

# LEADING LIKE GENERALS



## Report to the Community

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## MetLife Foundation – NASSP Breakthrough Schools Award

WHHS is guided by the motto, “Rigor + Relevance + Relationships = Results: Graduation and Beyond,” which has bettered student achievement and school environment for the past seven years. In 2012, WHHS was one of four high schools in the nation to be recognized as a Met-Life-NASSP Breakthrough School.

WHHS was named Carolina First Palmetto’s Finest High School in 2010 and received the Panasonic National School Change Award in 2011.

The purpose of the Breakthrough School award is to recognize middle and high schools that are high achieving or are dramatically improving student achievement and that serve large numbers of students living in poverty.

The selection criteria is based on: collaborative leadership, personalization, and curriculum (instruction and assessment). Nominated schools must demonstrate: 1) continuous growth on state as-

sessments over time, 2) specific efforts towards reducing the achievement gap, and 3) 40% percent or more students eligible for free or reduced lunch.

Areas of success mentioned in the award application were: the philosophy at Wade Hampton of using data as a road map to guide student achievement decisions, the foundation laid for incoming freshman with the Freshman Academy, providing teachers with unique opportunities for professional development (the 3TPD program, which incorporates teachers teaching teachers), and the collaborative relationship between the school and all stakeholders (parents, students, community, and school personnel). The successes and awards of the PTSA and SIC were specifically mentioned.

In receiving this award, Wade Hampton received \$5,000 in grant money for the school, and the principal, Mr. Lance Radford, was asked to present a

workshop for other educational leaders throughout the nation at the National Breakthrough Schools Conference in March, 2012, in Tampa,

Florida. All Breakthrough Schools will be featured in the May, 2012 NASSP magazine, “Principal Leadership”.

**Principal Lance Radford speaks with some WHHS top students about the recent award.**



## GOALS & OBJECTIVES

### Goal 1: Raise academic performance of each student

- OBJ 1: Improve EOC test scores
- OBJ 2: Increase the number of students scoring level 3 or 4 on both sections of HSAP
- OBJ 3: Raise the graduation rate
- OBJ 4: Guard the accuracy of the student database

### Goal 2: Ensure quality teachers in all classrooms

- OBJ 1: Increase teacher technology proficiency
- OBJ 2: Increase teacher knowledge in the use of diverse instructional strategies

### Goal 3: Provide a school environment supportive of learning

- OBJ 1: Increase the number of freshmen students involved in extra curricular activities
- OBJ 2: Improve stakeholder communication
- OBJ 3: Monitor technology developments
- OBJ 4: Increase the freshman attendance rate

**Educate. Inspire. Empower.**

# Another Outstanding Year in WHHS Athletics

“Wade Hampton is in the finals!” Is this starting to sound familiar? For the second consecutive year, a Wade Hampton team made an appearance in the state basketball finals. Our girls’ basketball team advanced to the State Championship game for the first time in school history after defeating Clinton High School in the Upper State Championship. The Lady Generals set a school record with a 27-2 record, and Coach Linderman was selected as the Region Basketball Coach of the Year.

Our boys’ basketball team followed up the 2010-2011 undefeated championship season with an impressive record of 20-8. They competed in the Upper State Championship against Southside High School. Brian Steele was named All County and All State and will be playing in the South Carolina/North Carolina All Star game,

a first for WHHS. Coach Nance was selected as the NFHS Boys Basketball State Coach of the Year.

Coach Haltiwanger was named Region Coach of the Year. Nikeem Ladson was se-

lected to play in the North South All Star Game. Six students were expected to sign college football scholarships.

as both the boys’ and girls’ teams won the Region Championships last spring. They are favored to repeat that accomplishment this year. Coach Zeller was named the State Cross Country Coach for the second year in a row and the boys cross country team was state runner-up for the second year in a row.

Other firsts for sports include the boys’ swim team winning back to back region championships and a 4th place finish at state. The competition cheerleading team brought home our first regional championship in that sport, giving WHHS a total of seven region championships in the past year. This tremendous growth says we have come into an era where teams regularly compete for regional and state titles, while maintaining high standards for academics and citizenship off the playing field.



**The varsity girls basketball team strategizes during a timeout at the State Championship Game.**

The Generals were gridiron standouts this year as the Region Champions for the first time in 43 years. With a 9-3 season, the Generals went undefeated in the region and hosted two home playoff games, a first

lectured to play in the North South All Star Game. Six students were expected to sign college football scholarships.

Wade Hampton continued its dominant performance in track and field

## Did you know? WHHS OFFERS...

~Very successful Freshman Academy in its ninth year of supporting freshmen in their transition to high school.

~Well established World Language Program including four years of German, French, and Spanish; including AP Spanish and AP French.

~Sixteen Advanced Placement courses, beginning with freshman classes.

~Fourteen Career Clusters classes ranging from Law Enforcement and Auto Repair to Sports Medicine. Transportation provided to both Enoree and Bonds Career Centers.

~More than 52 different sections in the award winning Fine Arts Department. Curriculum includes four levels of choral music, art, band, orchestra, journalism, and drama.

~An award winning Air Force JROTC program.

~Twenty-two varsity and 12 JV teams in 16 different sports.

~A technology rich environment, including ten computer labs, four wireless laptop computer labs, and 80 Promethean Boards for classroom instruction

~Ten faculty members with National Board Certification, with more on the way!

~A shared common campus with the District’s Fine Arts Center.

## Generals in the Classroom

- ★ ~WHHS awarded the NASSP Breakthrough Schools Award in 2012, a national award.
- ★ ~ WHHS awarded the Panasonic National School Change Award in 2011, a national award.
- ★ ~ WHHS named the Carolina First Palmetto’s Finest High School in 2010, a state award.
- ★ ~ WHHS was a Carolina First Palmetto’s Finest finalist in 2008, 2009, and 2010.
- ★ ~ ACT High Achievement Award in 2009 and 2010.
- ★ ~SAT High Achievement Award in 2010.
- ★ ~ Palmetto Gold Award Winner, 2009, 2010, and 2011.
- ★ ~ Highest graduation rate among all GCS in 2010 (86%), second highest in 2011 (84%).
- ★ ~Highest 5th Year graduation rate among all GCS in 2011 (87%).
- ~ The graduation rate has increased over 12% (from 71% to 84%) since 2005 and has
- ★ exceeded the state and district rates since

- 2006.
- ★ ~ EOCEP pass rate (83%) is the 2nd highest among all Greenville County High Schools in 2011.
- ★ ~ HSAP pass rate of 89% in 2011, the 2nd highest among all GCS in 2011.
- ★ ~ The average freshman GPA was 3.32 in 2011.
- ~ All subject pass rate of 96% in 2011.
- ★ ~ Over \$9,000,000 in scholarships were offered to the class of 2011.
- ★ ~ Student enrollment has increased almost 36% since 2005.
- ~EXCELLENT State Report Card rating, three years in a row!

## WHHS SCHOOL REPORT CARD

EXCELLENT 2011  
EXCELLENT 2010  
EXCELLENT 2009