



**J. L. Mann High School
Academy of Mathematics, Science, and Technology**

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Annual Community Report 2015

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Grades: 9th – 12th

Enrollment: 1716

School Colors: Columbia Blue, White, and Red

School Mascot: The Patriot

Mission Statement:

The mission of J. L. Mann High School is to provide each student with the opportunity to become lifelong learners by nurturing students' individuality, guiding students' learning, and challenging students to think critically through the shared involvement of teachers, administrators, parents, and community members.

Patriots Lead the Way

Academically, J. L. Mann continually strives to advance the achievement of all our students, and 2014 was no exception. For the fourth consecutive year, Mann has been recognized as a Palmetto Gold School. The Class of 2014 received \$7,523,026.00 in higher education scholarships including the following: 30 Palmetto Fellows, 2 National Merit Finalists, 1 National Merit Letter of Commendation, 9 Sirrine Scholars, and 107 AP Scholars. J. L. Mann has 7 Nationally Board Certified teachers. We also received the ACT and SAT Merit of Excellence. Established in 2012, the Power of M program is continuing to be successful in helping to reduce the number of student failures in entry-level classes. This, along with our after school transportation and tutoring program, has helped us to see a decrease in the number of student failures school wide.



J. L. Mann Achievements and Activities

Extra-Curricular Activities

Academic Team	Achievers Club	Anime Club
Art Club	Book Club	Color Guard
Cooking Club	Drama Club	Drill Team
Ducks Unlimited	Fashion Club	Forensic Science Club
FBLA	FCA	Fly Fishers
French Club	History Club	Interact Club
JROTC	Key Club	Beta Club
Manuscript Newspaper	Mann Nation	Marching Band
Jazz Band	Math Team	Medical Leaders of Tomorrow
National Art Honor Society	National Honor Society	Outdoor Club
Patriot Alliance	Raider Team	Robotics
Show Choir	Sign Language Club	Spanish Club
S.P.E.C.I.A.L.S.	Speech & Debate	Student Council
Table Tennis	Teacher Cadets	World Class Partner Exchange
Yearbook	Youth in Government	Science Club
Bible Study	Current Events Club	Patriot TV
Science Club	Step Team	Voices of Harmony Choir
World Class Partner Exchange	Patriot Learning Memorial Garden	Junior Achievement Titan Challenge
Young Advocates for the Handicapped		

Indicators of School Performance

	2014	2013	2012
State Report Card Absolute Rating	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
State Report Card Improvement Rating	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating	88 B	78.3 C	58.4 F
HSAP Passage Rate by Spring	94.7%	94.4%	92.7%
Advanced Placement Success Rate	59.8%	57.0%	50.5%
Enrolled in AP Courses	46.8%	44.0%	46.2%
Student attendance rate		93.9%	94.0%
Student drop-out rate	1.8%	2.6%	3.4%
Enrollment in Career Tech Courses	773	N/A	603
Teachers with advanced degrees	71.3%	68.4%	67.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	97.0%	95.0%
Exit Exam (HSAP) passage rate: Second Year Students	78.5%	84.7%	85.9%
Algebra 1 End-of-Course Passage Rate	85.8%	81.8%	80.0%
English 1 End-of-Course Passage Rate	82.5%	76.3%	75.9%
Biology 1 End-of-Course Passage Rate	90.7%	89.7%	80.6%
US History End-of-Course Passage Rate	83.4%	80.8%	75.6%
Graduation Rate	86.2%	80.0%	75.7%

Source: J. L. Mann Annual School Report Card 2012, 2013, and 2014

J. L. Mann's High Schools That Work Three Key Practices for 2014-2015

1. Setting High Expectations Through Literacy
2. Providing a Structured System of Extra Help
3. Involving Students and Parents in a Guidance and Advisement System.

Your J. L. Mann PTSA at work!

The JL Mann PTSA is a dedicated group of parents, staff and students. The PTSA volunteered over 1000 hours of service this year by providing volunteers to work in the Patriot Pantry School Store, writing a bi-weekly emailed newsletter, printing 3 editions of The Patriots' Progress newsletter, and sponsoring the Reflections Arts Contest to just name a few. We also budgeted over \$45,000 to fund our students' classrooms with teacher mini grants, classroom allocations, and technology purchases such as Chromebooks. JL Mann's PTSA works hard every day to enhance the academic, artistic, and extra-curricular lives of our students.

Athletics

Athletic Director: Tod Tucker

Football	Basketball	Baseball
Volleyball	Lacrosse	Softball
Cheerleading	Golf	Tennis
Dance	Cross Country	Swimming
Wrestling	Track/Field	Soccer

JL Mann had a very successful year in athletics. For the 2014-2015 school year we finished in 3rd place in the Director's Cup. We had over 423 male athletes compete on 21 different teams and 267 female athletes on 16 different teams. We had a combined total of over 690 athletes spread across 37 teams. We have one state championship to date in 2015: girls' lacrosse. We have five teams still in the playoffs this spring with great opportunity to add more championships. JL Mann had 27 athletes sign to continue their athletic careers at the next level.

Spirit Week

The 2014 – 2015 student body truly exemplified Patriot Pride. The J. L. Mann family raised a generous \$146,143 to benefit the Emerson Rose Heart Foundation. The mission of the Emerson Rose Heart Foundation is to support research efforts focused on innovative methods of treatment, prevention and diagnosis of pediatric congenital heart defects. A small portion of the Mann monies were also used to support programs specific to J. L. Mann – Special Education trip to Disney World and the After School Transportation Program. All monies went directly to these organizations, and were raised through a variety of student-directed activities.

2014 – 2015 J. L. Mann School Improvement Council (SIC)

Hunter Ballenger	Angela Wilson	Charles McNeil	Lora Shortt	Tricia Brown
Ramona Grant	Andre Harris	Ginger Phillips	Suzanne Foody	Cindy Alsip
Wendy Carnes	Neal Harris	Jessica Sharp	Penn Gaines	Charlie Mayfield
Dan Carroll	Matt Steelman	Tammy Pace	Jennifer Fant	Susan Key
Gregory Stoffelen	Mikey Summers	Jacob Wortkoetter		

The state of South Carolina initiated School Improvement Councils (SIC) through legislation as a means of restoring the influential voice of parents and community members in public education. Each public school in South Carolina has an SIC responsible for planning, monitoring, and evaluating improvement at the school level. Our council has 23 members comprised of parents, students, teachers, administration, and community representatives. We actively meet on a monthly basis - the fourth Wednesday at 7:45 am. Our goals for the

Goal #1 – Continue and Strengthen Mentoring Program

Two years ago SIC recognized the need to provide additional support for 9th and 10th graders who might be at high risk for not graduating. In response to this perceived need, SIC partnered with two outside organizations: Teen Achievers, a directive of the YMCA; and, the Clemson Call Me MISTER Program. The YMCA Teen Achievers program, led by Jessica Sharp, is a college readiness program focused on low income, high-risk students. The program utilizes volunteers to reach the skills and knowledge necessary to help students transition from middle school to high school, then from high school to college. Clemson's Call Me MISTER program is led by Winston Holton. The Call Me MISTER (Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models) initiative is to increase the pool of available teachers from a more broad, more diverse background, particularly among the state's lowest performing schools. For the last two school years, community volunteers trained by Teen Achievers and Clemson student volunteers from Call Me MISTER have been visiting two JL Mann classes two times a month to serve as mentors and to focus on goal setting, conflict management, self-worth, trust and other important life skills. Teachers have reported better student behavior, improved class participation and enhanced overall interest. It is SIC's goal to continue and strengthen this program, to continue provide volunteers to work with both outside programs and to search for ways to bring some of the curriculum to the greater JL Mann student body by coordinating with Student Advisory.

Goal #2 - Apply for the Dick and Tunkey Riley Award For School Improvement Council Excellence

The Dick and Tunkey Riley Award For School Improvement Council Excellence is a statewide award sponsored by the Riley family to recognize the outstanding work provided by South Carolina SICs. JL Mann's SIC decided to apply for the award primarily as a way to evaluate our own progress and to receive feedback from the SC-SIC. We are pleased to announce JL Mann's SIC received Honorable Mention as one of the top five SICs in the state. As part of the application process SIC learned a great deal about what other SICs are doing across the state and how to become a more effective SIC for JL Mann.

Goal #3 – Provide Continued Advice and Support to Principal and Staff

A general goal of SIC each year is to act as a sounding board for Principal Mayfield and all of the JL Mann staff. In the last year we have advised on a number of important issues during our monthly meetings, such as the implementation of New Tech at Mann, the planning of the new wing to be added to the school, athletic facilities improvements and the use of social and traditional media to communicate with students and the community. We also have served as an advisory board for the business department, guidance and project lead the way.