



West Florence High School
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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT TO PARENTS AND COMMUNITY 2011

MISSION STATEMENT

West Florence High School is committed to enabling its students to become confident, self-directed, and lifelong learners. Students will be provided a safe environment, optimal learning conditions, equitable opportunities, consistent support, encouragement, and respect for all.

HSAP First Attempt Percent Meeting Standard				
Year	ELA	Math		
2007	93	83		
2008	89	85		
2009	84**	80*		
2010	85	81		
End of Course Tests Percent Passing				
Year	English	Algebra	US History	Physical Science
2007	75	91	N/A	55
2008	71	84	N/A	56
2009	74	84	N/A	47
2010	82	83	57	60

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST			
Year	Verbal Means	Math Means	TOTAL
2007	481	474	955
2008	479	486	965
2009	470	479	949
2010	466	477	943
ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS			
Percent scoring 3 or better			
2007		56	
2008		50	
2009		49	
2010		51	

*Above district average

** Above district and state average

PERFORMANCE GOALS

Goal 1: To increase student achievement on standardized tests.

To increase standardized test scores, West Florence offers:

- USA Testprep, Inc., an online preparation resource
- MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing, an instrument to identify student weaknesses
- Gifted/Talented and Advanced Placement courses
- Tutoring in English, math, science and social studies
- Writing lab
- HSAP workshops for students and parents
- HSAP remediation classes
- SAT preparation classes
- Weekly literacy and numeracy lessons in all subject areas
- Summer reading (sophomores, juniors)

Goal 2: To prepare students for the technological skills required by modern society.

To prepare students for the technological skills required by modern society, West Florence has acquired:

- Digital Input Technology/Digital Imaging/ Web Page Design classes
- Digital cameras
- Digital scanners
- Wireless Internet access
- 10 total computer labs (including iMac computer lab, 2 mobile laptop computer labs)
- 84 Smartboards
- 10 Smart wireless slates
- Smart Response system
- 30 Apple iPods for instructional use
- Elmo document cameras
- Texas Instruments (TI) Navigational System (wireless communication between student and teacher calculators)
- TI –Nspire calculators
- Weekly technology lessons in all classes
- Fathom (a data analysis software program)
- ParentLink (automatic phone messaging system)
- Power School/Parent Portal (online school information source for students and parents)
- ROTC flight simulator

Goal 3: To reduce the student retention rate in all grades.

To reduce the student retention rate in all grades, West Florence has implemented:

- South Carolina Economic and Education Development Act
- High Schools That Work
- Smaller Learning Communities (career academies)
- Academic Advisors for all students
- Faith-based mentoring program
- Nova Net program (credit recovery throughout school year and/or summer)
- Attendance Recovery
- Summer Remediation Program
- Dropout Prevention Initiative (through Clemson University)
- Graduate Florence Academy

Goal 4: To assist students with career choices in preparation for the workplace or post-secondary education.

To assist students with career choices in preparation for the workplace or post-secondary education, West Florence provides:

- Four-year Individual Graduation Plan (IGP)
- Individual career counseling
- Career interest surveys
- Career fairs
- Two career development facilitators (CDFs)
- Work-based learning coordinator
- Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)
- Internships and shadowing
- Community partnerships
- Dual-credit opportunities from Florence-Darlington Technical College

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Academic Accomplishments

- 106 LIFE Scholarship recipients
- 18 Palmetto Fellows
- 68% of the senior class graduated with honors
- 52% of the student body had a 3.0 or better GPA
- Senior scholarships totaling more than 5 million dollars
- 11 South Carolina Board of Education Academic Achievement Awards

Athletic Accomplishments

- Region champions in girls' soccer, boys' soccer, girls' tennis and boys' tennis
- 6 North/South All-Star players
- 36 players named South Carolina High School Scholar Athletes
- Individual State Champion in golf
- 5 athletic scholarships