

# KNIGHT LIGHTS

- 263 LIFE Scholarship recipients
- 20 Palmetto Fellows
- 70 Board of Trustees Awards
- 73% of senior class graduating with honors
- Senior scholarships totaling more than 11 million dollars
- 17 South Carolina Board of Education Academic Achievement Awards
- 7 Athletic Scholarships
- Region champions in boys' tennis, cross country, swim team
- 5 North/South All-Star players
- 36 players named South Carolina High School League Scholar Athletes



The West Florence School Improvement Council strives to share our Report to Parents and Community with all interested in our school. We encourage you to look over this information as well as visit our website often. The full School Report Card can be found under the SC Department of Education link on our School Improvement section of our website under Parent Links.

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West Florence High School

221 Beltline Drive  
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# WEST FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL

2017



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<https://www2.fsd1.org/schools/westflorence/Pages/default.aspx>

Pam Quick, *Principal*



## WF Vision

Our vision is for students to be productive and responsible citizens who are successful in an ever-changing society.

Students will be provided a safe environment, optimal learning conditions, equitable opportunities, consistent support, encouragement, and respect for all.

<b>GRADES:</b>	<b>Nine through Twelve</b>
<b>ENROLLMENT:</b>	<b>1803</b>
<b>AVERAGE CLASS SIZE:</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>SCHOOL COLORS:</b>	<b>Green and Gold</b>
<b>SCHOOL MASCOT:</b>	<b>KNIGHTS</b>

## WFHS Performance Goals

West Florence strives to:

- ◇ increase student achievement on standardized tests.
- ◇ prepare students for the technological skills required by modern society.
- ◇ reduce the student retention rate in all grades.
- ◇ assist students with career choices in preparation for the workplace or post-secondary education.

We're growing!

- \* 6 new laptops carts for science /math classes
- \* 6 new Chromebook carts for classroom use

## West Florence High School has become the 52nd school in the **WORLD** to earn **AdvancED STEM Certification!**

- ◇ In November, 2016, West Florence High School became the 52nd school in the world to earn AdvancED STEM Certification. This certification is the first internationally recognized mark of quality for STEM schools and programs. In earning this certification, WFHS has demonstrated our commitment to preparing our students for STEM careers and advanced education.
- ◇ In order to earn STEM Certification, WFHS had to undergo a rigorous evaluation and will implement a continuous improvement process. We had to provide evidence and work samples proving quality STEM education, and our classrooms were observed for evidence of student engagement and collaboration in the learning process. Our community partners were interviewed, along with administrators, STEM teachers, parents, and students to verify the school's commitment to connecting students' STEM experiences in the classroom to the local community and the world at large.
- ◇ At West Florence, the programs that were included in our STEM review were the Project Lead the Way Engineering and Biomedical Science programs, the Health Science and Careers program, the AP program, and the math and science programs. West Florence High school earned the certification and is now continuing to improve according to our 5-year plan that was developed in the process. Over the next 5 years, West Florence will implement more opportunities for students to work and serve in the community and will develop additional community partnerships to integrate the school and the community.

**WEST IS BEST!**



South Carolina Department of Education  
Office of Early Learning and Literacy  
Read to Succeed

### Secondary Exemplary Literacy

South Carolina established a state-wide reading policy via a law known as the Read to Succeed Act. The law is intended to increase the number of K-12 students who are able to comprehend grade level text and requires that students have knowledgeable teachers, administrators, and school psychologists; access to diverse texts; time to read; and, as needed supplemental support. We will implement the policy in the coming year.

Goals and Action Steps Based on Analysis of Data:

- ◆ Increase awareness of classroom experiences and cooperation among teachers and administration in the school by exposing them to different strategies and opportunities that can be used in their own classrooms.
- ◆ Increase partnerships and awareness of existing partnerships within the community.
- ◆ Foster professional learning and sharing opportunities between and among administrators, teachers, and staff within the school.

### ACT/ACT WorkKeys

**The WorkKeys system from ACT is designed to identify students' work skills. Through this assessment, students become more aware of their strengths within the workplace and what jobs/career paths may be best for them. Juniors take the ACT and WorkKeys tests in the spring. The tests, which also assess a student's readiness for college or a career, are required under a 2014 law and announced each fall.**