



# SIC REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

MCCANTS MIDDLE SCHOOL, AN ANDERSON TRADITION SINCE 1935

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## McCants Middle School

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### Purpose of the Report

This report has been prepared by the McCants School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress toward meeting yearly goals and objectives, the School Improvement Council's work through the school year, and other accomplishments for the school year.

### SIC GOALS

**Build a safe community of learners.**  
**Communicate regularly with stakeholders.**  
**Actively engage students of all socio-economic levels and diverse backgrounds.**  
**Create literacy-rich classrooms across the curriculum and embrace the Literacy Design Collaborative initiative.**

## Introduction

McCants Middle School's goal is to help all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics needed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Our school's reputation of excellence and tradition span over 80 years in the Anderson community. Our goal is to raise the academic achievement of all of our students through inquiry-based learning and literacy strategies that span across content areas and real world applications.

We continue to implement new instructional strategies to impact each student's individual learning styles and needs. McCants' teachers participate in professional learning opportunities throughout the school year. Sessions are developed and determined based on test data, observational data, student needs and the goals of our school. We continue to include research-based instructional practices, parent communication, data analysis, and technology integration. Through funding provided in our district, we will continue to offer one to one technology for our students and fully integrate technology into our curriculum and instructional programming.

McCants Middle School strives for excellence in the arts, athletics, and academics. We offer students the opportunity to take band, orchestra, art, chorus, and drama. We offer Gateway to Engineering courses and a Computer Science class that helps prepare students for possible STEM majors and careers in the future. Athletic opportunities at the middle school level includes football, basketball, volleyball and cheerleading. Other options for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are offered at our local high school with additional sporting activities.

McCants follows a model of high expectations and continuous improvement as we strive to be on the cutting edge of student engagement and achievement. We make every effort to provide an educational environment in which all students have the opportunity to inspire, motivate, and be "Respectful, Responsible and Ready" for everything that is to come their way. We strive for our students to be globally prepared for 21<sup>st</sup> Century challenges, as well as to be caring people who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

## Mission Statement

The mission of McCants Middle School is to ensure academic excellence, promote college and career readiness, and encourage students to positively impact an ever-changing world.

## Achievements

Past three year report card rating	Excellent	Percent of students enrolled in high school credit courses	52.0
Percent of students served in gifted/talented programs	37.1	Number of Junior Scholars	28
Percent of teachers with advanced degrees	68.8	Number of Junior Scholars for past three years	64
Number of Duke Tip Scholars *Testing was on inclement weather day.	0	Foreign Language Offered	Spanish/ASL
Number of Duke Tip Scholars for past three years	13	One-to-One computer devices for students	yes
PTA Leadership and Parent Involvement	yes	Individualized Learning Time for extra academic help	yes
Percent of students satisfied with learning environment	80.6	Percent of parents satisfied with learning environment	86.7
Percent of teachers who are highly qualified	100%		

## Testing

S.C. End-of-Course Test (high school courses)		S.C. Ready College and Career Readiness Test (% meeting/exceeding standard)	
Algebra 1	100	Grade 6 English Language Arts	43.1
English 1	100	Grade 7 English Language Arts	45.3
<b>S.C. PASS Test (% meeting/exceeding standard)</b>		Grade 8 English Language Arts	52.6
Grade 6 Science	49.2	Grade 6 Math	45.1
Grade 7 Science	46.1	Grade 7 Math	46.6
Grade 8 Science	56.8	Grade 8 Math	46.5
Grade 6 Social Studies	68.7		
Grade 7 Social Studies	68.0		
Grade 8 Social Studies	80.8		

## Student Activities/Organizations

Math Counts	Red Ribbon Week
Beta Club	Dances
School Improvement Council	Pep Rallies for Fall and Winter Sports
Reading Club	Career Development Activities/Field Trips
Student Council	Growth Mindset Activities through Guidance Department
Basketball	Breakfast Club
Volleyball	Block Parties
Football	Quarterly Jacket Pride Awards including soft skills and citizenship and honor roll
Cheerleading	Open Gyms