

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. Four of our 2024 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

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Mandy Phillips

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Secretary:

Melissa Gandy

Principal:

Shuntay Miller

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2023-2024 Membership

Community Members:

Crystal Clyburn, Simone McGill, Bryant Neal,
Kelly Phillips, Rev. Williford Sowell

Parents:

Chris Phillips, Mandy Phillips, Melissa Gandy

Students:

Danny Clancy, Lydia Phillips, Arianna
Shropshire, Brady Williams

Teachers:

Nikki Gates, Caitlin Blackwell, Jessica
Robinson, Van Steen

Administration:

Shuntay Miller, Lori Cooper, & Scotty Phillips

Purpose of the Report

This Report is issued by the Andrew Jackson High School 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.

Andrew Jackson High School

Annual

School Improvement Council

Report to the Parents

2023-2024

April 2024



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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

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](#)

Student Achievement

Academics--

- Four members of the graduating Class of 2024 will receive their Associates Degree from USC-L while still in high school.
- Our average spring SAT score is 52 points above the district average.
- 71% of senior students received a 3 or higher certificate on the Ready To Work assessment.
- 38% of our advanced placement students passed the AP exam in 2023.
- Presently, 81% of 2024 graduates are considered college or career ready.
- 78% of our 2023 graduates were eligible for the LIFE scholarship, which was an increase from the previous year.
- In 2023, the number of students enrolled in a 2 year or 4 year college has increased since the previous year.
- The 2023 graduating class had 7 students qualify for Palmetto Fellows
- AJHS had an overall GOOD rating on the 2023 SC School Report Card

(Student Achievement continued)

Sports/CTE/Arts--

- Varsity Football - Region Champions 2023
- Girls Cross Country - Region Champions 2023
- Girls Basketball - Region Champions 2023-24
- Girls Basketball - State Champions 2024
- Boys Basketball - Region Champions 2023-24
- Varsity Boys Soccer - Region Champions 2024
- FFA - Superior National Chapter Award, 2 State FFA Degrees, 1 American Degree, 8 Attended the Sunbelt Agricultural Expo, 8 attended the State FFA Convention, Participated in 9 FFA Contest on the State and Region level and placed in the top 10 in most of the competitions
- Five students placed in the District Arts Month
- Two students participated in the Regional Youth Art Month Competition
- 11 students published in the National Art Book "Celebrating Art"
- 11 Visual Arts Students participated in the Kershaw Egg Painting Competition
- 11 students participated in the SCMEA Spring Piano Festival, Eight received a superior rating and three received excellent ratings.
- 2 students selected for Region Band
- Band received an Excellent rating at CPA
- 2 Band Students participated in the Carolina Spring Game Band.
- 2 chorus student selected for the Southern Region American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) honor choir
- 7 chorus students selected for the SC ACDA honor choir
- 5 chorus students selected for SC All State chorus
- Chorus-Superior rating at the SC performance assessment for the Concert Choir and Women's Ensemble
- Choral students-15 participants in Region choir
- AJHS Women's Ensemble - 1st place at Dollywood's Music in the Park Festival and the Esprit de Corp Award for Best Overall School Representation
- 6 chorus students participated in the SC Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- 6 Dance students participated in the South Carolina Dance Festival
- 1 Drama student ranked Superior in playwriting at the state level and will be heading to nationals

Additional Information

Andrew Jackson High School has an April 2024 enrollment of 569 students and is classified as an AA school. We are the 3rd largest brick and mortar high school in Lancaster County School District.

Our 2024 student population is 69% caucasian, 24% African-American, 2% Hispanic, 5% biracial, and <1% Asian and American Indian/Alaskan Native.

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 2023-2024 school year theme has been "AJ=Family" emphasizing the family culture which is a source of great pride for our school and community. Go Vols!



For more information, you may view AJHS' "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.