

School Achievements



Wando High School was awarded a Silver Badge from U. S. News & World Report based on our performance on state assessments, graduation

rate and well our students are prepared for college.

Previous Report Card Ratings were Excellent for both Absolute and Growth.

Student Accomplishments

Two senior students were named National Merit Semi-finalists, along with seven commended scholars and one special scholarship candidate awarded by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Six teacher cadets have received \$24,000 Teaching Fellows Scholarships.

Thus far, we have 70 Early Awards Candidates for the South Carolina Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.

SIC Members

Faculty

Caroline Albrecht
Jason Brisini
Charles Coker
Beth Darby
Nancy Ferrell
Elizabeth Johnson
Catherine Lawson
Misty LeClerc
Caroline Taylor

Parents

Thomas Bailey
Kara Berly
Bethany Clawson
Mary Cameron
Debbie Compton
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Rebecca Imholz
Pam Murray
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Students

Blair Bonifield
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Meghan McTavish
Patsy Newitt
Caitlyn Richardson
Cole Whitman

Community

John Brisini
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Annual School Improvement Council

“Report to the Parents”

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Initiatives and Strategies for School Improvement

Initiatives

- Our Ninth Grade Academy houses our freshmen in a “school within a school” where they take core courses. This smaller environment gives ninth graders the opportunity to build relationships and increase their sense of community.
- Our Smaller Learning Communities Initiative provides a reorganization of the Upper School, grades 10-12, into four smaller career-related “Schools of Study.” We believe using a career-related school approach to teaching and learning will help students see the relevance of their coursework and its connection to the future.
- Wando works within the *High Schools That Work* Alliance, a whole-school research-based reform effort. The *HSTW* model focuses on continuous school improvement through key practices including high expectations, allowing room in the curriculum for career and technical studies, increasing access to academic studies, offering students a challenging program of study, allowing opportunities for work-based learning, supporting collaboration between teachers, actively engaging students in their learning, providing a guidance and advisement system, utilizing a program for extra help and using assessment and data to foster continuous improvement.
- We provide additional support for students with academic promise who will be first-generation college bound.

Strategies

- Raise the graduation rate by establishing an intervention team offering academic/transition support.
- Expand the Golden Warrior Student Recognition and Awards Program.
- Expand Advanced Placement participation and support.
- Expand the use of data to differentiate instruction.
- Expand CTE and Fine Arts courses to meet students’ needs and interests.
- Expand on-line learning opportunities for credit recovery and initial credit.
- Provide professional development on building positive, productive relationships with students.
- Increase opportunities for entry level workforce credentials and certifications for our graduates.
- Expand transition and inclusion support for Exceptional Education students.
- Offer expanded career counseling.
- Expand dual credit options.
- Expand the personalized learning program.

Past Notable Achievements

- More than 94% of the 2015 graduating class planned to attend four-year colleges/universities, two-year colleges or technical colleges.
- Members of the class of 2015 were awarded over 24 million dollars in scholarships.
- 120 students were named AP Scholars. Sixty-four students were named AP scholars with honor and 137 students were named AP scholars with distinction. We had 24 AP National scholars.
- 1,849 Advanced Placement Exams were taken with a passage rate of 83.3%.
- 504 seniors in the Class of 2015 took the SAT. The mean SAT scores for the Class of 2015 were: Critical Reading - 525, Math - 525, Writing - 498.
- 348 students registered for 961 dual credit college courses with a passage rate of 91%.
- Five senior students received appointments to United States Military Academies.
- One hundred sixty-eight students were inducted into the AP Academy during the 2014-2015 school year. Eighty-four seniors received special Advanced Studies diplomas.
- Wando High School was named the 2015-2016 recipient of the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association Director’s Cup for Class AAAA.
- Four state championships were won in Baseball, Boys Lacrosse, Boys Track, and Volleyball.
- In athletics, 22 varsity teams qualified for the playoffs.
- Eighty-five Wando athletes were named to All-Region teams.
- Ninety-two senior athletes were named Scholar Athletes by the South Carolina High School League.
- The Culinary Arts teams had an outstanding year. The Culinary Team finished third in the state while the Management Team finished first in the state and went on to win first place in the nation.
- A Wando student in the Engineering Design and Development Class of Kathryn Johnston placed top ten in the nation for his NASA Tool Design Challenge creation.
- Wando entered the Celebrate My Drive Contest and was the only school in South Carolina and one of 100 high schools throughout the United States and Canada to be awarded the \$25,000 grant. This was the second year in a row that Wando received this award.
- To graduate from high school requires earning 24 course credits. Wando seniors earned an average of 31 credits.

School Profile

Wando High School with an enrollment of more than 4,000 students is located on a 100 acre campus in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

Wando High School serves students in grades 9 - 12 with a comprehensive academic program offering more than 250 courses.

The student population is approximately 81.9% White, 11.5% African-American, 2.9% Hispanic, 1.6 % Asian and 2.1% other.

FACULTY AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF

- Professional staff members have an average of 12.2 years of educational experience.
- 71.7% of the faculty and professional staff hold masters or other advanced degrees.
- 22 professional staff members are National Board Certified Teachers.

Mission Statement

The mission of Wando High School, in partnership with parents and 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 challenge of a rapidly changing and diverse global society.



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.”