

School Achievements

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

“Average” Absolute Score and “Average” Growth Rating on 2014 Report Card Grade of “B”-Federal Accountability Rating System

School Geography Bee winner-Hadley Smith

School Spelling Bee winner-Gia Gartman

Art Award-Ashley Bailey-Honorable Mention
Art piece will be displayed at AnMed during the 2015-2016 school year.

Duke Tip Scholars (7th grade)
Garrett Donald
Dominiq Wahlenmayer

Jr. Scholars (8th grade)
Kelly Crittendon
Brandon Gilliam
Delila Griesemer
Curtis Robinson
Audrianna Witcher
Averia Young

Cory White Award-Alexis Archila-Espinoza

Robert Anderson

SIC Members

*Veronica Williams, Chair
Jenny Piel, Teacher
Jordan Thompson, Student
Adriane Ligon, Parent
Larry Merriweather, Parent
Cynthia Gillespie, Parent
Macy Gaines, Community
Kathy Dobbins, Principal
Curtis Smith, Instructional Facilitator
Diane Mayfield, Assistant Principal
Matthew Crawford, Assistant Principal
Nori Gale, Community*



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 2014-2015



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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 science, and social studies PASS tests will increase by 1%. This year base scores will be determined using ACT Aspire 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.

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 2013-2014 school year, the achievement on the PASS tests earned Robert Anderson a grade of "B" from the Federal grading system. PASS scores for 2014 compare favorably with schools like ours. Our scores were the second highest in the state among Title I schools. The school averages for students scoring met or above is as follows:

	2014	2013
ELA	70.4%	69.7%
Math	75%	74.3%
Science	77.8%	76.5%
Social Studies	73.7%	76.7%

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. 100% of our English 1 students scored 70 or above compared to 94.8% in schools like ours. Robert Anderson's Algebra I, English I, and seventh grade science benchmark scores were the highest of the middle schools in Anderson 5.

69.4% of teachers at Robert Anderson have advanced degrees compared with 60.9% 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 2014-15 school year, Robert Anderson was re-designated a National AVID Demonstration School. This year the faculty and staff have sponsored two AVID Showcase days. Visitors from across the state and other parts of the country visited Robert Anderson to observe AVID strategies and our tutorial classes, as well as learning why we are a demonstration site. We also hosted the regional directors from the eastern division of AVID. It is an honor to be chosen to host the event.

Our 1:1 technology program has been a success, and is being used as a model for the district 1:1 initiative. Robert Anderson students are able to enjoy a variety of strategies, and are exposed to world-wide information on the Chromebooks.

One of the highlights of our 2014-2015 was our Diversity Week. Along with Lakeside Middle School, we joined Clemson University and planned activities each day to promote diversity awareness. Clemson provided flags to represent each country we have represented in our schools. Other activities included a door decorating contest, international music played at lunch, students and teachers dressed up to represent a country, and a career day with international students presenting. The week culminated with students from Clemson presenting facts about their countries to Lakeside and Robert Anderson students at a combined assembly.

