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## **Andrew Jackson Middle School Report to the People - School Profile 2023**

At Andrew Jackson Middle School, it is our desire to infuse the arts into our teaching and learning in all of our classes in an effort to reach the mission of our school; "Create productive life-long learners, in, with, and through the arts." Our signature programs in the arts reach all students and give the community and school a point of common interest that touches all facets of our daily lives. Our Arts Department presents programs for Veterans Day as well as Black History Month. Both programs attract more than one hundred guests from the community.

Our school is helping all students develop the world-class skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing opportunities through our academic and arts-focused school. AJMS provides tours of our high school and the district's career center, career exploration and events, and Individual Graduation Planning conferences. Our school equips our students with chromebooks as we fulfill the 1:1 device ratio in grades 6-8. In the 2021-2022 school year, AJMS served 473 students with 52% being female and 48% male. Our school has a student-to-teacher ratio of 16:1. Approximately 72% of our teachers hold advanced degrees with 3 staff members being National Board Certified. In 2022-2023, the enrollment was 460 students.

The AJMS School Improvement Council, PTO, and Arts Steering Committee continue to involve our parents and community members in an effort to improve our communication with stakeholders and to solicit help from those organizations as we work to improve our school. Our goal is to continue challenging our students to become the lifelong learners needed in this ever-changing world in which we live. By working together, we will find success as we prepare our students for the rigors of high school and beyond. Our Arts Program has hosted multiple concerts and performances by our Chorus, Dance, Band, and Theatre groups. Past performances of our arts students were the musical *Mary Poppins* (2019), *Beauty and the Beast* (2020), *Shrek* (virtual 2021), *Lion King Jr.* (2022), and *Frozen Jr.*

### **ELA:**

Students at Andrew Jackson Middle School were administered the SC READY ELA state assessment in the spring of 2022. Overall, 39.1% of our students scored meet or exceed on the SC READY ELA. The data indicates that 43.2% of the students in grade 6 scored meet or exceeding in this area; 29.7% of students in grade 7 scored meet or exceeding in this area; and 46.9% of students in grade 8 scored meet or exceeding in this area.

### **Math:**

Students at Andrew Jackson Middle School were administered the SC READY Math state assessment in the spring of 2022. Overall, 31.1% of our students scored meet or exceed on the SC READY Math. The data indicates that 38.8% of the students in grade 6 scored meet or exceeding in this area; 26.5% of students in grade 7 scored met or exceeding in this area; and only 29.5% of the students in grade 8 scored met or exceeding in this area. Our Algebra I

students had a 97.14% passing rate on the SC EOC. This is in comparison to Lancaster County's district passing average of 59.87% and the state average of 65.99%.