

# Williston—Elko High School

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During the 2012-2013 school year, students at Williston-Elko High School have reached many accomplishments. Our students achieved success individually and collectively in all areas of education, activities, and athletics. Our school received an “B” rating on the ESEA Federal school reporting system. In addition, we were given a score of “Excellent” for our School Report Card rating as well as “Excellent” for our improvement rating. We have also had the honor of being named a Palmetto Gold School based on general performance by all students and general growth during the school year in working toward closing the achievement gap. An outstanding 94% of our students passed the HSAP exam, an increase from the 88% of last year. Our graduation rate was 88.6%, which reflects an increase of 5.1% from 2012. The drop-out rate also decreased from 2.5% to 2.1%.

Our students excelled in many of the extra-curricular programs offered at our school. The drama team put on an outstanding production of *Oklahoma!*, and our band celebrated their 11th consecutive season at the state band competition. The Math, Speech and Debate, and Quiz Bowl teams placed high in numerous competitions. Organizations such as Student Council, Beta Club, FBLA, and others added greatly to the school environment.

Our students and staff participated in numerous service activities and fundraisers to help benefit the community, including March of Dimes, a recycling program, two blood drives, and Relay for Life. As part of our desire to give back to the community, students were designated to assist in various community service projects such as donating canned goods to the Williston-Elko First Baptist Church Food Pantry and cleaning up the town park. The school website also underwent several positive changes, allowing us to reach out more effectively to the community.

The Blue Devils had an excellent year in athletics as well. Our football team made it to playoffs, finishing with an 8-3 record for the season and celebrating their fourth undefeated year in the conference. Our Men's and Women's Tennis and Golf teams had an excellent year. The boys' tennis team maintained their title as Region V Champions for the seventh year. The Golf team became Region Champions once again, with an undefeated record in Region play. Many students were recognized for team and individual achievements during the school year. With the combined effort of students, teachers, and community members alike, we have continued to uphold a sense of Blue Devil pride and excellence at Williston-Elko High School.