



West Florence High School
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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT TO PARENTS AND COMMUNITY 2012

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					SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST			
Year	ELA				Year	Verbal Means	Math Means	TOTAL
2007	93				2007	481	474	955
2008	89				2008	479	486	965
2009	84**				2009	470	479	949
2010	85				2010	466	476	942
2011	89.5				2011	469	464	930
End of Course Tests Percent Passing					ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS			
Year	English	Algebra	US History	Physical Science Biology	Percent scoring 3 or better			
2007	75	91	N/A	55	2007		56	
2008	71	84	N/A	56	2008		50	
2009	74	84	N/A	47	2009		49	
2010	82	83	57	60	2010		51	
2011	74	81	49	78	2011		49	

*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
- Daily literacy and weekly lessons in all subject areas
- SAT Workshop
- Faculty Focus Groups

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
- 11 total computer labs (including 1 iMac computer lab)
- 85 Smartboards
- 10 Smart wireless slates
- Smart Response system
- 65 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
- Moodle—an online discussion board for students/faculty
- 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
- Faculty Focus Groups

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
- Community-Based Training
- Nova Net program (credit recovery throughout school year and/or summer)
- Attendance Recovery
- Summer Remediation Program
- Dropout Prevention Initiative
- Graduate Florence Academy
- Faculty Focus Groups

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)
- Knights Armor—clothes closet provides clothing for Interviewing/conferences
- Community-Based Training
- Work-based learning coordinator
- Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)
- Internships and shadowing
- Community partnerships
- Dual-credit opportunities from Florence-Darlington Technical College
- ASVAB—Arms Service Vocational Aptitude Battery
- Faculty Focus Groups

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Academic Accomplishments

- 106 LIFE Scholarship recipients
- 17 Palmetto Fellows
- 60% of the senior class graduated with honors
- 54% of the student body had a 3.0 or better GPA
- Senior scholarships totaling more than 5.6 million dollars
- 3 South Carolina Board of Education Academic Achievement Awards

Athletic Accomplishments

- Region champions in girls' soccer, boys' soccer, girls' tennis and boys' tennis
- 2 North/South All-Star players
- 37 players named South Carolina High School Scholar Athletes
- Individual State Champion in girls' track
- 7 athletic scholarships
- Punter named State Special Teams Player of the Year