

EARLY COLLEGE

The Early College High School Initiative provides students the opportunity to receive a high school diploma and an Associate Degree or up to two years of college credits, by taking a mixture of high school and college classes. This differs from dual enrollment as dual enrollment students are enrolled in a traditional high school and take college classes. Early College students take high school classes in preparation for full college workloads. At Early Colleges, students take fewer high school classes because some of their college classes replace their high school classes.

Mission of Beaufort County School District

The mission of the Beaufort County School District is to ensure excellence in education for every learner that prepares each with knowledge, skills, and personal responsibility to succeed in a rapidly changing global society.

Mission of Whale Branch Early College High School

In keeping with the district's mission, we collaborate with stakeholders to ensure that our school is a high performing school that has students college or career ready when they graduate from WBECHS.

WBECHS CURRENT GOALS

Our goals for this year can be classified into two different categories, general and specific. The general goals are as follows:

- Ensure a safe and healthy learning environment in collaboration with community resources.
- Increase student achievement.
- Ensure best practices and resources in learning, teaching, and leadership.
- Actively engage community and stakeholders in the school
- Develop practices, processes and technologies for open, frequent, transparent and effective communication.
- Provide resources for appropriate learning environments.

Specific goals in our School Renewal Plan

We have three primary areas in which we have established goals for this year: student achievement, school climate, and teacher/administrator quality.

- Student Achievement
 - 1) Increase percent of students scoring a "C" or better on the Algebra I End-of-Course Test to 40.9%.
 - 2) Increase percent of students scoring a "C" or better on the English II End-of-Course Test to 45.9%.
 - 3) Increase percent of students scoring a "C" or better on the Biology I End-of-Course Test to 40.4%.
 - 4) Increase percent of students scoring a "C" or better on the United States History End-of-Course Test to 32.1%.
- School Climate
 - 1) Increase percent of students graduating College and/or Career Ready to 81.7%
- Teacher/Administrator Quality
 - 1) Improve teacher retention rate to 74.2%

How Are We Achieving Our Goals?

We are working hard to achieve our goals by periodically reviewing and monitoring our progress. As a result of our findings, we then implement strategies to help us move in tiny incremental steps that lead to successful attainment as we respond to these questions:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be?
- How do we get there?
- Who is responsible for helping us get there?
- What additional resources do we need and how do we get them?

Assessments

The ACT test is a curriculum-based education and career planning tool for high school students that assess the mastery of college readiness standards. This assessment is offered to all juniors.

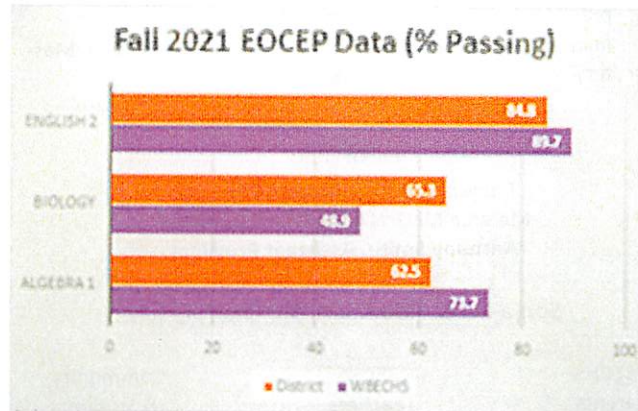
The SAT Test is a test to measure a high school student's readiness for college, and provide colleges with one common data point that can be used to compare all applicants. It is recommended that students begin taking no later than during their Junior Year.

Accuplacer Test is offered at least twice per year to students who meet BCSD requirement of a 3.0 unweighted GPA for dual enrollment courses. Offered to rising 8th graders with principal and school counselor recommendation.

WIN/WorkKeys is offered during Junior year to assess if a student is Career Ready. The assessment measures a student's working knowledge of Workplace Documents, Applied Mathematics, and Graphic Literacy.

ASVAB (Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery) - This assessment is used to measure student's compatibility for military occupations. It is offered to juniors and seniors multiple times per year.

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) - Measures students' academic growth over time. It is given to all 9th graders and some 10th graders multiple times during the year.



Whale Branch Early College High is a comprehensive high school with a focus on students attaining college credits while in high school. The school opened its doors in 2010. Since that time, students have graduated with Associate degrees and a high number of college credits. We are located in a rural, high poverty community in the northern area of Beaufort County. The school has experienced many successes, both academically and athletically.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Hannah Stevenson is our 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year.
- WBECHS is a 1-to-1 HP tablet school for students and teachers.
- WBECHS inducted nine members into the National Honor Society.
- WBECHS had five students in the Teacher Cadet Program.
- WBECHS worked with the Southern Regional Educational Board with MDC and LDC.
- WBECHS' Community Service Activities
 - Hurricane Relief Care Pkg ; Voter Registration Drive
 - Veteran's Day Care Pkg ; Pop-Top Food Drive
 - MLK Socks for the Homeless; Toy Drive Distribution
 - Community Food Distribution ; Trunk - or - Treat
 - Adopt-a-Highway; "The Giving" Food Drive
 - Power Hour Mentoring Sessions; Blood Drives
- WBECHS' students received football scholarships to Virginia Tech and Limestone College
- WBECHS student was selected as All Region/Player of year 7A Basketball and All State Basketball Class A
- WBECHS' Basketball Coach-Coach of The Year for Region 7A Boys Basketball
- WBECHS' Athletic Director named Region 7A Athletic Director of the year; elected Class A President for 2022-24;
- WBECHS' Athletes- selected for participation in Shrine and Blitz Border Bowl Selection; North/South Selection
- WBECHS Academic Awards
 - 81% of seniors are College or Career Ready
 - 38.5% of seniors qualify for LIFE Scholarships
 - 60% of 2021 graduates are in a 2 or 4 year institution
 - Seniors have acceptance letters from 41 different colleges/universities
 - Total Scholarships and Financial Aide amount awarded to date is \$1,200,000
 - Twenty-nine Career and Technology Completers this year
- Military Enlistments
 - Five students have enlisted in the US Navy
 - Two students have enlisted in the US Marine Corps
 - One student has enlisted in the US Air Force

Whale Branch Early College High School Vision

To be a high performing school that provides all students the opportunity to excel.

School Report Card Link-2021

<https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eT0yMDIxJnQ9SCZzaWQ9MDcwMTAzNg>

HOME & SCHOOL CONNECTIONS



SIC - School Improvement Council serves as an advisory board to the principal and the school to improve instruction and facilities.

Warrior Time (RTI) - Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Initiative helps establish and maintain an effective school environment that maximizes student learning.

Business Partners - Local businesses and churches work with the school teams to provide rewards/opportunities for students.

Ladies First - This organization helps young ladies become women through weekly meetings focusing on leadership and etiquette. The facilitator provides support and mentorship for students in the school setting.

WBECHS Student Council-Student Council is a student advisory group to the principal that conveys the desire and wishes of the student body.

National Honor Society – This organization represents students who have a 3.5 and above grade point average as well as citizenship, leadership and service.

Warrior News - Warrior News is our live daily news show for the Warrior Nation.

Whale Branch Counseling Center - Whale Branch Counseling Center offers trips. These trips expose students to college life as well as the opportunity to apply to the colleges.

Whale Branch Counseling Department-Assists students with filling out college scholarship applications.

HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) - Sponsored two Blood Drives this year.

BAND Club– New club for students interested in learning more about different instruments and the history of music.

ART Club– Club to extend one’s knowledge and appreciation of painting, drawing, and different mediums of ART.

Chorus - Implemented as an afterschool program for students that are interested in singing.

CATE (Career and Technology Education) - We offer a multiplicity of CATE courses to help students become completers earning a state certificate.

ACE Center (Academy for Career Excellence)- Students enroll in courses at ACE that prepare them to become qualified members of the workforce upon graduation.

FINANCIAL AID -We offered an opportunity for parents to get assistance with applying for financial aid for college bound students, virtually and in person.

Rising Freshmen Parent Night– We offered an opportunity for parents of incoming freshmen to get acquainted with the school and all the opportunities available to their child, virtually and in person.

BEST PRACTICES IN TEACHING & LEARNING

- **Early College** - WBECHS is striving to increase numbers in the early college program.
- **Edgenuity** - Edgenuity is differentiated learning in the classroom and at home via a virtual learning environment.
- **Technology Integration** –Technology allows us to bring 21st century interactive learning into every classroom that encourages engagement of students during the instructional process.
- **Response To Intervention (RTI)** - RTI is a daily school-wide academic support period for all students. This is Warrior Time!
- **College Courses** - In partnership with TCL, Technical College of The LowCountry, we offered twenty-three courses in English, Mathematics, History, Biology and Computers.
- **Honor Level Courses**-We offered honor level courses within English, Math, Science and History Departments.
- **Elective Courses**—Instruction was offered in Art, Band, Media Arts, Physical Education, Health, Spanish, Computer Science, Sports Medicine, Health Science and Engineering.
- **Differentiated Instruction** - Differentiated instruction is geared toward the academic ability levels of students based on data from MAP, benchmarks, and state testing results.
- **Support Personnel**- 2 Full-time School Counselors, Media Specialist, a part-time Speech/Language Pathologist, TCL Coordinator, and a part-time ESOL teacher.
- **School-wide Professional Development** - Our focus this year was on differentiation, SC 4.0 Rubric, technology and best practices for literacy and numeracy; LDC and MDC.
- **Instructional Support Personnel** - Instructional Coach, Master Teacher, and Lead Testing Teacher.

EX-OFFICIO

Patricia Brantley-Moore, Principal
Melanie McGrath, Assistant Principal
Anthony Smith, Assistant Principal

Sonja Perez-Roberson, SIC Chairperson

WBECHS Parents	WBECHS Teachers	Community & Students
Suzette Fields	Ms. Perez-Robinson	Quintillian Fields
Carmalita Lawton	Mrs. Anderson-Miles	Kim Fields
Angela Roberts	Ms. Vaughn	James Childs
		A'shonna Padgett

We meet the first Monday of each month at 5:30 PM!
Please come join Warrior Nation!

Warriors Are On The War Path for Excellence!



WARRIOR NATION

School Improvement Council Report to Parents 2021-2022

An Update on the Progress of Our School Renewal Plan

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