

## School Achievements

- Kamiya Davis, 4th grade, won the school Spelling Bee
- Mrs. Sandra Altman-named Teacher of the Year for the 2013-2014 School Year
- Recipient of the State Department Silver Flag for closing the achievement gap.
- Technology vision will ensure that all students will have 1:1 mobile devices by the end of the 2014-2015 school year



## Varenes Academy of Communications and Technology SIC Members

**Chair:** Ms. Verika Gambrell, parent  
Mrs. Celeste Simmons, parent  
Ms. Marguerite Chancellor, parent  
Mrs. Eula Clayton, community  
Mrs. Kay Hall, secretary  
Ms. Sandra Brock, teacher  
Ms. Colette Davis, teacher  
Mrs. Debra Hanks, teacher  
Ms. Samantha Parker, teacher  
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This report is issued by the Varenes Academy of Communications and Technology School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

## Varenes Academy of Communications and Technology

**an Intermediate 3-5 School**



**Annual School Improvement Council  
"Report to the Parents"  
2013-2014**



# Varenes Academy of Communications and Technology

Varenes Academy of Communications and Technology is an Intermediate, Title One School, located in southwest Anderson, SC. We serve approximately 350 students in grades 3-5. Teachers at every grade level engage in weekly collaborative planning sessions to ensure consistent, creative delivery of the standards-based curriculum infused with technology.



The learning community at Varenes is committed to student success. Varenes has received numerous awards, in-

cluding the Literacy Spot Award for effective literacy instruction.

Integrating communications and technology into all aspects of learning and instruction is our focus. Students are engaged in technology-rich lessons that encourage them to become innovative thinkers and prepare them to compete in the future job market. We provide numerous opportunities for students to fine-tune their communication skills. We believe that building a strong school-home network is vital to the success of our students.

Through the tireless efforts of our students, teachers, parents, and community Varenes is making great progress. We believe by putting technology and effective communication in the hands of students, their future holds unlimited possibilities.



School Performance			
	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	ESEA Grade
2013	Average	Average	D
2012	Average	Average	B
2011	Average	Good	—



## School Improvement Council Goals

- Increase the percentage of students scoring Met and Exemplary on the state assessment in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies
- The percentage rank of our school will be in the 50%tile or more as compared to our Similar Schools list in the area of ELA, Writing, and Math for African American students
- Professional development will focus each year on the subject area with the greatest % of students scoring not met.
- The number of written office referrals will decrease to less than 1% of the student population each week.



## Awards and Recognition

- Exemplary Writing Award
- Literacy Spot Award
- Red Carpet School
- Closing the Achievement Gap
- Title 1 Reward School for Performance
- State Department Silver Flag for closing the achievement gap.