



WACCAMAW MIDDLE SCHOOL

School Improvement Council Annual Report

2021 - 2022

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

You just can't hide that WARRIOR PRIDE!



School Activities, Honors and Awards

- ◇ We held a "You Are Awesome" Party each quarter for students with passing grades, no discipline referrals and completed iReady skill lessons.
- ◇ Students and our community participated in a Career Fair in November featuring local professionals and career opportunities.
- ◇ The WMS Academic team swept the Georgetown County Academic Team Quiz Bowl under the direction of Mrs. Downing Hudson.
- ◇ Teacher of the Year – Mr. Ben Tester
- ◇ Support Staff of the Year – Ms. Davin Smalls

Fine Arts and Culture

- ◇ Brianna Gaspardo (8th) – Winner of Mascot/Logo Creation Contest for the National Alliance on Mental Illness
- ◇ Our students led, created and performed our Black History Program under the direction of Ms. Aliska Brown.
- ◇ 21 Warriors were selected for Georgetown County All County Chorus. Jonah Harvey (7th) was awarded most valuable performer.
- ◇ Our drama students held a successful rendition of High School Musical Performance at the High School under the direction of Mrs. Stacy Ownbey and Mrs. Sarah Stuckey
- ◇ 25 Warriors were selected to Georgetown County All County Band. Abigail Dukes (7th) was selected to perform for the Region Five Honors Band.
- ◇ Nine WMS Artists attended the 2022 ArtFields Junior Competition in Lake City, SC where their artwork was proudly displayed thanks to the guidance of Mrs. Natalie Pantuso
- ◇ Our Very Own WMS Warrior Band was the ONLY band selected to perform at SC School Board Association Annual conference directed by Mrs. Nancy Randall.

Student Achievement

- ◇ Brighton Turner (7th) won our school Spelling Bee and was a Pee Dee Regional Spelling Bee semi-finalist.
- ◇ Abigail Williams (8th) – Recognized for a Perfect Score on the 2021 SC READY Math assessment.
- ◇ 129 Warriors qualified for the regional Geography Bee and 117 qualified for the regional History Bee.
- ◇ 18 Warriors were selected as the SC Junior Scholars for their performance on the PSAT.
- ◇ Ella Hudson (8th) was a SC Council on Economic Education Calendar Contest winner.

Service

- ◇ Our Warriors raised over \$5,000 for our school through the World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser.
- ◇ Our Junior Beta Club attended the SC Junior Beta convention; Abigail Williams 4th place for her apparel design and Maisie Davis took 3rd place for language arts.
- ◇ We collected 3,249 Canned Goods donated to Georgetown County's Helping Hands food bank.
- ◇ Over \$2,500 raised in April for American Heart Association.

Athletics

- ◇ Our very own Lila Jennings (8th) and Sophie Hardin (8th) ran against High School athletes and helped win a State Championship with our WHS Varsity Girls Cross Country.
- ◇ Boys B-Team Basketball won 1st Place at the Black Mingo Middle School Conference tournament following an undefeated season and playoffs under Coach Davin Smalls.
- ◇ Girls B-Team Basketball took 2nd Place at the Black Mingo Middle School Conference tournament under Coach Aliska Brown.
- ◇ Our Warriors learned the value of discipline, dedication and desire through their athletic efforts.

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- Jackilyn Grate**
Parent
- Kaneeka Blye**
Parent
- Ben Tester**
Teacher
- Kim Rathburn**
Teacher
- Becca-Lyn McRobbie**
Teacher
- Downing Hudson**
Teacher
- Linda Harmon**
Community Representative

Our Goals - 2021 - 2022 School Year

Using data from our 2021 Annual SC School Report Card, our SC READY Statewide Assessments and our AdvancEd Survey information, our SIC Team developed the following goals for the 2021-2022 School Year.

GOAL 1: We will foster a school environment and hold high standards that push our Warriors to show significant growth on our SC Ready Statewide Assessments.

We expect the progress made by students at WMS to reflect the projections below

ELA	% of Students who Meet or Exceed Proficiency	
Subject	2021 Data	Projected 2022 Results
7th Grade	59%	63%
8th Grade	55%	60%

MATH	% of Students who Meet or Exceed Proficiency	
Subject	2021 Data	Projected 2022 Results
7th Grade	57%	60%
8th Grade	40%	48%

Ultimately, our goal is to achieve 80% proficiency in the above assessments within the next five years.

GOAL 2: 100% of our Professional Staff will receive appropriate staff development that is designed to enhance student achievement.

A hallmark of any high-achieving school is preparing the staff to address the data-driven needs of our students and target direct instruction. Throughout the 2021-2022 year, our teaching staff attended weekly PLCs—Professional Learning Communities—where teachers were guided through data analysis and identified the strategies and instruction needed. In addition, our professional staff had the opportunity to attend meaningful educational conferences. When our teachers are at their best—they will be at their best for our students.

GOAL 3: The percentage of meaningful feedback from our Community and Parent Survey will increase from 16% to 90% within the next five years AND our parent/family satisfaction rate will increase from 77% to 85% within the next five years.

Without meaningful feedback from our stakeholders, parents and community members - our school cannot properly address the needs of our students. We plan on keeping all stakeholders involved using the following activities: Back to School Orientation Tours, Curriculum and Data Night(s), Report-Card Pick-ups, Increasing positive teacher-to-home communication; utilizing technology to keep parents and families informed on student progress, Keeping our school's social media and newsletter updated with the astonishing achievements of our students and the great things happening at WMS.

Our Challenges - 2021 - 2022 School Year

The challenges faced by our community are also shared by our students and staff. **At Waccamaw Middle School, we truly believe that the strength of our school contributes to the strength of our community.**

The past two years have been wrought with uncertainty, and have affected the academic trajectory of our student body. Our iReady diagnostic data indicated deficits in content skills. We were able to utilize a Content Interventionist to address these areas with the students most in need.

The needs of our Warriors do not stop at academics. We are doing our utmost to address mental health concerns as well as establishing appropriate behaviors expected in a school setting. We will continue to provide Social/Emotional Learning lessons and OLWEUS bullying interventions and using the Signs of Suicide student training.

Current staffing needs are a significant concern for any school in the nation. The past few years our state has seen a great number of highly-qualified teachers leave the profession due to many different reasons. We will continue to recruit teachers who will collaborate and build curricula that provide our Warriors with the framework they need to succeed.