

# 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 2013-2014 school year.

## School Improvement Council Goals 2013-14

### Goal #1

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

**HSAP (passed both subtests)**

**63.7%** Down 10.8%

**EOC Passing (all tests combined)**

**66.5%** Down 0.3%

**SAT (critical reading and math)**

**886** Down 22 points

**ACT (all tests combined)**

**18.6** Same as last year

**Graduation rate**

**70.0 %** Down 3.2%

**Note: HSAP is no longer a graduation requirement in SC.**

### Goal #2

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

Classes taught by Highly Qualified teachers = 100%

Up 2.0%

Teachers holding advanced degrees = 48.9%

Down 0.6%

### Goal #3

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

Satisfied with learning environment

**88.9%** Up 9.1%

Satisfied with social and physical environment

**58.8%** Down 5.7%

Satisfied with school-home relations

**50.1%** Down 27.5%

Student attendance rate

**96.2%** Up 3.1%

**2014 Absolute Rating: Good**

**2014 Growth Rating: Average**

## 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 2013-14 include but are limited to

### Goal #1

- ◇ English, math, science, and social studies classes administer district benchmark 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
- ◇ Maintain common planning times for teachers of similar courses and on the same team in the Ninth Grade Academy

### 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 to determine material that was well covered and material that needs a different approach
- ◇ Provide professional development and collaboration opportunities to teachers through PLCs and other meetings
- ◇ Increase technology use in the classroom

### 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 on topics of interest (Financial aid, parenting, testing, resources offered, etc.)
- ◇ Provide a Back to School Night/Open House to meet teachers, inquire about supply lists, sign up for parent portal and receive information.
- ◇ Utilize the call machine to communicate upcoming events.
- ◇ Advertise and recruit students for participation in after-school programs

## School Improvement Council Members

Kory Roberts, Principal  
Stacy Carlton, Other  
Lakisha Carter, Community  
Adam Comstock, Assistant Principal  
Will Cowart, Parent  
Tabitha Johnson, Parent  
Ansley Jones, Assist. Principal for Instruction  
Parul Joshi, Community  
Sharon King-Hanley, Academic Coach (SIC Chair)  
Briana Richardson, Student  
Ken Roberts, Community  
K.G. Roberts, Student  
Lisa Senn, Parent  
Garrett Thomason, Teacher  
Sydney Thompson, Student  
Tyrone Williams, Community

## Student Achievement by 2014 Seniors

- **330 Senior Students**
- **Total Scholarship Offers - \$12,353,793**
- **96 Honor Graduates**
- **5 SC Academic Achievement Honors Awards**
- **15 Anderson School District Five Academic Achievement Medals**
- **8 Lottery Scholarships - Palmetto Fellow**
- **86 Lottery Scholarships - LIFE Scholarship**
- **74 Lottery Scholarships - HOPE Scholarships**

### 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  
Shawn Tobin, Associate Principal  
Ansley Jones, Assistant Principal for Instruction  
Adam Comstock, Academy Director  
Camille Mitchell, Assistant Principal  
Rayvan Teague, Assistant Principal/  
Athletic Director

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