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Andrew Jackson Middle School Report to the People - School Profile 2021

At Andrew Jackson Middle School, it is our desire to infuse the arts into our teaching and learning in all of our classes in an effort to reach the mission of our school; “Create productive life-long learners, in, with, and through the arts.” Our signature programs in the arts reach all students and give the community and school a point of common interest that touches all facets of our daily lives. Our Arts Department presents programs for Veterans Day as well as Black History Month. Both programs attract more than one hundred guests from the community.

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing opportunities through our academic and arts focused school. AJMS provides tours of our high school and the district’s career center, career exploration and events, job shadowing opportunities, and Individual Graduation Planning conferences. Our school emphasizes STEAM activities into our curriculum as well as equipping our students with chromebooks as we fulfil the 1:1 device ratio in grades 6-8. In the 2018-2019 school year, AJMS served 487 students with 47% being female and 53% male. Our school has a student to teacher ratio of 26:1. Approximately 72% of our teachers hold advanced degrees with 3 staff members being National Board Certified. In 2019-2020, the enrollment was 495 students.

The AJMS School Improvement Council, PTO, and Arts Steering Committee continue to involve our parents and community members in an effort to improve our communication with stakeholders and to solicit help from those organizations as we work to improve our school. Our goal is to continue challenging our students to become the lifelong learners needed in this ever-changing world in which we live. By working together, we will find success as we prepare our students for the rigors of high school and beyond. Our Arts Program has hosted multiple concerts and performances by our Chorus, Dance, Band, Strings, and Theatre groups. Past performances of our arts students was the musical *Mary Poppins* (2019), *Beauty and the Beast* (2020), and *Shrek* (virtual 2021).

In the spring of 2019, 34.9% of our students met or exceeded expectations on the SC PASS assessment in Science (compared to the district average of 50.2% and 49.1% state average); 43.9% of our students met or exceeded expectations on the Social Studies SC PASS assessment (compared to the district average of 66% and 67.6% state average); 37.7% met or exceeded expectations on the SC PASS for ELA (compared to the district average of 46.5% and the state average of 45.4%); and with the SC PASS assessment in Math, 36.8% students met or exceeded expectations (compared to the district average of 47.5% and 45.1% state average). Our English 1 students passed expectations by a percent of 95.5% (compared to the 78.1% district average and 79.0% for the state). Lastly, Algebra 1 students scored a 96.1% passing (compared to the 71.7% district average and 68.6% state passing average). There is no data from the spring of 2020 due to the pandemic.