

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS  
2020-2021



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# About Westside



Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by providing high quality educational opportunities in academics, athletics, and the arts. Westside's Ninth Grade Academy provides first-year high school students support and direction through a smaller learning community. We have identified a cohort of students from under-represented college going populations and work to train them toward college readiness and success in post-secondary endeavors. Our students receive career guidance and training from the Career Development Facilitator, guidance counselors, teachers, JROTC, and College & Career Readiness (CCR) classes. Our CCR curriculum, as well as our Career and Technology pathway, allow students to earn industry accreditations to be ready to be career-ready upon earning a diploma. For the most academically motivated students, we offer 10 Advanced Placement courses, and 81 of our students graduated in 2020 with 356 college credit hours. In June, we awarded 337 diplomas to our senior class with scholarship offerings totaling over sixteen million dollars. The 2020 graduating class included 149 honor graduates, 3 Anderson Five Academics Awards and 2 SC Academic Honors Awards.

# 2021 4AAA Girl's Basketball State Champions

Westside girls basketball team won its first state championship since 1992 with a 44-30 triumph over North Myrtle Beach. This was Westside's fourth state championship win. They won three titles between the 1988-1991 seasons. This was Coach Jackie Roberts' first state championship as a coach and the first for the school since the late, legendary William Roberts won in 1992. Coach Jackie Roberts played under him in the 1980s and later became his daughter-in-law, marrying current Westside Principal, Kory Roberts.



# The 2018-2019 School Report Card

## Rating: Average

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (TESTING WAIVED FOR SPRING 2020)

On March 27, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education approved South Carolina's request to waive spring statewide assessments, accountability ratings, and certain reporting requirements in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for the 2019-2020 school year due to widespread school closures related to the novel Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Last year's results are shown below.

# 2019 School Year

2018-2019 Overall Rating

**Average  
54**

OUR SCHOOL REPORT CARD INCREASED  
FROM BELOW AVERAGE TO AVERAGE

## State Report Card Results

	Academic Indicators					School Environment
School Year	Academic Achievement	Preparing for Success	English Learners' Progress	Grad Rate	College & Career Ready	Student Engagement
19-20	Average	Average	Good	Average	Average	Average
18-19	Below Average	Average	Average	Average	Below Average	Average

# SIC Annual 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

### STUDENT ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

The Student Engagement Survey will increase percent passing by 10 percentage over the next five years.

The baseline data from 2017-18 is 50.5%.

## Goal #3

### SCHOOL CLIMATE

Improve school climate by increasing the percent of parents satisfied with school-home-relations by +0. 5% in the next five years:

The baseline from 2017-18 is 62%

## Action Plan

Strategies to improve SIC Goals are include but are not limited to

- Incorporate test practice USA Test Prep and workbooks.
- Create new curriculum pacing guides and ensure curriculum alignment with standards being assessed.
- AM and PM Academic Intervention periods are used for re-teaching, re-testing, standardized test preparation & practice, tutoring, self-selected reading, or acceleration
- Implement National Dropout Institute recommendations
- Ensure curriculum alignment with standards being assessed.
- Provide professional development opportunities for AP teachers.
- Utilize ongoing communication via “Robot-call”, website and social media for upcoming events. Promote parent involvement at workshops (Financial aid, parenting, and dual enrollment)
- Teachers are coached using the SC Teaching Standards model
- New teachers are provided with mentor teachers

# Celebrating Faculty/Staff in 2020-2021 School Year

## Teacher of the Year:

- Coach Stacey Brown - Coach Brown is a new science teacher at Westside this year. He teaches Physics and Forensic Science.

## Instructional Staff of the Year

- Rachel Burton- Mrs. Burton is our new Testing Coordinator and Graduation Coach

## Rookie of the Year

- Mrs. Courtney Roger - Mrs. Rogers is new to Westside this year and teaches English II. As a first-year teacher and first year at Westside, her students performed well on the End of Course Test for English 2.

## Custodial Staff of the Year

- Mrs. Angela Shumpert - Mrs. Shumpert took over as head custodian in the middle of last school year.

## Cafeteria Staff of the Year

- Amanda Atkinson - Mrs. Atkinson is well-liked by our staff and does a great job



# STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## ROTC Program

- Out of 1700 teams across the country, Westside's ROTC made the top thirty-two (32). They are headed to the Academic Championship in Washington, DC.

## ESOL Program

- Our ESOL Program has fourteen additional students join our students that exit this past year. For the first semester, there were 95% of our face-to-face exit monitor students passed all four classes and 84% of our face-to-face consults passed all four classes. 57 exit monitor students have at least a 3.0 GPA. That accounts for 76% of our exit monitor ESOL students. For our consult students, 46 students have at least a 2.0 GPA (84%). Of these 46 students, 25 students have a 3.0 GPA or higher (45%).

## Art Department Community projects:

- Mural at the Anderson Mall with artist Patro Ulmer
- Parking space mural at Anderson Mall representing WHS
- A5 parking space mural at Anderson Mall (date tbd)
- Mural at Anderson Free Clinic (date tbd)
- Jerard Austin and Eric Geer both won Featured Artist in the City of Anderson's Exhibit to Honor Chadwick Boseman

# Westside High School SIC Members

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## Westside Mission

Westside High School's mission 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.