# WACCAMAW MIDDLE SCHOOL

## *School Improvement Council Annual Report*

## 2025 - 2026

*This report was developed through the collaboration of the staff at Waccamaw Middle School and members of the WMS School Improvement Council. This review includes highlights of student effort and achievement, our goals for improvement, and the challenges those goals address.*

## We Just Can't Hide That WARRIOR PRIDE!




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**Pawleys Island, SC**
**29585**

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### School Activities, Honors, and Awards

- WMS was honored to be named a finalist for the Palmetto's Finest Award.
- WMS was named as the Middle School on the Move at the Learning Forward Conference in Columbia, SC.
- Students who meet the qualifications of discipline referrals, passing all subjects and completed iReady Lessons were invited to a "You Are Awesome" party each quarter.
- WMS was named one of America's Healthiest Schools
- Mrs. Haynes was named a finalist for GCSD administrator of the year.
- Teacher of the Year - Ms. Meghan Chinn
- Support Staff of the Year - Ms. Tia Pyatt
- Rookie Teacher of the Year and GCSD Finalist - Mr. Mason Collins
- WMS Bteam Basketball Team came in second in the GCSD Middle School BB Tournament

### Fine Arts and Culture

- 29 Warriors were selected for Georgetown County All County Chorus. Annalise Costagliola (8th) was awarded Most Valuable Performer.
- 13 Warriors were selected to Georgetown County All County Band. Khloe Shumar (8th) was chosen as the Most Valuable Musician.
- 2 WMS Chorus students were selected for the 2024-2025 ACDA Honor Choir - Grace Baroody and Montgomery Walton.
- Gavin Cameron was the only band member from GCSD to play in the All-State Band for SC.
- Claire Chadwell was a finalist for the "I Voted" Contest.
- The WMS Band received an excellent rating with a superior in music sight reading at the SC Concert Performance Assessment.
- Afton Brown, Melissa Dukes and Camilla Morales brought home 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Georgetown County Library Competition.
- Our Drama program performed Beetlejuice Jr. guided by Mrs. Ownbey and Mrs. Klaich.
- Students were able to learn about the Gullah Geechee culture from a guest during the Black History Month Assembly.
- 25 students represented Waccamaw Middle School at the 23rd annual Superintendent's Art Awards night, March 30. The following student's work placed: Chaney Harper Smoak - 1st place 3D, Abby Retey - Special Category, Elliana Gattucio - Carolyn Greene Award , E.D. Lu Strickland - 3rd place 2D Middle School and Sarah Cundiff - Honorable Mention 3D.

### Student Achievement

- WMS was recognized with an Excellent Rating on our 2024-2025 SC School Report Card for the third year in a row taking our overall score to a 71.
- 28 Warriors scored a Perfect Score on the Algebra I EOC test in 2024-2025 and 5 Warriors had perfect scores on SC Ready tests.
- 22 Warriors were selected as the SC Junior Scholars for their performance on the PSAT.
- Sam Rentz (8th) was the winner of the Schoolwide Spelling Bee.
- WMS brought home first place at the GCSD Junior Academic Bowl.

### Service

- Our Warriors raised over $5,100 for our school through the World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser.
- WMS donated $551 to Kidz in Lidz
- HTC REEL KID, Annie Nichols, created Sketch For A Smile and took over 300 get well cards down to MUSC
- We collected 13,302 Canned Goods and monetary donations for the local Baskervill Food Pantry in Pawleys Island.
- Our WMS team took the Polar Plunge and won the "Coolest School" - raising $4,010 for SC Special Olympics in February—the most among GCSD schools.
- WMS raised $1,200 for student activities during our 6th Annual Faculty/Student Kickball Game to support our PE program and purchase recess equipment!
- Student Council collected 62 toys for the Christmas Toy Drive

### WMS School Improvement Council Board Members

**Ginny Haynes**
Principal

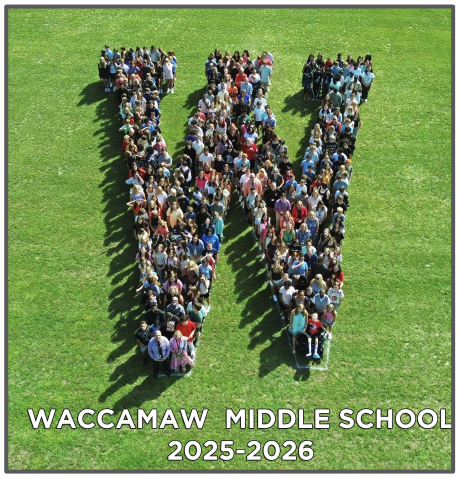
**Jeremy Bonser**
Assistant Principal

**Christy Harrelson**
Instructional Coach

**Kimberly Williams**
School Counselor

**Margaret Walton**
SIC Chair

**Sara Milbee**
SIC Secretary

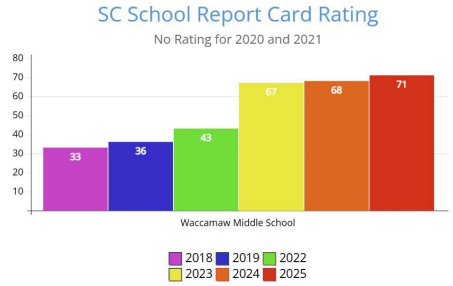


# The Vision and Mission of Waccamaw Middle School

The vision of Waccamaw Middle School is to become a unified tribe of Warriors discovering ho to learn, take ownership,develop pride in our school and community while becoming productive, successful citizens.

The mission of Waccamaw Middle School is to ensure that each Warrior is provided a strong, standards based academic foundation, diverse extra-curricular experiences, and opportunities to develop ownership and pride in order to create well rounded lifelong learners in a safe and supported community.

# 2024-2025 Data Results and Explanation




## South Carolina School Report Card Data

The SC School Report Cards provides information about each school and district, inducing test performance, teacher qualification, student safety, awards, parent involvement and much more.
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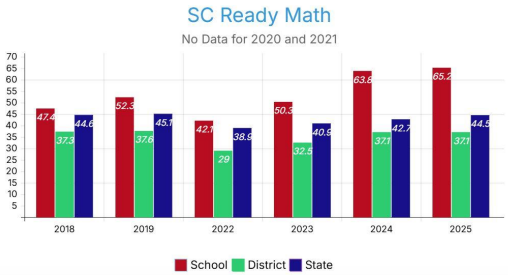
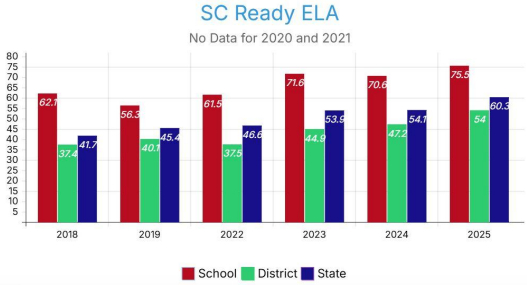


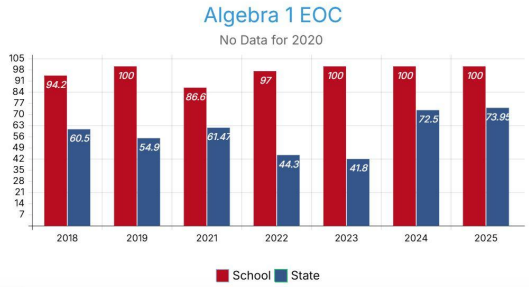

## SC Ready Math Assessment Data

WMS continues to make great gains in student growth with the SC Ready Math State Assessment. WMS students are testing at 65.2% that have met or exceeded grade level expectations and are testing higher than the district and state levels.



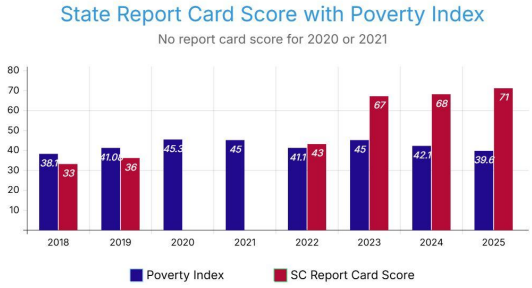

## SC Ready ELA Assessment Data

WMS continues to show great strength in student performance with the SC Ready ELA State Assessment. WMS students are testing at 75.5% that have met or exceeded grade level expectations and we have passed the district and state levels.




## SC Algebra I - End of Course Exam Assessment Data

For the last time, WMS students continue to perform with 100% passage rate for the Algebra I End of Course Assessment (EOC). This assessment is given to all Algebra I students in the state of SC to measure student mastery of specific math standards.




## Report Card Results with WMS Poverty Index

Historically schools with a higher poverty index tend to show less growth on state assessments. WMS has a poverty index of 39.6 and through our instructional programs and supports, still perform at a rate that exceeds district and state averages.