

2023-2024

Westwood High School

Institute of Research, Engagement and Design

School Improvement Council Annual Report to the Parents and Community

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School Improvement Council

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Students

Jaslyn Simpkins and Ayonna Sewell

Faculty/Staff

Jennifer Tinneney, Ashley Truss, Garrett Knight

Ex-Officio Members

Robert S. Jackson, Ed.S., and Tameka Nicholson, Ed.S.

WHS Education Foundation

Ruth Nagee, Chair
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Robert Jackson, Ed.S., Principal



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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.

Grades: 9-12

Student Enrollment: 1625

Hours: 8:30am-4:00pm



Academic Programming



iRed

The Institute of Research, Engagement, and Design (iRED) is a whole-school magnet at Westwood High School. The school curriculum emphasizes the STEAM subjects of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

Studio D

Studio D is a model of learning by discovery and design. Students are challenged to think outside the box through a series of processes that empower them to answer the tough questions. Throughout this process students learn leadership, communication, collaboration, innovation and perseverance.

AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a rigorous academic elective course that prepares motivated students, in the academic middle, to reach their potential, achieve their goals and prepare for 4-year college eligibility. AVID helps with study skills, organizational skills, writing skills, and being prepared for college.

SOAR Academy

SOAR Academy is Westwood High School's honors program - a small, dedicated community of students who are highly motivated to meet formidable academic challenges, to take risks, and to think deeply, critically and creatively.

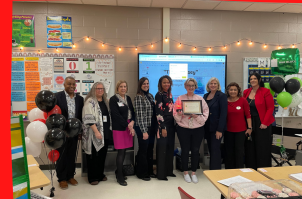


SIC Goals

1. SIC Goal 2023-24 - By the end of the 2023-24 SY, we will support the school's strategies to Increase the 2024 School Climate Index from 1.88% to 2.5%.

2. Action Items

i. The SIC will be divided into four action teams (Dads on Duty, Lyceum Series, Student Recognitions, and Teacher Recruitment) for the purpose of implementing these initiatives by the end of the school year.



Fire & EMT Program

Honors and Awards

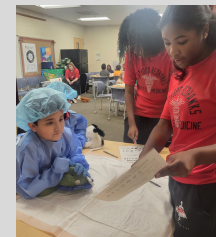


Lyceum Series 2023

- 2023 - AAAA Girls Track and Field State Champions
- 2023 - Eleven 2023 College Board National Recognition Program Awardees
- 2023 - 100% Passage Rate AP Seminar, 85% Passage Rate in AP Seminar
- 2023 - SC State Fair Art Show Winners
- 2024 - February and April Rookie Teacher on the Block Winners
- 2024 - National Magnet Schools of America Recertification
- 2024 - National Student Council Gold Council of Excellence
- 2024 - SC Association of Student Councils Gold Honor Council
- 2023-24 - Region IV AAAA Champions (Volleyball & Basketball)
- 2023 - Richland Two "District" Teacher of the Year Finalist - Jennifer Tinneney
- 2024 - Players of the Year Honors (Camryn Jeffery, TJ Bell, Emma Ashley)
- 2023-24 - Coach of the Year Honors - Trent Robinson, Ciji Van Tyne, Corey Head
- 2024-25 - Teacher of the Year: Ms. Nikki Hudson
- 2023-24 - Gatorade Track Athlete of the Year (Ticora Gaskin)
- 2023-24 - Support & Service Employees of the Year (Anthony Bennett, Virginia Brown)
- 2023-24 - AAAA Principal of the Year

Clubs and Organizations

Adopt-A-Hallway, Anime, AVID, Book Club, Cornhole Comrades, Crochet Club, DECA, FBLA, FCA, Freshman House, HOSA, Junior House, K-Genre Club, Leo Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National Art Honor Society, National Beta Club, National Dance Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, National Society for Black Engineers, National Spanish Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, PRYSM, Roots and Wings Club, Senior House, Skills USA, Sophomore House, Spanish Club, Technical Student Association of America, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and WHS Fire & Rescue



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