

KNIGHT LIGHTS

- 115 LIFE Scholarship recipients
- 13 Palmetto Fellows
- 42 Board of Trustees Awards
- 66% of senior class graduating with honors
- Senior scholarships totaling more than 5 million dollars
- 5 South Carolina Board of Education Academic Achievement Awards
- 14 Athletic Scholarships
- Region champions in girls' tennis, girls' golf, girls' basketball, boys' tennis
- 4 North/South All-Star players
- 19 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

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WEST FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL

2015



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West Florence High School serves approximately 1,750 students in grades 9-12. Our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to enabling all students to become confident, self-directed, and lifelong learners. We are also committed to providing a healthy school environment for both our students and our staff.

We're growing!

- * 6 new laptops carts for science /math classes
- * AP Physics
- * AP Human Geography
- * Through both Project Lead The Way (United States 501 non-profit organization developing STEM curricula for elementary, middle, and high schools) classes:
 - Medical Technology class
 - Intro to Engineering Design class

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.

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST			
Year	Verbal Means	Math Means	TOTAL
2011	469	464	933
2012	463	464	927
2013	436	456	902
2014	461	455	916

End of Course Tests Percent Passing				
Year	English	Algebra	US History	Biology
2011	74	81	49	78
2012	78	80	53	73
2013	73.5	83.8	62.3	78.7
2014	71.4	80.7	65.2	72.1

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS	
Percent scoring 3 or better	
2011	49
2012	56
2013	57
2014	70

ACT / ACT WorkKeys

The WorkKeys system from the 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. Each junior will take the ACT and WorkKeys this school year.

How we Achieve Goals

In order to **increase student achievement on standardized tests**, West Florence employs USA Testprep, Inc., an online preparation resource; MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing, an instrument to identify student weaknesses and lead teacher planning to remediate as needed; Gifted/Talented and Advanced Placement courses; tutoring in English and math; and E-book readers/iPads in selected classes.

We **prepare students for the technological skills required by modern society** by having Integrated Business Applications/Digital Multimedia/Imaging Web Page Design classes. We have wireless access throughout campus with 7 computer labs (including 2 laptop labs and 1 iMac computer lab). Interactive whiteboards are in nearly all classrooms, and we have 4 Personal Smart Response systems for classroom use. We have iPods/iPod Touches/Mini iPads available for classroom use as well. Our math department has TI-Nspire calculators for use with the TI (Texas Instruments) Navigational System (wireless communication between student and teacher calculators).

To **reduce the student retention rate**, West Florence now has academic advisors for all students, career academies to help focus students, and our media center has extended hours during peak times of year. We have such programs as APEX (credit recovery throughout the school year and/or summer), as well as attendance recovery for students. We utilize the Drop-Out Prevention Initiative, Graduate Florence Academy, FSD1 and South Carolina Virtual Schools, and dual-credit classes. The BRIDGE Program is a three-week enrichment program for selected rising ninth graders. The focus of this program is to help students with English and math skills.

We **assist students with career choices in preparation for the workplace or post-secondary education**. Each student has a four-year Individual Graduation Plan (IGP), individual career counseling and career interest surveys, career fairs, and Career Development Facilitators (CDFs). We have College Application Day and onsite college representatives. West Florence offers career classes, internships, and shadowing. We also administer the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test). The WorkKeys system from the ACT is designed to promote better skills for the workplace for students.