

School Achievements

National AVID Demonstration Site
National AVID trainers-Jenny Piel, Rene McCormick, Kathy Dobbins

“Average” Absolute Score and “Average” Growth Rating on 2012 Report Card

Grade of “A”-Federal Accountability Rating System

Newberry College Hall of Master Teachers- Wendy Johnson, seventh grade social studies teacher

Four Junior Scholars

School Geography Bee winner-Jacob Boyce

School Spelling Bee winner-Isaiah Ligon

National Board renewal-Rene McCormick

Anderson Arts Center-Youth Art Month’s Juried Art Show-LaQuan Craft, 2nd Place, Middle School Division

AnMed Art Award-Ryan Mitioglo

VFW Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest (local)
1st Place-Liza Kravchuk
2nd Place-Nancy Dong

Jordan Thompson was chosen to share his AVID experience at the National Conference in Orlando, FLA during the summer.

Cory White Award-Tensleigh Thomas

Robert Anderson

SIC Members

Nori Gale, Community Member, Chair
Jenny Piel, Teacher
Jordan Thompson, Student
Adriane Ligon, Parent
Larry Merriweather, Parent
Nina Stevenson, Parent
Veronica Williams, Parent
Macy Gaines, Community
Kathy Dobbins, Principal
Curtis Smith, Instructional Facilitator
Diane Mayfield, Assistant 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 College and Career Academy Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2013-2014



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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 1%.
- 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 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 Mrs. Dobbins' Sunday call and the school website, our goal is to provide more information about all volunteer opportunities.

Student Achievement

During the 2012-13 school year, the achievement on the PASS tests earned Robert Anderson a grade of "A" from the Federal grading system. PASS scores for 2013 compare favorably with schools like ours. The school averages for students scoring met or above is as follows:

ELA	69.7%
Math	74.3%
Science	76.5%
Social Studies	73.7%

91.1% of Algebra 1 students made a score of 70 or above on the End of Course Test compared to 96.3% of students in schools like ours. 100% of our English 1 students scored 70 or above compared to 95.8% in schools like ours.

76.6% of teachers at Robert Anderson have advanced degrees compared with 58.7% at 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.

Additional Information

During the 2012-2013 school year the Reading Garden that was established in Mrs. Murphy's memory was completed. Students now have a place outside the library to read and enjoy nature. Mrs. Murphy's love of reading will be remembered by students and staff who enjoy the garden. This was a joint effort between the staff and students at Robert Anderson and the Anderson Five District Office.

A 1:1 technology initiative was implemented at Robert Anderson during the 13-14 school year. Every student at Robert Anderson has the use of a Google Chromebook during the school day. As of the third nine weeks, each student is allowed to take the Chromebook home and use it for homework and research.

Robert Anderson remains a National AVID Demonstration School. As a result, all students at the school benefit from AVID strategies. Each student is provided a binder and tabs to assist with organizational skills. Our goal is that all teachers will attend a Summer Institute session the summer after they are hired. 2014-2015 will be our re-designation year.