



## SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

The Wando Marching Band won the State Championship for the fourteenth year in a row.

The 2023 Quiz Bowl team won the state championship, and one team member was selected as the best player in the tournament.

Wando's 2023 yearbook, Legend, received 39 total awards and 22 first-place awards from the Southern Interscholastic Press Association.

Culinary students competed in the SC ProStart Invitational and won first place in the Restaurant Management competition.

Wando's Chapter of Family, Career, and Community Leaders competed at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference and won numerous awards.

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## 2023 -24 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jacki Bennis, President (Parent)  
Amy Westmoreland, Vice Chair (Community)  
Kristine Petereit, Secretary (Parent)  
Ben Rzski (Teacher)  
Mike Mixon (Parent)  
Jen Malin (Parent)  
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Noah Iverson (Student)  
AleiX Cavey (Student)  
Alyayziah Smith (Student)  
Darren Felty (Community)  
Rebecca Imholz (Community)  
Arianna Solinger (PTSO)  
Chas Coker, Principal (Ex-officio)  
Susan Antonelli, Parent Educator (Ex-officio)

### HOW CAN YOU HELP REACH OUT GOALS?

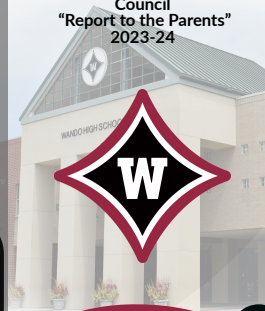
Join the PTSO, become a member of SIC committee, volunteer for your teen's athletic or arts booster programs.

### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

"This report is issued by the Wando High School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."

# WANDO HIGH SCHOOL

## Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2023-24



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The mission of Wando High School, in partnership with parents and the community, is to educate all students by providing a challenging program of study, to encourage lifelong academic and applied learning, and to graduate students prepared to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing and diverse global society.

## INITIATIVES AND STRATEGIES FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

**Increase Student Engagement:** Wando seeks to increase student engagement in all aspects of school, both academic and extracurricular.

- Our Ninth Grade Academy centralizes freshmen, fostering relationships and community.
- We host a Club Fair during lunch and a second session during our evening Curriculum Fair to showcase extracurricular opportunities.
- Partnering with our PTSO, we offered free admission to spring sporting events for all students

**Increase Student Achievement:** Wando prioritizes student achievement using the High Schools that Work model.

- Strategies include high expectations, professional development, teacher collaboration, engaging pedagogical practices, data-driven instruction, and extra support.
- This year a new initiative, "Lunch & Learn" offers tutoring in Math, English, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages three days a week.
- Academic Saturday School and "Quarter Recovery" programs provide additional support.

**Strengthen Communication and Collaboration with Families:**

- The SIC facilitated a review of critical academic policies, ensuring student and parent input in decisions regarding Make-Up Work and Late In/Early Out approvals.
- Collaborating closely with the PTSO, the SIC and school administration supported various initiatives:
  - Teacher support efforts such as the teacher supply closet and appreciation meals.
  - Enhancing student experience through holiday activities, Student Council events, and special events like Legendary Day for Seniors.
  - Beautification projects including planning and constructing outdoor classrooms, and updating hallway photos.
- Wando instituted multiple communication channels with families, including emails, weekly announcements, call-outs, the school's website, and active social media engagement.



## WHY WANDO?

Wando High School has an enrollment of approximately 2,600 students and is located on a 100-acre campus in Mount Pleasant, SC

Wando High School serves students in grades 9-12 with a comprehensive academic program offering more than 200 courses including Advanced Placement, dual enrollment, honors, college preparatory, applied technology, and exceptional education. Wando offers the majority of AP courses offered by the College Board. In addition, students can select from a robust catalog of courses including English, math, science, social studies, fine arts, world languages, Air Force JROTC, and Career and Technology Education (CTE) courses.

The student population is approximately 81.3% White, 9.1% African American, 4.6% Hispanic, 2.5% Asian, and 2.4% other.

Wando has maintained a reputation for academic excellence while providing rigorous standards in all areas for college and career readiness.

50 student clubs and organizations are available for students to participate in before and after school. Student Council, Key Club, National Honor Society, Beta Club, AP Academy, Art Club, French Club, Mock Trial, Pickleball Club, Ping Pong Club, Taylor Swift Club, Spectrum Club, and FCA are just some of the many options available to students.

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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

88% of the 2023 graduating class planned to attend four-year colleges/universities, two-year colleges, or technical colleges.

Students in the class of 2023 took 663 dual credit courses with a passage rate of 88.52%.

Members of the class of 2023 were awarded over \$18.8 million in scholarships.

South Carolina requires high school students to earn 24 credits to graduate. Wando seniors in 2023 graduated with an average of 29 credits.

The average GPA of the class of 2023 was 3.819.