

## GUIDANCE

Students	Counselors	Ext.
	Mr. Stevens, Director	4411
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade		
A - D	Ms. Brown	3113
E - K	Ms. Hansen	4409
L—R	Ms. West	4404
Si- Z	Mr. Metz	4402
Careers	Mrs. Estes	440
GEAR-UP	Ms. Hurley	4509
Registrar	Ms. Cribb	4400
Data Clerk	Ms. Williams	4402
Secretary	Ms. Walker	4401

### Services Offered:

Group Counseling  
Individual Counseling  
College / Vocational Planning  
Crisis Intervention  
Scholarship Opportunities  
Enrollment / Registration / Scheduling

### Class Rank & the Weighted Grade Point

West Ashley High School offers CP, Honors, AP, and Dual Credit courses. Class ranking is computed on a four level scale. West Ashley High uses the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy.

### Class of 2016 Facts: Annual School Report Card

Enrollment: 1,697 Students  
Absolute Rating: **Excellent**  
Growth Rating: Average  
Graduation Rate: 76.6%  
Student Attendance Rate: 92.5%  
Teacher Attendance Rate: 95.6%  
Teachers with Adv. Degrees: 55.9%  
Student to Teacher Ratio: 31.9 to 1  
Enrollment in CTE Classes: 1241  
Average SAT: 1354 ACT: 17.1  
SACS Accreditation: Yes  
Dollars spent per pupil: \$9,018  
Percentage 4 YR College : 40%  
Percentage 2YR College : 38%  
Scholarship money earned: \$8.1 million

### National Merit Scholars

2 Finalists in past 2 years  
7 Semifinalists in past 8 years



## EXCEPTIONAL CHILD PROGRAMS

A continuum of services serving students in self-contained, resource, and inclusion settings.



## NJROTC

The West Ashley High School NJROTC Program, established in 1994, has 250 cadets, continued to grow and offer new and exciting activities for enrolled cadets.

- Curriculum includes Naval History, Health Sciences, and Math / Science-oriented studies
- NJROTC has completed over 5,000 hours of community service with programs such as Relay for Life, Adopt-A-Highway, Beach Sweeps, PGA, and preparing meals for needy families — providing almost two dozen meals on both Thanksgiving and on Christmas.
- The Rifle Team placed 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> for the year at the Lower State Competition and will compete at the State level as well.
- The Drill and Color Guard Teams as well as the Orienteering Team have placed in competitions this year.

## To Learn More...

Potential students and parents are welcome to make an appointment with a school counselor to receive more information.

Please call the West Ashley High Campus at 843-573-1201, ext. 4401.

# West Ashley High School



**E<sup>5</sup>** To Experience,  
To Embrace, To Educate,  
To Encourage, & To Empower

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### History of the School

West Ashley High School was formed in August of 2000, merging the former Middleton High School and St. Andrew's Parish High School. It is the "Excellent" high school experience for all West Ashley students!

## WAHS

### Student Information

50% Male  
50% Female  
47% African-American  
42% White  
9% Other

14 International Students



### Administration

Dr. Gerrita Postlewait, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Mr. Kim Wilson, Executive Director

Where to go for Assistance . . . 573-1201

### West Ashley High School

Principal William L. Runyon, III, ext. 2001

### Associate Principal

Gayle Dorsel, ext. 4303

### Assistant Principals

Students A-D	Carol Meriwether, ext. 4504
Students E—K	Dawn Simonsen, ext. 2403
Students L—R	Robert Burch, ext. 4608
Students S—Z	Gayle Dorsel, ext. 4303

Special Education	Leanne Ratcliffe, ext. 1204
Guidance Director	Wayne Stevens, ext. 4411
Athletic Director	Richard Luden, ext. 2503
Activities Director	Sandra Pennekamp, ext. 1106
Attendance Clerk	Levern McCanic, ext. 4501

### Mission Statement

The West Ashley High School mission is to encourage, educate, and empower every student to become a confident, self-directed, and lifelong learner who values diversity and possesses the tools for academic, social, and personal achievement.

## ACADEMICS

### School Characteristics

West Ashley High School is a comprehensive four-year public school. Accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, West Ashley High School celebrates its diversity, academic achievement and school / civic pride.

The approximate enrollment is 1800.

### Curriculum

West Ashley High School's education program provides academic opportunities for all learners including: AP Academy, 13 AP classes, 9 Dual Credit classes, 21 Honors classes, and College Prep. classes, Bilingual / ESOL, Career and Technology Education Career Majors, Project Lead the Way Pre-Engineering classes, and Special Education courses.

### CTE Majors

Accounting  
Behavioral & Social Sciences  
Business Information Management  
Culinary Arts  
General Management  
Health Science  
Marketing Management  
Mechatronics  
Merchandising  
Nail Technology  
Pre-Engineering  
Programming & Software Development  
Sports Medicine  
Web & Digital Communications

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Academic Bowl	National Honor Society
Anime Club	Orienteering Team
Archery	Quest Competition
Art Club	Rifle Team
Beta Club	SAAD
DECA	Sailing Team
Engineering / Robotics Club	SeaPerch
Environmental Science Club	SETA
FCA	Spirit Club
FCCLA	Student Council
For Ladies Only	Surf Club
Guitar Club	Video Game Club
HOSA	Wildcat International
Interact Club	Young Gentlemen's Club



## ACADEMICS & FINE ARTS

**Advanced Placement:** AP Academy (9<sup>th</sup> grade Honors - 12<sup>th</sup> grade AP), Biology, Chemistry, English Literature, English Language & Composition, World History, U.S. History, European History, Music History, American Government, Macro Economics, Statistics, Calculus, Art, and Psychology.

**Dual Credit:** English 101,102, 204, 205 Math 110, 111 & 120.

**Fine Arts:** Band (Honors, Symphonic, Marching, Concert, Flagline, Drumline, and Winterguard), Chorus (Bella Voce, Choraliers, and Troubadours), Drama (I, II, III, and IV), and Strings (I, II, III, and IV).



## ATHLETICS

Baseball	Softball
Basketball	Swimming
Cheerleading	Tennis
Cross Country	Track
Football	Volleyball
Golf	Weightlifting
Lacrosse	Wrestling
Soccer	



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Full Broadway-quality musical production each Spring attended by more than 2,500 people. The Drama Department presented "Hairspray" in 20156
- Students receive technical training in professional lighting and sound production.
- WAHS Orchestra - Ranked Superior
- Indoor Drumline - State Runner-Up
- Award-Winning Chorus
- 7 former Teachers of the Year from the Charleston County School District
- Milkin Award Winner 2010
- 78 Seniors inducted into the SAT Wall of Fame (Score of 1100 or above)
- Over 100 members in the National Honor Society
- 21 students signed to play sports in college during 2015 - 2016 school year
- 2016 SeaPerch National Challenge - 4<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> Place Overall
- 2016 VEX Robotics State Champions
- 2016 Culinary Arts Pro-Start State Champions
- Earthbound Challenge Grand Prize (State Level)
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## QUICK FACTS

### **WAHS Hosts Events Such As:**

Wildcat Classic Winter Guard Competition  
Lower State Marching Band Competition  
State Winterguard and Drum line Competition  
Comprehensive Adult / Community Education Programs  
Relay for Life, Junior Leadership Conference,  
Taste of West Ashley Community Engagement,  
Student teachers from local colleges  
Field Experience Interns from local colleges  
SC PACE Teacher Academy Host Site, College Night,  
Financial Aid Night,  
and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation