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Wade Hampton High School has maintained a tradition of academic excellence for more than half a century. We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and faculty. In 2016, we were honored by the federal government with the designation as a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School, making WHHS the only high school in the upstate to be awarded this moniker since 1986. Wade Hampton's strength emanates from the educational partnerships between the students and faculty, the wealth of parental and community involvement, and the love of learning that exists as a result. This school year opened with over 1,700 students in attendance

Students are more likely to succeed when they are well rounded and engage in connections outside the classroom. We have strong extracurricular programs in Athletics, Community Service, Science Technology Arts and Engineering (STEAM), and Performing Arts. Our students lead a variety of clubs and special interests groups that represent the diverse nature of our student body. At Wade Hampton High School we believe the school, family, and community must share the educational responsibility of our children. Success for our students is dependent on the active participation of all our stakeholders.

The Wade Hampton High School goals are the force that drives what we do and are aligned with the goals of Greenville County Schools. These three goals will be described in this report to the community along with many accomplishments in each area.

First Goal: Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student. Wade Hampton High School is one of the highest performing high schools in South Carolina. We are excited and proud to announce that our 4 year graduation rate was 97.0% in 2017. This is



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and many more on the waiting list. Wade Hampton High School is helping all students develop the world class skills and career characteristics included in the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a safe, caring, and academically rigorous learning environment. With a clearly defined mission to "Educate, Empower, and Inspire" each of our students, we work tirelessly to implement a personalized learning plan for all students beginning at their current academic level and guiding them to graduation and beyond.



an all-time high for WHHS and was the highest graduation rate among GCS high schools. It is notable that WHHS has had the highest graduation rate among all GCS for the last 6 out of 8 years! We are also proud of our 5-year graduation rate of 95.4%, another new record for WHHS. The class of 2017 earned 386 state diplomas, and produced 158 Life Scholarship recipients.

Second Goal: Ensure quality personnel in all positions.

The faculty and staff of Wade Hampton High School are committed to a strong focus on student-centered learning. We use both historical and current student achievement data to examine instructional practices and make decisions regarding how to meet the diverse needs of our students. Recognizing that we are stronger together, our teachers operate within the framework of the Professional Learning Communities in order to continuously evaluate, plan, and improve student learning. There are 12 educators on the faculty with National Board Certificates, 67 with advanced degrees, twenty nine with AP endorsements, and twenty nine endorsed to teach gifted learners. Of the past eight candidates for Teacher of the Year, 4 were among the top 5 finalists for the district. The WHHS faculty is a dynamic cohort of educators who are dedicated to instilling a love of learning in each of their students.

Third Goal: Provide a school environment supportive of learning.

School safety, once taken for granted, is a major concern to all stakeholders within most communities. Annual state surveys taken by the parents, students, and teachers of WHHS reveal that the majority of our stakeholders believe that WHHS is a safe environment.

Programs and policies such as ID badges, Ignore the Door, and the secured front office entry are measures that have been taken to further protect the students and faculty. Enhancements have been made to the instructional program as well. Academics are supported through established programs such as The Freshman Academy, now in its 15th year, and the After School Tutoring program, which provides free transportation home for students within WHHS's attendance zone. Additionally, approximately 20% of the student body takes advantage of specialized curricula at The Fine Arts Center or one of the four Career Centers throughout the county. In 2014, Greenville County Schools launched Graduation Plus. This initiative was designed to encourage students to enhance their diploma program by selecting course work that leads to completer certificates in technical areas or college credits through the dual credit program, as well as offering opportunities for Early College. Currently, WHHS offers dual credit courses in English, Marketing, and Teacher Cadet. In addition to those offerings, our students passed 490 AP courses last year, earning 1,470 college credits, resulting in \$1,470,000 in college savings. We believe that variety in the instructional program is vital to meeting the needs of our students.

Thank you for all of your support as we continue to develop our future South Carolina graduates and leaders!

- **Wade Hampton High School was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2016**
- **Wade Hampton has had the highest Graduation Rate in the school district for six of the last eight years**
- **Wade Hampton students and the community worked together to raise over \$250,000 for Shriners Hospital during Spirit Week 2017**

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