

School Achievements

- In 2016, 8% of tested students scored Basic and above in “English Language Arts” (ELA) and 37% achieved at similar levels in Math, as measured by the South Carolina National Center and State Collaborative (SC-NCSC) assessment.
- 82% of students mastered 80% or more of their IEP goals.
- The Unique Learning System curriculum is aligned with State standards and implemented school-wide. Additionally, the OnCourse System is in place for lesson planning, monitoring, and archiving.
- Washington Center has a fully functioning SIC and PTA, and this year the PTA has sponsored three parent training sessions. The first was “Family Night” with local service providers, and subsequently, “Lunch and Learn Presents” spoke on establishing Guardianship and utilizing Sign Language.

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Annual Goals

Students will increase SC-NCSC ELA and Math scores by three percent each year.

Ninety-five percent of students will achieve mastery of 80% or more of individual goals.

Students will participate in community trips, virtual field trips and skyping.

A school steering committee will provide input into decisions related to school programs and activities.

Teachers will participate in ongoing training and will meet designated professional development requirements.

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Mission & Vision

The mission of Washington Center is to address students’ individual needs through appropriately adapted learning experiences. Standards-based instruction is provided daily; and, through home, school, and community collaboration, an educational environment has been created that conveys respect and recognition of each student’s potential for success. Rather than focusing on student limitations, staff members strive to provide levels of support required for optimal student growth.

Washington Center staff members share a unique vision which relates specifically to the needs of students with severe disabilities. Families partner with staff and community members to provide services that are of excellent quality and that focus on functional skill development. The professionals who serve Washington Center students are highly qualified and committed to meeting students’ emotional, social, physical, and instructional needs in a nurturing environment.

Additional Information

- Washington Center continues to support higher education by serving as a field placement and training facility.
- Assistive technology and augmentative communication devices are integrated into all instruction.
- During 2016 – 17, funds have been secured to upgrade all classroom technology.
- Final plans for the projected nature trail have been completed; tree work has been done; and park furnishings have been ordered.

School Programs

Adaptive Environmental Science
Alumni Day
Art Swap
Backpack Buddies
Boo in the School
Community Based Instruction
Community Day
Craft Day
Daily Living Skills Training
Backpack Buddies
Dog Therapy
Homebound Services
PTA “5K Run, Walk and Roll” Fund Raiser
Multi-sensory Room
Parent “Lunch & Learn”
Reading Buddies
Seagull Grill
Special Olympics and Challenge Day
Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapies

Spirit Week
Valentine Pageant
Wheelchair Accessible Playgrounds
Time Out in the Community – sponsored by the
SEC Women’s Basket Ball Tournament and Bon
Secour

Awards and Recognitions

“Hope Foundation” Grant recipient.

United Way 2016 Award.

Donations from Buena Vista Elementary School;
the Southern Endowment; local Knights of
Columbus; and, Sara Collins’
“Pay It Forward” initiative.

More than \$100,000 received from Eastside High
School’s 2016 Spirit Week.

Sharon Russo, teacher, recognized with the Blue
Cross/Blue Shield “Fearless Teacher” Award.

Linda Thigpen, Instructional Coach, recognized
by WYFF as a “Golden Apple Award Winner”.

Nardia Lloyd, Carey Reichardt and Maxine
Brown recognized by Greenville County School
Board with the “Miracle Worker Award”.

Chosen to participate in the Association for
Learning Environments tour of Greenville
County Schools Facilities.

Chosen to participate in a recruiting video being
developed by the district.

Washington Center teachers chosen to
demonstrate testing procedures for a training
video to be used statewide.

Partnerships

Anderson University
Bob Jones University
Bon Secour Wellness Arena
Brashier Middle College Charter High School
Buena Vista Elementary School
Carolina First Bank
Chick-fil-A
Christ Church School
Clemson University
Daughters of Penelope
District Elementary, Middle and High Schools
Donors Choose
Eastside High School
Family Connections
Furman University
Greenville Fine Arts Center
Greenville First Church of the Nazarene
Greenville Health System
Greenville Humane Society
Greenville Symphony’s EdReach Program
Greenville Tech
Heritage Elementary School
Hillcrest Teacher Cadets
Klaver Klubs (Middle Schools)
Knights of Columbus
Krispy Kreme
Mitchell Road Elementary School
Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough,
LLP-Attorneys
Riverside High School
Sara Collins Elementary School
Shannon Forest Christian School Key Club
South Carolina Children’s Theater
Southern Endowment
St. Joseph’s High School
St. Mary’s Catholic School
Summit Drive Elementary School
Trees Greenville
University Center