

## School Achievements

AJHS is the arts focus high school for the district. Our school offers an expanded arts curriculum including focus programs in visual arts, dance, drama, vocal and instrumental music, and creative writing. In addition, school theatrical productions are held throughout the year. Also held are a visual art show, fall and spring band concerts, piano concerts, choral performances, and dance productions. AJHS continues to grow in implementation of the workshop model of instruction across the curriculum. AJHS athletics, arts, and CTE programs perform at the highest levels regionally as well as at the state and national level.

### Some of our strengths:

- Diversity in our student body fosters a respect for unique strengths and talents of individuals.
- Our strong and committed staff devote effort and time to enable as many opportunities as possible in our small school environment. Teachers sponsor clubs, serve as coaches, and volunteer to help each other with any need that arises.
- Student academic performance continues to soar with additional opportunities in regards to higher education. Six of our 2023 seniors will graduate from USC-L before they graduate from AJHS.
- Students are able to participate in the arts, in career development programs, in JROTC, and in athletics which provide them with a well-rounded experience.

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## AJHS SIC Contacts

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### *Chair:*

Mandy Phillips

### *Vice Chair:*

Van Steen

### *Secretary:*

Kelly Phillips

### *Principal:*

Shuntay Miller

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### 2022-2023 Membership

#### *Community Members:*

Reo King, Simone McGill, Bryant Neal, Kelly Phillips, Rev. Williford Sowell

#### *Parents:*

Chris Phillips, Mandy Phillips, Melissa Gandy

#### *Students:*

Jeremiah Duncan, Brady Williams, Emiley McCall, & Arianna Shropshire

#### *Teachers:*

Nikki Gates, Caitlin Blackwell,  
Van Steen

#### *Administration:*

Shuntay Miller, Scotty Phillips, & Lori Cooper

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### Purpose of the Report

*This Report is issued by the Andrew Jackson High 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.*

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## Andrew Jackson High School Annual School Improvement Council

### *Report to the Parents* **2022-2023**

April 2023



**VOLUNTEERS**

**6925 Kershaw Camden Highway  
Kershaw, SC 29067**

The mission of Andrew Jackson High School is to develop competent, responsible, productive, lifelong learners by providing resources and experiences in a safe and secure environment. ***Putting Students First-Nurturing, Inspiring, Empowering***

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## SIC Annual Goals

*Derived from the School Improvement Plan and the Read to Succeed Plan*

- To increase the percentage of students scoring met or above on the English 2 EOC
  - To increase the percentage of students scoring met or above on the Algebra 1 EOC
  - To increase the percentage of students scoring met or above on the Biology 1 EOC
  - To increase parent satisfaction with school-home relations
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## Student Achievement

- Six members of the graduating Class of 2023 will receive their Associates Degree from USC-L while still in high school.
- Our average SAT score is 28 points lower than our district average. Our average SAT score increased from the previous year.
- In 2022, 54% of students received a certificate in the Ready to Work assessment.
- 42% of our advanced placement students passed AP exams in 2022.
- Presently, 88% of 2023 graduates are considered college or career ready.
- 77% of our 2022 graduates were eligible for the LIFE scholarship, which was an increase from the previous year.
- In 2022, the number of students enrolled in a 2 year or 4 year college has decreased since the previous year.
- Varsity Football - Region Champions 2022
- Girls Basketball - Region Champions 2021-22
- Girls Basketball - Region Champions 2022-23
- Boys Basketball - Region Champions 2022-23

### (Student Achievement continued)

- Varsity Baseball - Region Champions 2022
- Varsity Baseball - Lower State Champions 2022
- Varsity Baseball - State Champions 2022
- Varsity Boys Soccer - Region Champions 2022
- FFA - Superior National Chapter Award, 9 State FFA Degree Awards, 2 American FFA Degree Awards, 12 attended the National FFA Convention, Participated in 5 State FFA Contest
- Four students placed in the District Arts Month
- 4 students published in the National Art Book "Celebrating Art"
- 3 students participated in the SCMEA Fall Piano Festival, One received a superior rating and two received excellent ratings.
- 2nd place at Upper State and 6th place at state marching band festival
- 12 students selected for Region Band
- Band received an Excellent rating at CPA

- 1 chorus student selected for the National American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) honor choir
- 7 chorus students selected for the SC ACDA honor choir
- 4 chorus students selected for SC All State chorus
- Chorus-Superior rating at the SC performance assessment
- Choral students-12 participants in Region choir
- Dance students competed in the Boogie Fever competition and received 1st place and a shooting star special judges' award.

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## Additional Information

Andrew Jackson High School has an April 2023 enrollment of 586 students and is classified as an AA school. We are the 3rd largest brick and mortar high school in Lancaster County School District.

Our 2023 student population is 68.7% Caucasian, 22.6% African-American, 3.9% Hispanic, 4.4% biracial, and 0.1% Asian.

Our community strongly supports all efforts at the school-academic, athletic, and the arts. Attendance at events is remarkably higher than typical small schools. This strong support is worth noting. Our ability to provide a wide variety of experiences in this small school setting hinges greatly on community support.

The 2022-2023 school year theme has been "Welcome Home, Volunteers" emphasizing the

family culture which is a source of great pride for our school and community. Go Vols!



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*For more information, you may view AJHS' "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).*