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Extracurricular Activities

Anime Club, Beta Club, Junior Beta Club, Robotics Team, DECA, FBLA, FCA, Gospel Choir, HOSA, International Club, Junior Academy of Science, Latin Dance Club, Leo Club, Book Club, Redhawk Helping Hands, Skills USA, Something Crafty Club, Spanish Club, National Honors Society, National Spanish Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Video Games Club, Walking Club, Drama Club, International Thespian Honor Society, National Career & Technical Honor Society, Quill & Scroll, Yearbook Staff, Newspaper Staff, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Redhawk Harmony Choir, Fire Explorers Post



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Westwood High School

Institute of Research, Engagement, and Design



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Our Mission Statement: Westwood High School, in partnership with our parents and community, engages and motivates students to develop 21st century skills, while producing responsible citizens who are prepared for future success.

School Hours

8:35 AM—3:45 PM

Student Enrollment—1,352

Grades 9-12



School Highlights 2014-15

Westwood High School's Institute of Research, Engagement and Design (iRED) is a whole-school magnet program where students engage in design-based or project-based learning, as well as research focused on science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Students are encouraged to explore career opportunities through varied coursework in areas of interest. Westwood offers courses in health sciences, sports medicine, business, convergence media, informational technology, computer science, engineering, firefighting, digital art, and marketing. In addition, the school offers a strong arts program that includes visual and performing arts, which was recently awarded a Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) grant. The school's unique Renaissance Faire, held each April, is a collaborative effort that spans all disciplines at the school.

A national kick-off for Globalize13, a service learning curriculum by the Frederick Douglass Family Initiative (fdfi.org) celebrating the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the 13th Amendment, was held at Westwood High School. Westwood's Modern Day Abolitionists organization has brought awareness to human trafficking both locally and around the world. London Allen, a Westwood student, created a public service announcement that won Honorable Mention in the White House Student Film Festival.

The Westwood Way core values of Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Empathy, and Community are lived in classrooms, extracurricular activities, and athletic fields. The 2014-15 Westwood High athletic teams continued to improve and experienced more success with five teams (football, girls tennis, volleyball, boys basketball, and wrestling) qualifying for the State 4A Playoffs. The wrestling team won its first ever region championship and we had another individual state champion in the State Strength Competition. Fifteen of our senior athletes signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers in college, and our athletes and coaches continue to participate in numerous service projects throughout the community.

Our Student Council was recognized as the AAAA Student Council of the Year (SC Student Council Association) and as a Gold Council of Excellence by the National Association of Student Councils. Students contributed to the community with two blood drives, canned food collections, service at God's Storehouse and Harvest Hope Food Bank, sponsorship of Brett's Rainbow (camp for grieving children), and roadside clean up. FBLA, DECA and HOSA students won at their respective state competitions and advanced to the national level. The FIRST Robotics team competed at the Palmetto Regionals in Myrtle Beach, SC. The Westwood Actors Theater won a superior rating at the Palmetto Dramatic Association and was selected to represent the state at nationals. Three orchestras received Superior ratings. The Marching Band was a state finalist for the 2nd year in a row in Class AAA.

Goals for the next school year

To engage students in a rigorous curriculum that promotes 21st century skills of collaboration, communication, critical thinking, creativity, and technological literacy

- Expand offerings of honors and Advanced Placement level courses and increase enrollment in these levels
- Provide faculty and staff with professional learning on project-based learning.
- Implement plan to increase scores or pass rates on End of Course Exams, AP Tests, SAT, and ACT exams.

Ensure a safe and secure learning environment where students are valued, supported, and celebrated

- Provide a safe and secure environment that sustains quality teaching and learning
- Expand opportunities for mentoring and personalization for students
- Recognize and celebrate student learning

Recruit and retain high quality teachers and staff.

- Recruit quality certified and classified personnel.
- Provide quality professional development and support for teachers
- Promote socialization and camaraderie among faculty members

Strengthen alliances with family and community to support student success

- Engage parents as partners
- Seek new and develop business and community partnerships