

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 the implementation of STEAM and the workshop models of instruction across the curriculum.

AJHS Athletics, Arts and CATE programs maintain superior rankings both regionally and at the state 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, and we have the highest graduation rate in LCSD.
- 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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Mandy Phillips

Vice Chair:

Van Steen

Secretary:

Linda Sowell

Principal:

Shuntay Miller

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2020-2021 Membership

Community Members:

Mitch Lucas, Simone McGill, Linda Sowell,
Rev. Williford Sowell

Parents:

Bryant Neal, Chris & Mandy Phillips,
Lauren Price

Students:

Aubree Rape (12), Wyatt Cassady, Salma Lara, &
Ciera Mosier (11), Mia Knight (10),
& Sabrina Francis (9)

Teachers:

Nikki Gates, Katy Richert, Kimberly Sowell,
Van Steen

Administration:

Shuntay Miller, Scotty Phillips, & Lori Cooper

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

2020-2021

April 2021



VOLUNTEERS

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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.

SIC Annual Goals

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

- We will increase our school average reading RIT score by 2 points by focusing on informational text instruction across the curriculum.
- We will increase our percentage of faculty members obtaining Read 2 Succeed endorsement.
- The School Improvement Council will become an active voice in school decision-making via attendance at monthly meetings.
- With the varied models of instruction for the 2020-2021 school year, improving home/school communication will be a major focus in promoting student success.
- Reducing the socioeconomic gap in test results on ACT/SAT is a focus for the faculty. Improving home/school relations is our first concern in improving these numbers.

Student Achievement

- Two members of the graduating Class of 2020 also received their Associates Degrees from USCL while still in high school.
- Our average SAT score improved by 10 points from 2019 and moved AJHS from 3rd in the district to 2nd.
- Our average ACT score improved from 16.3 to 17.7 and moved AJHS from 3rd in the district to 2nd.
- 100% of our advanced placement chorus students passed the AP exam in 2020.
- 74.8% of 2020 graduates were considered college or career ready
- 70.1% of 2020 graduates were eligible for the LIFE scholarship.
- Varsity girls basketball- Region Champions 2020 and 2021
- Varsity boys basketball- Region Champions 2020
- Varsity girls volleyball- Upper State Champions 2020
- FFA- Region Champions Tool I.D, Second place State Tool I.D., Second Place State Environthon Contest
- District Poetry Out Loud Competition – AJHS Drama took first, second, and third place.
- 2020-21 First annual AJHS Arts Journal Publication featuring student created visual art and literature.
- Band-10 students qualified for Region Band, 2 All-State Callbacks

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

Additional Information

Andrew Jackson High School has an April 2021 enrollment of 615 students and is classified as an AA school. We are the 3rd largest brick and mortar high school in Lancaster County School District.

Our 2021 student population is 72.9% caucasian, 21.3% African-American, 3.6% Hispanic, 2.9% biracial, and <1% Native American.

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.

