

West Ashley-Advanced Studies Magnet (WA-ASM) is helping all students develop world class skills; life skills and career characteristics by providing opportunities for students to be successful. The School Improvement Council of West Ashley Middle Advanced Studies Magnet is pleased to share our progress with our community. This has been another significant year for WA-ASM in our mission to build a stronger connection with our community as we enrich student achievement.

Our school's persistent initiatives focused on increasing student achievement. We expanded our honors programming with our core content classes this year. In an effort to challenge and expose our older students, we offered Algebra I, English I, and Spanish I. We increased our enrollment with our high school credit classes this year. In addition, WA-ASM continued to implement PBIS to further education of our student's character. We hosted a PBIS Fall Harvest Carnival and PBIS Winter Basketball tournament that were reflective on positive behaviors.

With a focus on literacy, which we will continue across the curriculum, as we grow a "Community of Readers" within our building. We created a new model of book clubs that has garnered a high level of student interest. Through our affiliation with the University of South Carolina and Boeing, our students have soared with the opportunity to experience critical thinking STEM/PLTW courses such as Design and Modeling, Flight and Space, and Automation and Robotics.

WA-ASM continues to partner with the community to help our students grow socially, emotionally and academically. We partnered with local businesses and colleges for our first College and Career Fair Night. We are partners with two local organization that provides mentoring opportunities for our students. We worked with local sports organizations to promote athletic participation for our student body. Working with our local CTE department we exposed students to CTE programs at the high school and had local business leaders to speak about their careers with our students. MUSC visited our students to help them engage with hands on activities relating to experiments and labs. We had guest speakers from the solicitor general's office to speak to our students about real world life decisions. A local dance company showcased traditional African dances for our students to learn in action. Many of our 8th grade students enjoyed several days in Washington, D.C visiting a variety of landmarks with historical significance.

We will continue to provide opportunities for increasing parent and community support for WA-ASM. Through the use of School Messenger, the school website, family nights, social media platforms and by expanding our business partnerships, we will built on our current level of support. We enjoyed hosting activities such as our literacy night, STEAM night, dancing night as a way to engage our parents and students. The community enjoyed our Winter Showcase featuring our band and orchestra.

WA-ASM will continue to exhibit a constant effort toward communicating our vision and values, while improving student achievement. The new school year pledges to continued growth and success as we continue to develop our students through systems that support world class knowledge and skills along with life and career characteristics.

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