

# Varenes Academy of Communications and Technology

Title One School

Annual School Summary Report 2015-2016



## Did you know.....

- ❖ Varenes Academy of Communications and Technology (VACT) is a magnet school.
- ❖ Students write the script, report the news, direct, and control the equipment for our live news show.
- ❖ Fifth grade students are 1:1 with iPads.
- ❖ We have 2 mobile MacBook laptop carts.
- ❖ Each classroom is equipped with a SMARTBoard, LCD projector, and document camera.
- ❖ The entire school has wireless internet access.
- ❖ Teachers and students have access to a PC lab, MacBook lab, iPods, and Senteos (electronic response devices).
- ❖ Student Council host community projects- P.A.W.S Animal Shelter Collection, Food Drive for the Salvation Army, Ellenburg Nursing Home Collection, SCABSE Book Drive.
- ❖ Varenes is a SC Department of Education "Red Carpet School."
- ❖ Varenes received the Literacy Spot Award in 2009-2010.
- ❖ Varenes received the Exemplary Writing Award for 2009 -2014.
- ❖ Varenes was recognized by the South Carolina Department of Education as a Palmetto Silver Award winner for closing the achievement gap for 2013-2014.
- ❖ Varenes offers a before school program beginning in September.
- ❖ Varenes offers an after school program beginning in January.
- ❖ Our Business/Community Partners are Pizza Buffet, Kawanis, Waffle House, Dominoes, Sonic, Logan's Roadhouse, Michelin, Papa Johns, New Spring Church, Varenes Heights Baptist Church, Boulevard Baptist Church, INERGY, Chick-Fil-A, and Wal-Mart.

## OUR MISSION

Varenes Academy of Communications and Technology provides a safe, nurturing, and diverse environment where students are challenged and empowered to use communications and technology to reach their greatest potential.

## DISTRICT MISSION

To educate students who are college and career-ready and will positively contribute to an ever-changing world.

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*Jennifer Bufford, Principal*

*Brian Williams, Assistant Principal*



## School Improvement Council Members

Kimberly Montgomery	Sandra Brock
Angel Perkins	Linda Mosley
Keisha Willingham	Brian Williams
Gloria Vasquez	
Jennifer Bufford	

## Employees of the Year

Teacher of the Year: Holly Taylor-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Rookie of the Year: Andrea Stowers-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Non-Instructional Employee: Erin Pickens

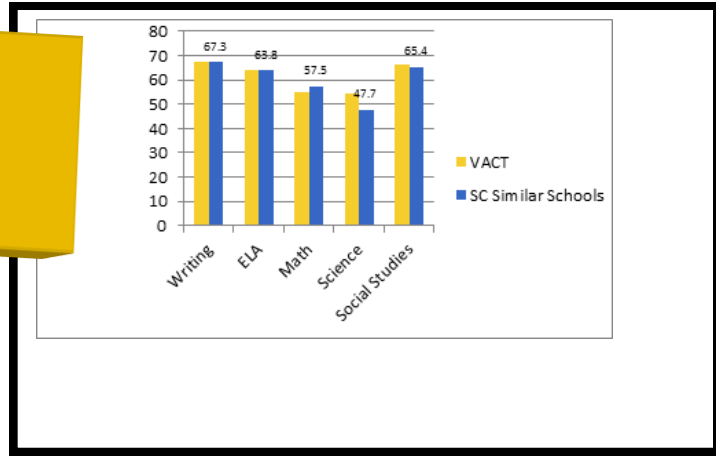
Custodial Employee: Cassandra Cobb

Food Service Employee: Lyn Smith



**PASS-Palmetto Assessment of State Standards**

Percentage of students meeting standards compared to similar schools in the state:



**ACCREDITED!**

A5 renewed its accreditation in the 2013-2014 school year! One of VACT's goals for improvement is to continue focused efforts on closing the achievement gap in ELA and Math. Another goal is to improve parent involvement.

Teachers participate in on-campus and off-campus professional development sessions. Some of the PD sessions teachers have participated in this year are:

- ✦ Sandra Goff-Math Consultant
- ✦ Balanced Literacy with a focus on guided reading
- ✦ SCIRA Conference
- ✦ DAILY CAFÉ Reading Model
- ✦ Guided Math
- ✦ SCLME Math Conference
- ✦ Upstate Technology Conference
- ✦ Debbie Jarrett-ETV/Technology

NEW STATE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS STANDARDS ARE COMING FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR!



VACT has begun preparing for the new standards!

Great things are going on at VACT!

Student Council Members:

- Lesly Robles
- Erick Arrieta Sosa
- Anthony Guilarte
- Ame Davis
- Jayla Paul
- Olivia Jones
- Kevin Ordonez
- Ja'Leelah Chancellor
- Timya Paul
- Maddison Glenn
- Shakeira Hardy
- Shamari Blanding
- Jordan Kronic
- Audrianna Brooks
- Saniyah Hunter
- Emmanuel Mata
- Kamaiya Davis
- Katherine Holmes
- Ashley Jordan
- Sanquisha Little
- Devin Scroggs
- McKenzie Herring
- Faith Gambrell
- Milli Chavez

Library Checkouts:  
**17,683**

Spelling Bee Winner:  
**Demiyah Pearson**

68 students have earned Principal and A/B Honor Roll!

VACT has 53 active Chorus and Step-Team Members!

**School Description**

- VACT opened in 1967.
- VACT currently serves 318 students.
- Our yearly student attendance rate is 96.8%.
- Our yearly staff attendance rate is 95.1%.
- We have 32 certified staff.
- We have 14 classified staff.
- VACT is an intermediate elementary school. We serve only grades three through five.
- State Report Card Rating: Below Average

