

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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Chair:

Mandy Phillips

Vice Chair:

Van Steen

Secretary:

Linda Sowell

Principal:

Shuntay Miller

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2021-2022 Membership

Community Members:

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

Parents:

Bryant Neal, Chris & Mandy Phillips,
Lauren Price

Students:

Wyatt Cassady, Salma Lara, & Ciera Mosier (12),
Mia Knight (11),
& Sabrina Francis (10), Emiley McCall (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

2021-2022

April 2022



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**

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 2021-2022 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

- One member of the graduating Class of 2021 also received their Associates Degree from USCL while still in high school.
- Our average SAT score is 20 points higher than our district average. Our average SAT score increased 18 points from the previous year.
- In 2021, 81.8% of students received a certificate in the Ready To Work assessment.
- 38.24% of our advanced placement students passed the AP exam in 2021.
- 54.7% of 2021 graduates were considered college or career ready

(Student Achievement continued)

- 71.2% of 2021 graduates were eligible for the LIFE scholarship, which was an increase from the previous year.
- In 2021, the number of students enrolled in a 2year or 4year college has increased 6.1% since the previous year.
- Varsity Girls Cross Country - Region Champions 2021
- Varsity Baseball Region Champions 2021 - Lower State Champions 2021
- Varsity Softball-Lower State Champions 2021
- Varsity Boys Soccer - Lower State Champions 2021
- FFA - Second Place State Ag Mechanics Contest, Third place Region Upper Creed Speaking Contest, Superior National Chapter Award, 11 State Degree Awards, 2 American Degree Awards
- 2021-2022 Second annual AJHS Arts Journal Publication featuring student created visual art and literature.
- 5 students published in the National Art Book "Celebrating Art"
- 4 students participated in the SCMEA Fall Piano Festival, they all received superiors and were invited to play in the masterclass and recital at the conference.
- 3rd place at state marching band festival
- 12 students made Region Band and 1 student made All-State
- Band received an Excellent rating at CPA
- 3 chorus students selected for the Southern Region American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) honor choir
- 7 chorus students selected for the SC ACDA honor choir
- 2 chorus students selected for SC All State chorus
- Chorus-Superior rating at the SC performance assessment
- Choral students-Solo & Ensemble festival: excellent duet, superior solo, superior trio
- Choral students-16 participants in Region choir
- Choral students-2nd place in the state department jingle writing contest

Additional Information

Andrew Jackson High School has an April 2022 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 72.8% caucasian, 20.6% African-American, 2.2% Hispanic, 3.9% biracial, and <1% Native American/<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.



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