

Westside High School Annual Report to Parents From the School Improvement Council



**It's a Matter
of Pride!**

Westside High School, 806 Pearman Dairy Road, Anderson, SC 29625

The Mission of Westside High School is to educate all students with the knowledge and skills to be lifelong learners, to provide opportunities that ensure students are college and career-ready, and to produce graduates who contribute positively to an ever-changing global society.

SIC Website: <http://www.ed.sc.edu/sic/>

This report is issued by the School Improvement Council of Westside High School, An Early College Academy in accordance with SC law to share the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

The information contained in this report is from the 2014-2015 school year.

School Improvement Council Goals 2015-2016

Goal #1

Students will demonstrate annual improvement in graduation rate, ACT scores and End-of-Course test scores.

EOC Passing (all tests combined)
68.7% +2.2

SAT (critical reading and math)
891 +5 Pts

ACT (all tests combined)
18.6 (Same as last year)

Graduation rate
72.3 % (Up +2.3 pts)

Goal #2

100% of faculty Highly Qualified and to increase the number of teachers with advanced degrees

Classes taught by: Highly Qualified teachers = 100% (Same as last year)

Teachers holding advanced degrees = **51.6 % (+2.5)**

Endorsements:

Number of Teachers (95 total)

National Board: **7**

Gifted/Talented: **21**

Advanced Placement: **15**

Goal #3

Improve school climate by increasing parent satisfaction by 3% in the following areas:

Satisfied with learning environment **91.1% (+ 3 %)**

Satisfied with social and physical environment **78.4% (+28.4%)**

Satisfied with school-home relations **63.1%**

Student attendance rate **95.3% (- 0.9%)**

Historical (2014) Absolute Rating: Good

Growth Rating: Average

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017

South Carolina Performance Vision

By 2020, all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

More information available at <http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Strategies to improve SIC Goals in 2015-2016 include but are limited to

Goal #1

- ◇ English, math, science, and social studies classes administer departmental tests twice each semester
- ◇ Every teacher offers tutorial hours as a time for providing assistance as needed to students
- ◇ Lesson plans incorporate WICOR strategies (Writing-Inquiry-Collaboration-Organization-Reading)
- ◇ Provide Attendance Recovery and Credit Recovery options for students who have failed a course and meet requirements
- ◇ Provide Power Hour, Blended Learning Labs and Mentoring Programs for At-Risk students.

Goal #2

- ◇ Promote and provide AVID strategy training for all faculty members
- ◇ Provide professional development on the implementation of state standards into content areas
- ◇ Educate teachers on using data analysis to review student performance/ areas of improvement.
- ◇ Provide professional development and collaboration opportunities to teachers through PLCs and other meetings (Tech Tuesdays,,etc.)
- ◇ Increase technology use in the classroom through Chromebook.
- ◇ Develop a Read to Succeed Action Plan to implement authentic reading in all content areas.

Goal #3

- ◇ Contact parents through email, phone or mail when students exhibit academic, behavior and/or attendance problems
- ◇ Continue and promote parent involvement at workshops (Financial aid, parenting, testing and resources offered)
- ◇ Provide a Back to School Night/Open House to meet teachers, inquire about supply lists, sign up for parent portal and receive information.
- ◇ Utilize ongoing communication via "Robo-call", website and social media for upcoming events.
- ◇ Advertise and recruit students for participation in after-school programs

School Improvement Council Members

Kory Roberts, Principal
Ken Roberts, Community
Adam Comstock, Assistant Principal
Curtis Smith, Assist. Principal for Instruction
Sha King-Hanley– Administrative Assistant
Andrea Isengard, Teacher (SIC Chair)
Lisa Senn, Parent
Kati Boring, Teacher
Pamela Stansell, Parent
Lakisha Carter, Parent
Tyrone Williams, Community
Briana Richardson, Student
Corlandis Witcher, Student

Student Achievement by 2015 Seniors

Senior Class of 2015

Total Scholarship Offers - \$10,322,294

Honor Graduates - 129 Seniors

SC Academic Achievement Honors Awards - 4 total

Anderson School District Five Academic Achievement Medals - 13

Lottery Scholarships - Palmetto Fellows - 4 total

Lottery Scholarships - LIFE Scholarships - 99 total

Lottery Scholarships - HOPE Scholarships - 101

SIC Focus Changes

Although the SIC works to make progress on all three goals, the group chooses one goal to focus on more heavily each year.

- In 2013-14, the SIC specifically focused on Goal #3, incentives for students performing at or exceeding goals and expectations.
- In 2014-15, the SIC will focus on supporting administrators, teachers, and students as they work to meet Goal #1.

School Administrative Staff:

Kory Roberts, Principal
Curtis Smith, Assistant Principal for Instruction
Kathy Dobbins, Associate Principal
Adam Comstock, Academy Director
Rod Taylor Associate Principal
Rayvan Teague, Athletic Director/
Assistant Principal
Sha King-Hanley–
Administrative Assistant