional Information

During the 2015-16 several important decisions were made that will impact the students at Robert Anderson. The name of the school was changed back to its original name of Robert Anderson Middle School. The mascot also underwent a change from Patriot to RAM. This will allow fluidity in the academic and sports programs from Robert Anderson to Westside. A second decision that will impact not only Robert Anderson, but also Lakeside, was the decision to merge the schools at the beginning of the 17-18 school year. A new Career Center will be built on the present Lakeside site. Construction has already begun at Robert Anderson and will continue during the 16-17 school year.

Robert Anderson welcomed a new principal at the beginning of the 15-16 school year. Mr. Leonard Galloway came to the middle school after serving as principal at Varennes Elementary.

Along with high academic expectations, students at Robert Anderson are encouraged to develop an attitude of service to the community. This year the students had many opportunities to assist the Beta Club in activities that included: Alzheimer Memory Walk, PAWS, NHC, Richard Campbell Veterans Home, Anderson Ladies Club, Relay for Life, New Prospect Fall Fest, Centerville Fall Fest, and Water Collection.

Teachers at Robert Anderson continue to use AVID strategies and other Best Practices to ensure that students maintain high expectations for achievement. As an AVID National Demonstration Site the school is open to visitors all over the country to visit and observe our AVID practices in the classroom.