

School Organizations and Contacts

SIC Members

Gordon, Daryl (SIC Chair)	Mack, Sakinah
Evans, Laura (Vice Chair)	McLarthy, Susan
Carter, Debra	Richardson, Anne
Cook, Lakisha	Riley-Stephens, Theresa
Drescher, Fritz	Tart, Crystal
Drescher, Lauren	Washington, Lynn
Dusseliee, Debbie	Wilson, Stacey
Hancock, Jr., Larkin	Wilson, Willie

School Contacts

Principal	Ralph Schmidt
Assistant Principal	Pasquail Bates
Assistant Principal	Bruce Davis
Assistant Principal	Cheryl Guy
Assistant Principal	Mike Young
Assistant Administrator	Lakisha Cook
Guidance Director	Craig Tyson
Activities Director	Janet Frick
Athletics Director	Jason Powell

Extracurricular Activities

Clubs and Organizations

Adventure Club, Anime Club, BETA Club, Computers and Robotics Club, CURLS Club, DECA Club, FBLA, FCA, Fishing Club, Gospel Choir, Graphics Club, HOSA, International Club, Junior Academy of Science, Latin Dance Club, LEO Club, Mock Trial Club, National Honor Society, Redhawks Book Club, Redhawks Helping Hands, Skills USA, Something Crafty Club, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Video Games Club, Walking Club, Westwood Fine Arts Production

Special Programs

Club

AVID

Convergence Media

Emergency & Fire Management

GEAR UP

Studio D

SOAR Academy

Number of teachers: 98

Number of National Board Certified: 26



Richland School District Two
6831 Brookfield Road
Columbia, SC 29206
www.richland2.org

Westwood High School



180 Turkey Farm Rd.

Blythewood, SC 29016

Telephone: 803.691.4049

Fax: 803.738.7520

<https://www.richland2.org/wh/Pages/default.aspx>

Westwood Way Values

Community

Empathy

Integrity

Respect

Responsibility

School Hours

8:35 AM—3:45 PM

Student Enrollment—1,282

Grades 9-12

School Highlights

Westwood High School has received two major grants: (1) Magnet Schools of America, which has allowed us to become a magnet school and develop our iRED (Institute of Research, Engagement, and Design). Students are engaged in design-based learning and research opportunities for the 21st century. (2) Youth Career Connect Grant, focuses on preparing students for careers in engineering and computer science.

We opened our doors in August 2012 with 1,123 students and every student equipped with a Chromebook. We began establishing our culture, our systems, and the "Westwood Way." We are committed to the success of every student by offering unique programming to meet the needs of every learning style.

To focus our efforts we developed the Westwood Way Core Values of Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Empathy and Community. These five values guided our instruction, our activities, and commitment to development of the 21st century learner.

We offer unique programming such as Convergence Media, Firefighting/EMS, and our project-based learning program-Studio D. Each program increases the success of our students and provides them with hands-on opportunities to explore their interests.

We will continue to build our culture and develop 21st century learners with three pillars:

1. Focus on learning, 2. Focus on developing student leaders, and 3. Focus on community and service learning.

To help ensure our commitment to focus on the success of each student, the involvement of our dedicated parents is expected. Our efforts will continue to include parents in every aspect of the educational process.

Richland School District Two does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, or other protected characteristic in its programs and activities.

Awards & Recognitions

- *5 WHS students awarded the HSTW Award of Educational Achievement
- * Student Council named AAA Student Council of the Year
- *3 WHS SOAR students won SC History Day Competition
- *WHS Orchestra received a Superior Rating at District Orchestra Festival
- * Drama Team received an Honorable Mention at PDA Convention at Winthrop University
- * WHS student won Upper State Wrestling Championship
- *Swoop & Scoop store earns DECA a gold certification
- *FBLA placed 1st in Client Services
- *Received SC Art Commissions Grant
- *WHS student selected as All State Clarinetist
- *Amount offered in scholarships thus far to our seniors totals \$1.92 million.
- *WHS Student Government was named a National Gold Council of Excellence by the National Association of Student Governments

Three Pillars for Westwood

Focus on Learning

Focus on Developing Student Leaders

Focus on Community and Service Learning

Goals for the next school year

*Expand on our character education and core values program

-Core Value Winners selected each week

*Improve achievement of students on state and national assessments

*Increase partnerships with our internal and external communities

-Redhawk Review (school blog), WHS Newspaper, Redhawk Report (Morning News Show available)

-Apprenticeship Carolina

-Columbia Fire Department

-SC Press Association

-Blythewood Chamber of Commerce

*Continue clear and consistent communication with our stakeholders

*Continue to grow and strengthen the Redhawk family

*Increase the number of students taking Advanced Placement courses

# of Students Enrolled in an Honors/ AP 12-13 School Year	# of Students Enrolled in an Honors/AP Course 13-14 School Year
---	---

234/18

258/78

*Expand professional development to address RSD2 1TWO1 Technology Initiative

-Buck Institute

*Continue to focus on learning, developing leaders, and community, and service learning

*Improve programs designed to get repeaters back on track for graduation

-114 students enrolled at the start of the year and was able to graduate 131 students with the help of Credit Recovery, Tutoring, and Virtual Class enrollment