

A.L. Corbett Middle School Narrative

A.L. Corbett Middle Schools, a 6th-8th, is located in a rural farming community in Wagener, SC. Our student body consists of approximately 192 students and 30 faculty and staff members. We strive to provide a safe, caring, and academically challenging teaching and learning environment through the implementation of our school's *Purpose* and *Direction*.

- Our *Purpose* is to become a learning community with a safe environment that fosters engaged learners, involved parents, and dedicated teachers.
- Our *Direction* is to establish a supportive environment and engage every student in educational experiences in preparation for his or her next grade level

We demonstrate our *Purpose* and *Direction* by providing continuous support and professional development our teachers, by challenging all students to reach their full potential through the implementation of research-based best practices and by providing opportunities for parents to support student learning by becoming involved in our school.

Our school is helping all develop the World Class Skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by creating a teaching and learning environment that is safe, caring, and academically challenging.

- To assist students in developing World Class Skills, we provide technology activities and project-based learning that promotes critical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration.
- We are arming our students with World Class Knowledge, to support the development of World Class Skills, by providing opportunities in Math, Language Arts, and Science, Social Studies, and Exploratory courses. These offerings will help our students become college and career ready. World Class Knowledge is also developed through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math activities.
- Life and Career Characteristics such as integrity, self-direction, and work ethics are developed through character development activities, leadership and mentoring opportunities, and school and community service activities. Development of these characteristics will aid students in the development of World class Skills.

Many programs and activities at A.L. Corbett support students academically, behaviorally, socially, emotionally, and physically. These programs and activities include Read 180, acceleration and remediation opportunities, Gifted and Talented, Future City, Robotics in the upcoming year, Mock Trial, Science Fair, multiple computer labs, a Synergy Lab, technology integration, Math Night, Literacy Night, partnering with SCABSE, a mentoring program, book clubs, Spirit Week, awards day programs, Honor Chorus, TEAM, Juniors Beta Club, Career Day, Field Day, college field trips, educational field study trips, Sports, Cheerleading, Academic Team, Parent Teacher Organization, Pro-Team, School Improvement Council.

We believe it is essential that each of our students learn the characteristics or traits they need to develop to be a good person, student, and leader – respect, trustworthiness, kindness, collaboration, and responsibility. These skills will help to ensure our students' success now and throughout their lives. In an effort to foster this and to help out the leader in each of our students. A.L. Corbett began the journey of becoming a “Leader in Me School” this past year. We are a community of leaders who value relationships, recognize worth and potential and strive for effectiveness in all we do. We commit to modeling and living the “7 Habits of Highly Effective People” and the “Attributes of Premier Students”, defining and rising to expectations, and planning and executing with fidelity and being intentional. A.L. Corbett 's expectations have shown true effectiveness with its EOC scores in English 1, boasting a 100% pass rate with an 81.2% overall average score. Algebra 1 made gains with a 5% growth margin. Overall, A.L. Corbett's growth throughout the school ranged from 1% to 43% in the various subject areas.

A.L. Corbett believes it is vital to build a culturally-responsive environment and positive relationship with our community, businesses, and churches. Program and activities such as our Veterans Day Program, Black History Program, the Wagener Tree Lighting and Parade, PTO family involvement activities, Health and Wellness Fair, Pro-Team “Pro Friday” initiatives, Doughnuts for Dads, Muffins for Moms, Grits for Grandparents, Pastries for Pastors, and Alumni Day help us to build these relationships. Additionally, a number of our teachers presented throughout and beyond the district, educating others and sharing their knowledge from A.L. Corbett.

The faculty, staff, parents, and communities of A.L. Corbett continuously focus on improving instruction to better prepare our students academically, behaviorally, socially, emotionally, and physically. Our Core Values of Commitment, Curriculum, Character, Community, and being Culturally-Responsive will continue to foster a lion’s spirit of engaged learners, involved parents, and dedicated teachers!

We truly appreciate the support we receive from our community district as we work to ensure that our students develop the World Class Skills they will need to become South Carolina high school graduates and life-long learners!

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