

# 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, 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 2015-2016 school year.

## School Improvement Council Goals 2016-2017

### Goal #1

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

EOC Passing (all tests combined)  
69.4% (+0.7%)  
SAT (critical reading and math)  
888 (-6 pts)  
ACT (all tests combined)  
16.3 (-2.3 pts)  
Graduation rate 76% (+3.7%)

### Goal #2

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

Classes taught by: Highly Qualified teachers = 100%

Teachers holding advanced degrees = 53% (+2%)

Certified Personnel: 103

Endorsements:

Classroom Teachers =90

National Board Certified Teachers:  
6 (7% total)

Gifted/Talented: 28 (31% total)

Advanced Placement: 16 (18%)

### Goal #3

**Improve school climate by increasing parent satisfaction significantly in the following areas:**

Satisfied with learning environment : 91.3%

(Same as last year)

Satisfied with social and physical environment : 79.2% (+0.8%)

Satisfied with school-home relations : 54.1 % (-9%)

Student attendance rate : (94.88%)

**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 2016-2017 include but are not limited to

### Goal #1

- ◇ Every teacher offers tutorial hours and provides assistance to students as needed
- ◇ 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, Online Learning Labs
- ◇ Student Mentoring Programs for At-Risk students.
- ◇ ACT/WorkKeys test Preparation in all classes.

### 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 Team Meetings.
  - ◇ Increase technology use in the classroom through Chromebook.
  - ◇ Work toward Faculty "Read to Succeed
- Requirement (2 have attained in 2016)

### 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  
Tara Wilson, Teacher  
Pamela Stansell, Parent  
Lakisha Carter, Parent  
Tyrone Williams, Community  
Kiara Galloway Student  
Joy Dempsey, Student

## Student Achievement by 2016 Seniors

### Senior Class of 2016

**Total Scholarship Offers - \$7,246,358**

**Honor Graduates - 132**

**SC Academic Achievement Honors Awards - 1**

**Anderson School District Five Academic Achievement Medals - 10**

**Lottery Scholarships - Palmetto Fellows - 8**

**Lottery Scholarships - LIFE Scholarships - 65**

**Lottery Scholarships - HOPE Scholarships - 7**

## SIC Focus Changes

Although the SIC works to make progress on all three goals, the group chooses one or two goals to emphasize 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.
- In 2015-2016, the SIC will focus on Professional Development to meet the criteria for Goal #1 and #2

### **School Administrative Staff:**

Kory Roberts, Principal  
Curtis Smith, Asst. Principal-Instruction  
Kathy Dobbins, Associate Principal  
Matthew Crawford, Academy Director  
Adam Comstock Associate Principal  
Rayvan Teague, Asst. Principal  
Athletic Director  
Sha King-Hanley– Admin. Assistant.

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