

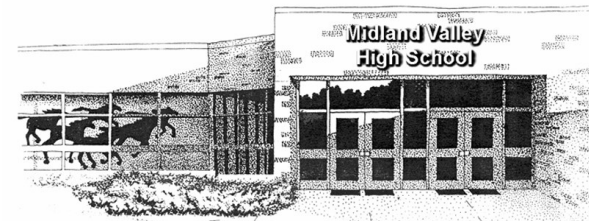


**Sheldon Higgenbottom, Principal**  
Stephanie King, SIC Chairperson

**Assistant Principals:**  
Dr. Sherrod Davis, James Dzikowski,  
Mary Morris, Amber Rahman, and Brad Watson

# Midland Valley High School

*Statistical data demonstrates a pattern of improvement as well as areas in which we need to concentrate to continue growth.*



## Academic Accomplishments

- MVHS has the highest population of Multilanguage Learners compared to the other high schools in our district..
- We are the only high school in Aiken County with a full push-in model for Special Education students. (Providing them more opportunity to pursue career classes which leads to graduating Career Ready.)
- 72% are considered college or career ready by the state of SC. This number proves that upon graduation, our Valley students are ready, prepared, and motivated to enter the workforce or college directly.

**MVHS is celebrating the 10th year of the Early College Program and the sixth graduating cohort of Seniors who will complete an Associate Degree through**

## SC STOCK MARKET GAME ONLINE

Across the State, over 30 schools with approximately 700 students competed in an Online SC Stock Market Simulation Game. The MVHS team of **Brandon Diaz, Jashun Holmes,** and **Charles Simpkins** finished 12th out of 692 teams.

## HOSA (FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS)



## Teacher Cadets

Teacher Cadet continues to be a strong program at MVHS. Teacher Cadets took their annual tour of USC Aiken. They visited the Children's Center where they interacted with the young children, applying their learning from their child development study, and toured the campus. Also, Teacher Cadets participated in a field experience where they worked in classrooms in various elementary and middle schools in the district where they taught lessons and assisted teachers. They learned much about being an educator!

## College & Career Readiness 2025

	MVHS	District	State
Career Ready	71%	72.8%	73.3%
College or Career Ready	72.3%	74.1%	75.1%
College and Career Ready	21.8%	26.4%	31.2%
College Ready	23.1%	27.7%	33%

Indicators	2022	2023	2024	2025
Over All Rating	Good	Average	Below Average	Average
Graduation Rate	93.3	90.2	81.7	84.5
SAT Average	983	982	913	927
ACT Average	16	16	15.5	16.3

Source: <https://screportcards.com>

## SIC Members

### ELECTED MEMBERS

Megan Hunkins, Parent  
Brooke Gilmer, Parent  
Litzya Pineda Flores, Student  
Larue Hicks, Student  
Kayla Hartsock, Teacher  
Amber Stokes, Teacher

### APPOINTED MEMBERS

Sherrod Davis, Community Member  
Stephanie King, Community Member  
Charlotte Taylor, Community Member

# Midland Valley High School

## SIC Report to Parents

## FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

### Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the Midland Valley 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."

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL GOALS:**  
INCREASE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT  
INCREASE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT  
MAINTAIN TEACHER QUALITY

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# Midland Valley High School *Mission Statement*

Midland Valley High School promotes academic success, respect, lifelong learning and citizenship.

## DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION CLUBS OF AMERICA

In November, Midland Valley DECA held their annual Induction ceremony off campus and in the community, they partnered with Gregg Park Civic Center to host the event. This event gave us the opportunity to both educate community members about DECA and to induct new members into our chapter. We want to show pride in our chapter and give recognition to not only those who have joined, but also the people that make DECA possible. We invited parents, school district personnel and community members to attend and dine with us, as we provided dinner and gave out certificates to welcome our members and officially kick off this year's chapter! We have 101 total MVHS DECA members this year! We were also presented a Grant by one of our business partners, the Gregg Graniteville Foundation, to help fund our DECA Leadership Power Trip in Washington, DC. To conclude our banquet, we presented all new and returning members with a certificate, pin, and sticker. This event was a major success.



**STATE Competition** - 46 Midland Valley DECA Members attended the SC DECA Career and Development Conference last week, along with 1700 other DECA members from across the State. We had 15 members that placed in the top 10 of the categories they competed in, including one 1st place winner, one 2nd place winner, and two 5th place winners. Our chapter also received a Gold Certification on our Program of Work and achieved Thrive Level on Chapter Campaigns (the highest you can achieve). We have earned up to 8 spots at the DECA International Career and Development Conference (Nationals) in Atlanta, GA!



**LEADERSHIP POWER TRIP** The DECA Leadership team attended the Power Trip Conference in Arlington, VA/Washington, DC. This invaluable conference offered an interactive experience where students got to engage with DECA members nationwide, participate in workshops, practice competition role plays, and develop critical business and leadership skills that will serve them well in their academic and professional futures.



**SERVICE PROJECT** - Midland Valley DECA partnered with Gloverville Elementary School in December to spend a day of community service that we call Day of DECA. DECA members collect items for "Merry Mustang Bags" to give to the students who are in need. We were able to donate over 50 bags this year! These bags contain crayons, coloring books, personal hygiene items, school supplies, socks, gloves, puzzles, and one toy. DECA members go to the elementary school to read to the kids, provide snack/goodie bags, and a holiday themed craft, such as bookmark building kits. We begin preparing and planning for this event in early November, preparing our chapter, and reaching out to the school principal and school counselors to coordinate this event.

## STOMPING GROUNDS CAFE

DECA and the Professional Leadership and Sales class run our School Based Enterprise, Stomping Grounds Café. The School Based Enterprise is the main element in our DECA chapter. This is a retail-based enterprise selling lemonade, coffee, slushies, and healthy snacks during all four lunches. DECA members are in charge of keeping up with inventory, promotion, pricing, marketing research, and sales. The money raised from the café goes back into our DECA chapter for supplies and minimize conferences and competitions fees. The café offers opportunities for students to learn how to run a business and earn certifications that they can take into the real world.

## SPORTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Heavyweight Sean Tiedman brings second wrestling State Championship to Midland Valley!**

**Addison Haltiwanger** was selected as the Female SC Recipient of the **Myles Wilson Scholarship** given by the SCAAA. We enjoyed reading her essay and seeing all of the great things she has accomplished. They choose one male and one female from the state of SC for this award.

**Ben Gavin** - All Academic Team  
**RBI Classic**  
**Southeastern Baseball Classic**