

School Improvement Plan Goals

Mid-Carolina High School continues to show overall academic progress and strong outcomes in key areas while identifying targeted opportunities for improvement. Student achievement improved in Algebra I and English II, though declines in Biology I and U.S. History highlight Science and Social Studies as priority areas, along with notable achievement gaps among Special Education, Multilingual Learners, and economically disadvantaged students. Graduation and readiness indicators remain strong, with an 88% on-time graduation rate and 85% College and Career Readiness, both with goals for continued growth through dual enrollment, retesting opportunities, and WIN Wednesday support. Attendance and discipline trends show increases in attendance agreements and referrals, with cell phone violations as a major factor, prompting increased supervision, MTSS support, and system monitoring. Student climate data reflects concerns about hallway behavior and facility cleanliness, particularly restrooms, which remain below expectations. While teachers report strong perceptions of safety and instructional focus, morale and student motivation are lower, leading to a focus on engagement-based professional development. Overall, the school is balancing academic strengths with strategic efforts to improve equity, behavior, climate, and facility conditions.

SCHOOL CLIMATE

Performance Goal I: The percentage of students satisfied with the social and physical environment will increase from 82% in 2022 to 90.8% in 2028.
Performance Goal II: The percentage of parents satisfied with the social and physical environment will increase from 78% in 2022 to 100% in 2028.

Strategy #1—Provide a warm, nurturing and inviting environment for students, teachers, and parents.
Strategy #2—Provide a variety of communication tools to facilitate two-way communication.
Strategy #3—Reduce the number of discipline incidents that occur in the hallway and cafeteria.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Performance Goal I: The percentage of students who score Level 2 or higher on the Algebra I EOC assessment will increase from 41% to 77% by 2028.
Performance Goal II: The percentage of students who score Level 2 or higher on the English II EOC assessment will increase from 77% to 92% by 2028.
Performance Goal III: The percentage of students who score Level 2 or higher on the Biology EOC assessment will increase from 48% to 59.4% by 2028.
Performance Goal IV: The percentage of students who score Level 2 or higher on the US History EOC assessment will increase from 28.5% to 50.5% by 2028.

Strategy #1—Provide standards-based instruction in the core curricular areas.
Strategy #2—Provide technology resources to improve student achievement.
Strategy #3—Utilize data to improve instruction and student achievement.
Strategy #4—Implement instructional support and targeted interventions for sub-groups identified as underperforming.

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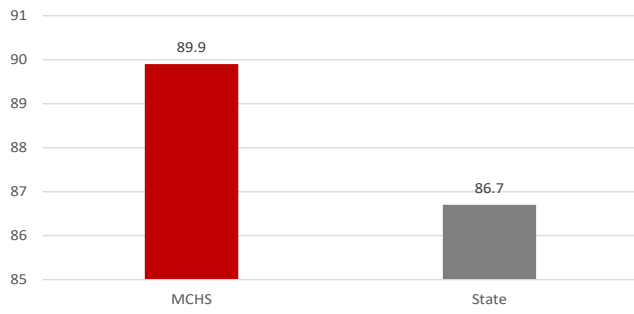
Performance Goal I: The percentage of students who graduate in four years who are college and/or career ready will increase from 68.6% to 95% by 2028.
Strategy #1—Increase the number of students who score a 20 or higher composite score on the ACT or an SAT composite score of 1020 or higher.
Strategy #2—Increase the number of students scoring a 3 or higher on an AP Exam, or complete at least 6 credit hours in approved Dual enrollment courses in English or Math with a grade of C or higher.
Strategy #3—Increase the number of students in the graduation cohort who earned a platinum, gold, or silver certificate on the WIN Career Readiness Assessment.

Performance Goal II: The percentage of students who graduate with a high school diploma with their class will increase from 87.4% to 100% by 2028.
Strategy #1—Increase the number of students graduating within four years with a high school diploma.

TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR QUALITY

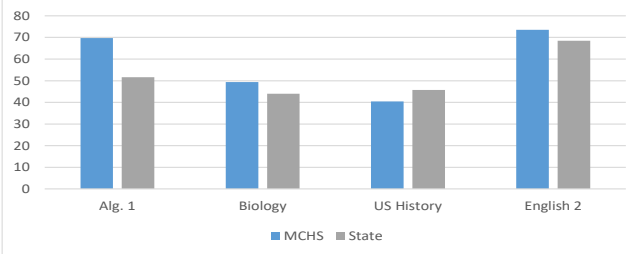
Performance Goal I: The percentage of teachers who disagree the students are motivated to learn will decrease from 21% to 10% by 2028.
Strategy #1—Departments will engage in a structured collaborative planning cycle focused on addressing low-proficiency areas through engaging performance tasks and SMART-C goal setting.

2025 On-Time Graduation Rate



Note on missing data: On March 26, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education waived federal accountability requirements and granted flexibility in administering assessments due to COVID-19. The results displayed within this report card should not be compared to those of other years due to the testing limitations as a result of the pandemic. In addition, these results may be incomplete and may not be representative of the make-up of the State, district, or school population.

Percentage of Students Passing End-of-Course Exams (By Subject Area)



MCHS REPORT CARD Link:

<https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eT0yMDI0JnQ9SCZzaWQ9MzYwMTAwMg>

SIC GOALS

The MCHS School Improvement Council will strengthen a collaborative school improvement process by actively engaging teachers, administrators, parents (appointed and elected), and students in reviewing school data, identifying priority areas for improvement, and ensuring all stakeholder voices are heard and valued in the decision-making process.

How This Was Measured / Supported:

- Regular SIC meetings that included structured review of academic, attendance, discipline, and climate data
- Documented input from all stakeholder groups (teachers, parents, students, and administration)
- Meeting agendas and minutes reflecting discussion and shared recommendations
- Increased participation and representation from all groups at SIC meetings



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SIC Report to the Parents 2025-26 School Year



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Mid-Carolina High School: A Proud Past... A Promising Future

2024-2025 & 2025-2026 Awards & Accomplishments

- Scholarship money awarded to seniors totaled \$4,517,300.
- Of 166 graduates, 1 graduate received the South Carolina Employability Credential, 106 graduates received completer certificates from the Newberry County Career Center, 39 graduates earned a Newberry County Advanced Diploma, 12 graduates were named as Newberry County School District Honor Graduates, 2 graduates earned the South Carolina Academic Honors Award, 46 graduates were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society, 7 graduates earned an Associate in Arts degree from Piedmont Technical College, 10 graduates earned the University Studies Certificate from Piedmont Technical College, graduates earned over 1,387 credit hours for transfer credit towards college degrees, 8 Palmetto Fellows recipients earned a potential scholarship total of \$233,600 towards a four year Bachelor's Degree, 50 students earned a 3.0 or better and ranked in the top 30% of their class with a potential LIFE scholarship total of \$1,000,000 towards a four year Bachelor's Degree, 136 students earned a 3.0 or better with a potential LIFE Scholarship total of \$1,360,000 towards a two-year Associates Degree, and 136 students met the 3.0 requirement that qualifies a student for the HOPE scholarship with a potential HOPE scholarship total of \$1,523,000 towards a four year Bachelor's Degree.
- Beta Club inducted 64 new members, recognized 48 members with received academic letters for completing their 2nd year, and 76 members received bars for completing at least 3 years.
- Mid-Carolina High School was named National Beta School of Merit.
- The Envirothon Team earned a 10th place finish at the S.C. Envirothon Meet.
- The band and band director were presented with the SCBDA's Outstanding Performance Award (OPA).
- MCHS and MCMS students participated in the SCBDA Solo and Ensemble Festival. Between both programs, the students achieved 25 Superiors, 16 Excellent, and 4 Goods.
- MCHS students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society during the Spring 2025 Induction Ceremony.
- Two students were selected as delegates for Palmetto Girls State.
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- Two seniors were named as members of the 2025 SC Teaching Fellows cohort.
- FCA hosted their first ever "FCA Night".
- Fourteen students earned the South Carolina Seal of Biliiteracy.
- One student was selected to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program that took place in June 2025
- Two teachers represented Mid-Carolina High School and the Fine Arts of the School District of Newberry County at the Curriculum Leadership in the Arts conference at the College of Charleston.
- The varsity baseball team won the Region III-AA Championship for their 5th consecutive year and District Championship. Five members were selected All-Region III-AA and one was selected Region III-AA Player of the Year.
- The head varsity baseball coach received his 250th career win.
- Golf finished the regular season as Region Runner-Up. One player was named as an All-State Player and three members were selected as All-Region III-AA. The team finished 6th in the State.
- Five boys soccer team members were selected as All-Region III-AA, one member was named to the All-Team, and one member was selected for the 2025 Upstate All-Star Classic.
- Varsity girls soccer team won their fifth consecutive region title.
- The varsity softball team won the Region III-AA Championship. One member was selected to play in the 2025 North/South All-Star Game.
- The girls' track team won the Region III-AA Championship and finished 9th in the State Championship. The boy's track team won the Region III-AA Championship and finished 3rd in the State Championship. Eight-teen track members were state finalist and seven track members were named All-State.
- The girls' lacrosse team had several awards: one member received All-District 1st Team-Midfield, All-District Position Player of the Year-Midfield, All-Upper State 1st Team-Midfield, All-State 2nd Team-Midfield; one member received All-District 1st Team-Mid-field, and All-Upper State 2nd Team-Midfield; one member was named to the 2nd Team All-District-Attack; one member was named to the 2nd Team All-District-Goalie; one member was named to the 2nd Team All-District-Defense; and two members were named to the 2nd Team All-District-Midfielder
- The Art Department held their Annual Art Show celebrating art students hard work, talent, and effort.
- The theatre class performed a short one-act play during enrichment.
- The Class of 2025 participated in a Senior Walk hosted by the local Elementary Schools.
- MCHS held our third Annual Senior Picnic and College/Military/Career Signing Day for the Class of 2025.

Awards & Accomplishments (continued)

- MCHS earned an "Excellent" rating on the State Report Card, celebrated with recognition events for both faculty and staff, as well as a separate celebration honoring students.
- A faculty member was selected as the School District of Newberry County's Support Staff of the Year for 2025-2026.
- Teacher received a grant to purchase new TI-84 Plus CE calculators, expanding student access to essential technology across math classrooms.
- MCHS held its 2nd Annual Human Library Career Fair.
- Twenty six students received 100% on their EOC (End-Of-Course Exams): Biology—16; US History—4; and English II—11.
- MCHS hosted its Fourth Annual Fall & Spring After School EOC Academies.
- One senior was accepted to the University of South Carolina Aiken LIFE Program. This is the first MCHS student to be accepted into the LIFE Program.
- The MCHS Guidance Department hosted the following workshops this school year: Freshmen Orientation/9th Grade Parent Workshop, 11th/12th Grade Parent Night, Senior Financial Aid Night-FAFSA Night, A Day with PTC, and rising freshmen tour.
- The MCHS Guidance Department hosted Senior College Application Day were seniors had the opportunity to apply to the college of their choice.
- MCHS observed Bullying Prevention Month with schoolwide activities, including a digital citizenship curriculum on cyberbullying and online safety, promoting kindness, respect, and awareness.
- Twelfth and eleventh graders attended the Combined College Fair at Newberry College.
- MCHS hosted our Annual Black History Program.
- Ninth graders traveled to the Newberry County Career Center to learn about the various programs NCCC offers.
- Nonperishable/can goods were collected and donated to the Pomaria Food Bank.
- Presents were collected for the Angel tree and delivered to local elementary schools for 35 families in our community.
- Four students attended Teacher Cadet Day at Newberry College.
- Several MCHS students participated in the School District of Newberry County's "Shrek, the Musical, Jr." Performance at the Newberry Opera House.
- Several art students had their artwork on exhibit at 2026 District Art Show. One student received the Superintendent's Award, one student received Superintendent's Honorable Mention, and one student received the Newberry Arts Center Award.
- Several art students had their artwork submitted and on display at the 2025 South Carolina State Fair.
- Two students were selected to be honored at the 2026 South Carolina STEM Signing Day.
- Beta Club achieved 2025-2026 National Beta School of Merit status.
- Mid-Carolina High School brought home several awards from the South Carolina Beta Club Convention: 2nd—Engineering; 2nd—Woodworking Division 2; 2nd—Quilling Division 1; 2nd—Creative Writing Division 1; 2nd—9th Grade Spanish; 3rd—11th Grade Agriscience; 3rd—Recycled Art Division 1; 4th—9th Grade Biomed; 4th—9th Grade Psychology; 4th—9th Grade Science; 4th—Black & White Photography Division 2; and 5th—Jewelry Division 2.
- Mid-Carolina hosted the final round of the WPEC Mini Bowl Series.
- The MCHS Academic Challenge team finished 2nd at the WPEC finals.
- Six students had their writing selected for publication in the Young Writers publication released in February 2026.
- MCHS students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.
- One senior has been named as a member of the 2026 SC Teaching Fellows cohort.
- Two students were selected to attend the 2026 Palmetto Girls State.
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- The Rebel Regiment Marching Band placed 2nd in the Mustang Classic in Aiken County and 5th at the 2025 SCBDA State Championship in the 1A Division.
- Thirteen band students auditioned for the SCBDA Region 6 Band. Five students earned All-State Callback auditions.
- Six band students participated in the Region Band Clinic: 6th—Flute; 2nd Alternate—Bass Clarinet; 3rd—Clarinet; 11th—Trumpet; 5th—Trombone; and 6th Alternate—Flute.
- Two band students placed at All-State Band: 10th—Clarinet; and 7th—Horn.
- Nine chorus students participated with the SCMEA Central Region Choir at Newberry College.
- Six cadets successfully completed the JROTC Cadet Summer Leadership Challenge, with one earning Distinguished Honor Cadet and another selected as a Platoon Leader.
- MCHS, along with Army JROTC, recognized/honored military service and patriotism to our nation at our annual Veterans Day Program.
- JROTC participated in the annual Prosperity Christmas Parade.
- JROTC conducted their Adopt-A-Highway service learning project several times during the school year.

Awards & Accomplishments (continued)

- Mid-Carolina High School JROTC and Newberry High School JROTC held their annual Joint JROTC Military Ball.
- MCHS Club Unity students attended the Newberry County School District Special Olympics. One student participated and all others served as volunteers and support for all Special Olympic participants.
- The MCHS Archery Team hosted and competed in the SC NASP Qualifying tournaments. The team finished second in both the bullseye tournament and the IBO 3D tournament. They qualified to compete in the State NASP IBO/3D tournament by being one of the top ten teams in the State. They finished 10th in the 3D State Tournament. Five members qualified for the Individual Bullseye State Tournament. One member received scholarship.
- Several football players were recognized by the Newberry County Touchdown Club.
- Six swim team members qualified and competed at the state swim meet. The boys team finished 8th. One swimmer earned the 2025 State Championship in the 200-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle.
- One girls' tennis player was selected to play in the S.C. Singles tournament for Region III-AA girls tennis and one was selected to attend as an alternate.
- The Competitive Cheer Squad earned 1st place in the 2A/3A division at Battle at the Castle and finished as AAA State Runner-Up at the 3A State Cheer Finals for 2025–2026.
- Cross Country boys and girls teams both won Region 3-2A Championships, with 2 Region Champions and 8 All-Region runners.
- Cross Country boys (7th) and girls (9th) teams finished in the top 10 at the State Championship, each improving from last year's standings.
- Football finished the regular season with a three-way tie for 1st place in the Region. One team member was named Region III-AA Specialist of the Year and one was named 2025 AA All-State Athlete.
- MCHS hosted its first home football playoff game in fifteen years.
- MCHS Football team held its 7th Annual Pigskin BBQ Cook-Off.
- Three wrestlers qualified to compete at State Finals. Two finished in 2nd place and one finished in 5th place in their weight classes.
- The Wall of Fame honors Mid-Carolina graduates who have played at the college level, earned a letter at the college level and graduated from college, or played professionally. We have over 90 former student athletes who have been inducted.
- Several student athletes signed a national letter of intent during the 2025-2026 school year to play in their prospective sport.
- One student was selected as the Newberry Exchange Club Youth of the Year for Mid-Carolina High School.
- MCHS participated with United Way.
- MCHS Relay for Life team held its 5th Annual Holiday Market to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.
- MCHS was a corporate sponsor for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

2025-2026 School Improvement Council Members

Chair: **Amy Milstead** - amilstead@sdcnc.org

Elected

Jennifer Boland, Student
 Huger Caughman, Teacher
 Deanna Cohen, Teacher
 Angela Conder, Parent
 Misty Cooper, Parent
 Tatyanna Dunbar, Teacher
 Molly Gayney, Student
 Will Hawkins, Student
 Vikki Hunter, Parent
 Cindy Koon, Parent
 Amanda Long, Parent
 Matthew Mancini, Teacher
 Michelle Morris, Parent
 Alan Stockman, Parent
 Kole Varn, Student

Appointed

Sissy Delesandro, Secretary
 Amanda Finley, Curriculum Coordinator
 Crystal Hayward, Athletic Booster President
 Philip Hunter, Community Member
 Stephanie McDuffie, Band Booster President
 Amy Milstead, Parent
 Carter Vinson, Student Body President

Ex-Officio

Ray Cooper, Principal
 Brad Fultz, Assistant Principal
 Tabitha Harmon, Assistant Principal
 Mallory Kimbrell-Green, Teacher of the Year

Please contact the school if you would like more information on joining SIC.