
2025-2026

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

Alyssa Willamss and Christian Agustin

Faculty/Staff

Angela Hill, Ashley Truss, Garrett Knight

Ex-Officio Members

Tameka Nicholson, Ed.S.
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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: 1643

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 2025-26 - By the end of the 2025-26 SY, we will support the school's strategies to increase the 2026 School Climate Index from 2.3% to 3%.

2.Action Items

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





Honors and Awards



- 2023-24 - Region IV AAAA Champions (Volleyball & Basketball)
- 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
- 2024 - Players of the Year Honors (Camryn Jeffery, TJ Bell, Emma Ashley)
- 2025 - 9pt Accountability Report Card Increase
- 2025 - National Student Council Gold Council of Excellence
- 2025 - College Board Recognitions: 4 AP Capstone Diplomas, 7 AP Scholars with Distinction, 10 AP Scholars, 6 AP Seminar & Research Certificate Participants
- 2025 - 100 % Passage Rate for CMA certifications
- 2025 - SC State Fair Art Show Winners
- 2025-26 - South Carolina Association of Student Council Gold Honor Council
- 2025-26 - Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Angela Hill
- 2025-26 - Athletic Director of the Year - Garrett Knight
- 2025-26 - Basketball Coach of the Year - Maynard Robinson
- 2025-26 - National Student Council Gold Council of Excellence
- 2026 - SC Division II Boys Basketball State Champions



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



7 Categories

We gained points in 5 areas.



- ✓ Academic Achievement
- ✓ Multilingual Learners' Progress
- ✓ Graduation Rate
- ✓ College & Career Readiness
- ✓ High School Student Success



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