



Westside High School

Annual Report to Parents

From the School Improvement Council



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

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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: <https://sic.sc.gov/>

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

The summative information contained in this report is from the 2017-2018 school year.

School Improvement Council Goals

Goal #1

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Students will demonstrate improvement in the academic areas below over the next 5 years:

- ◆ Graduation rate + 0.5 %
- ◆ SAT + 5 pts.
- ◆ ACT (Jrs. & Srs.) + 2.5 pts.
- ◆ AP + 10%
- ◆ EOC (As, Bs, & Cs) + 10%
- ◆ EOC (As, Bs, Cs & Ds) +5%

Goal #2

TEACHER QUALITY

Improvement will be shown in the areas below over the next 5 years:

- ◆ Teacher attendance +0.2%
- Baseline data = 95.3%
- ◆ Teacher retention +0.5%
- Baseline data = 81.2%

Goal #3

CLIMATE

Improve school climate by increasing parent satisfaction by +0.5% in the next 5 years in the following areas: (Baseline data)

- ◆ Satisfied with learning environment
 - 89.1% teachers
 - 73.8% students
 - 86.4% parents
- ◆ Satisfied with social and physical environment
 - 90.4% teachers
 - 79.5% students
 - 83.8% parents
- ◆ Satisfied with school-home relations
 - 62.7 teachers
 - 85.1% students
 - 75.7% parents



Profile of the South Carolina Graduate

The state of SC has adopted evaluation criteria for all graduating students and the schools they attend.

WHS 2018 overall rating:
Below Average

Strategies to improve SIC Goals in 2017-18 include but are not limited to

- ◇ AM and PM Academic Intervention periods are used for re-teaching, re-testing, standardized test preparation & practice, tutoring, self-selected reading, or acceleration
- ◇ Lesson plans incorporate WICOR strategies (Writing-Inquiry-Collaboration-Organization-Reading)
- ◇ Sophomore S.T.A.R.S. program provides pathways to Advanced Placement and Dual Enrolment opportunities, career exploration and soft skills training, standardized test preparation & practice, and peer mentoring
- ◇ Increase digital integration of traditional instructional strategies and assessment methods that support rigor and relevance
- ◇ Promote and provide AVID strategy training for all faculty members
- ◇ Provide time for teachers to collaboratively plan, analyze data, and create assessments.
- ◇ Provide students with test-taking strategies and materials.
- ◇ College & Career readiness is a required freshman course
- ◇ Provide professional development opportunities for AP teachers.
- ◇ Utilize ongoing communication via “Robocall”, website and social media for upcoming events.
- ◇ Promote parent involvement at workshops (Financial aid, parenting, dual enrollment)
- ◇ Teachers are coached using the SC Teaching Standards model
- ◇ New teachers are provided with mentor teachers
- ◇ Continue to build relationships with local business and industry leaders.

It's a Matter of Pride!

School Improvement Council Members

Kory Roberts, Principal
Kathy Berry-Burns, Admin. Asst. (SIC Chair)
Marla Cobb, Community
Melissa Elgin, Parent
Darren Hanley, Community
Deitre Helvy, Parent
Kerrington Johnson, Student
Sharon King-Hanley, Asst. Principal
Heidi Leverette-Ulmer, Parent
Curtis Smith, Assist. Principal for Instruction
Jordan Thompson, Student
Tyrone Williams, Community
Tara Wilson, Teacher

Student Achievement by 2018 Seniors

- 326 Senior Students
- Total Scholarship Offers - over \$10,000,000
- 143 Honor Graduates
- 7 SC Academic Achievement Honors Awards
- 14 Anderson School District Five Academic Achievement Medals
- 13 Lottery Scholarships - Palmetto Fellow
- 165 Lottery Scholarships - LIFE Scholarship
- 36 Lottery Scholarships - HOPE Scholarship
- 100% of AVID seniors accepted into 4-year college programs

School Administrative Staff:

Kory Roberts, Principal
Adam Comstock, Associate Principal
Curtis Smith, Assist. Principal for Instruction
Garrett Thomason, Academy Director
Sharon King-Hanley, Assistant Principal
Rayvan Teague, Assistant Principal/AD
Kathy Berry-Burns, Administrative Assistant

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