Wilson High School



1411 Old Marion Highway Florence, SC 29506 843.664.8440 fax: 843.664.8176 <u>www.fsd1.org/schools/</u> <u>wilson</u>

Dr. Eric Robinson, Principal

School History: The first recorded history of Wilson High School was in 1869. The school began as a school created by the Freedmen's Bureau at the end of the Civil War. Throughout time the school has been located at several locations in Florence including Dargan Street, Irby Street, and our current location of Old Marion Highway.



MISSION STATEMENT:

At Wilson High School, we commit to developing in all students the knowledge, skills, and character to achieve personal success.



GRADES: ENROLLMENT: AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: SCHOOL COLORS: SCHOOL MASCOT: Nine through Twelve 1200 22 Purple and Gold Tiger



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

The International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum is like no other in the United States. We belong to an international organization (ibo.org) whose membership includes approximately 1421 authorized schools in 117 countries. The IB program offers teacher training, sets curricula, conducts strenuous examinations, and offers a world-class credential to talented high school graduates.

The IBO main office is in Geneva, Switzerland with administrative offices in Geneva, New York, Buenos Aires, Vancouver, and Singapore. The general operation of IB is to provide students with a balanced and rigorous pre-university education, to facilitate geographical and cultural mobility, and to promote international understanding.

Unlike the Advanced Placement (AP) courses, IB places emphasis upon the entire curriculum. In our school, grades 9 and 10 are taught at the Middle Years Program level (MYP). Grades 11 and 12 follow the prestigious International Baccalaureate curriculum.



continued

OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS and FEATURES: State, Regional, and National winners of student competitive events, active program Advisory Councils, job shadowing, internship and apprenticeship opportunities for students, and work-based learning opportunities for students.

WILSON HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

Wilson High School has one of the strongest Alumni Associations in the country. The main chapter meets every 1st Sunday of the month at the school. There are also several chapters in other states across the nation. Annually the Alumni Association donates \$25,000 to the school in addition to the various scholarships awarded to students from the past classes. The Alumni Association also worked with the South Carolina Department Of Motor Vehicles to create a custom license plate for Wilson. Proceeds from the tags are used to give scholarships to deserving Wilson High School students.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Wilson High School offer students a variety of clubs and organizations which include the following:

- National Honor Society
- Beta Club
- Air Force Junior ROTC
- Chess Club
- National Spanish Honor Society
- Delta Gems
- Teen Pearls
- Distinguished Gentlemen
- Travel Club
- Gospel Choir

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

- School with most students receiving offers for appointments to Military Academies in the Pee Dee Area (5 in the past 5 years)
- The lowest amount of incidents requiring law enforcement
- 2015 Region Championships in Boys Track, Boys Tennis, and Boys Basketball
- 3 students selected to the All-State Teams (Football, Basketball, and Tennis)
- A 2013 Graduate received the Gates Millennium Scholarship
- Newly created Sports Medicine and Health Science (CNA certification) classes
- STEM classes in Engineering and Biomedical Sciences

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CLASS of 2015

- Over \$5,000, 000 in scholarships awarded
- 7 Palmetto Scholars
- 69 Life Scholars
- 57 Hope Scholars
- 78% of IB Seniors received IB Diploma (Highest in recent history)
- 75% of graduating class attending college or military

Shown on map at right: The location of **Wilson High School**

