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## Andrew Jackson Middle School Report to the People - School Profile 2024

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 students are equipped with chromebooks as we fulfill the 1:1 device ratio in grades 6-8. In the 2022-2023 school year, AJMS served 460 students with 50% being female and 50% male. Our school has a student to teacher ratio in core subjects of 27:1. Approximately 72% of our teachers hold advanced degrees with 3 staff members being National Board Certified. In 2023-2024, the enrollment was 456 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 were the musical Mary Poppins (2019), Beauty and the Beast (2020), Shrek (virtual 2021), and Lion King Jr.(2022), Frozen Jr. (2023) and The Little Mermaid. Our Arts students have had the opportunity this year to attend performances of the Broadway series musical The Wiz and the Charleston production of Carol King's Beautiful.

### **ELA:**

Students at Andrew Jackson Middle School were administered the SC READY ELA state assessment in the spring of 2023. Overall, 45.4% of our students scored meet or exceeding in this area. The data indicates that 48% of the students in grade 6 scored meet or exceeding in this area; 47.5% of students in grade 7 scored meet or exceeding in this area; and 43.2% of students in grade 8 scored meet or exceeding in this area.

### **Math:**

Students at Andrew Jackson Middle School were administered the SC READY Math state assessment in the spring of 2023. Overall, 33.9% of our students scored meet or exceeding in this area. The data indicates that 44.6% of the students in grade 6 scored meet or exceeding in this area; 28.6% of students in grade 7 scored meet or exceeding in this area; and only 29.7% of the students in grade 8 scored meet or exceeding in this area. Lastly, Algebra 1 students scored a 95% passing (compared to the 83.8% school passing in 2022). The district average is 65% passing and the state passing average is 69%.