

Student Achievement

For the 2018-19 school year, Wren High School received a rating of EXCELLENT on the annual South Carolina School Report Card, acknowledging that our school's performance "substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate."

Wren High School's graduation rate improved to 94.9%. The five percent of students that did not obtain a high school diploma includes students that were enrolled in an occupational diploma program. Many of those students still achieved the goal of being career ready upon completion of their instructional program at Wren High School. As always, we are very proud of our efforts to get EVERY student prepared for life after high school with a diploma.

Wren High School was once again recognized by US News & World Report as one of the top high schools in the Nation. This is the first such recognition for Wren High School since 2016.

Wren High School continues to rank among the highest in the state on mandated testing such as End of Course Testing, AP, and SAT/ACT.

"To view the entire report card for Wren High School for the 2018-19 school year,

look for the "REPORT CARDS" section on the South Carolina State Department of Education website. www.ed.sc.gov."

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Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the Wren High School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."

Wren High School Annual SIC "Report to the Parents" 2019-20



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Mission Statement

Wren High School aims to prepare students for the future by providing each student with the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and character necessary to excel and contribute in a challenging and global society.

SIC Annual Goals

Goal 1: Wren High School will continue to maintain test scores on the SAT and ACT scores above the national and state averages for both tests in all areas.

Goal 2: The students of Wren High School will annually improve performance on the SC EOCEP by 1% above the state average following End of Course Exams: Algebra, English I, Biology, and U.S. History and 1% on the overall passing average of the state.

Goal 3: Wren High School will increase the percentage of students achieving at least a Silver Certificate on the Career Readiness Assessment in order to achieve the goal of having students be considered College/Career Ready upon graduation from high school.

The SIC plays an important advisory role in the accomplishment of the above goals. The variety of input that the SIC provides is useful in making important decisions. Perspectives from inside the school (teachers and administrators) meet with perspectives of those outside the school (parents and community members). Together we discuss goals, allocation of resources, policies and procedures and direction and vision for Wren High School.

School Achievements

2019-2020 was an outstanding year at Wren High School. Our students and faculty have been recognized for their accomplishments and our school continues to stand out as one of the best in the State.

Non-Academic Awards and Accomplishments:

1. Our **Varsity Football Team (coached by Jeff Tate)** won the 2019 AAAA South Carolina State Championship.
2. Our **Varsity Boys' Basketball (coached by Fran Campbell)** team reached the Upper State Finals in both 2019 and 2020 while the **Boys' Soccer (coached by Chris Latsch)** team was Upper State finalist in 2019.
3. Sophomore, **Shyheim Scotland**, won the State Championship in the high jump and senior, **Sarah Bolton**, was State Runner-Up in the long jump at the SCHSL Track & Field State Championships in 2019.
4. Senior, **Brandon Masters**, was named Boys' Golfer of the Year at the Greenville News Upstate Sports Awards in 2019 and Junior, **Chloe Holder**, was named Girls Golfer of the Year in 2020.
5. **Sara Ciplickas**, a senior, won the Beta Club State Competition's best original artwork award at the Beta Club State Convention in Myrtle Beach.
6. The Wren High School NJROTC led by **CDR Kevin Borden and Master Chief Cliff Bailey** was named a distinguished unit because of the students' excellence in academics, service, and competition throughout the 2018-2019 school year.

South Carolina Teacher of the Year Finalist

Tamara Cox, Wren High School's librarian, Wren High School Teacher of the Year and Anderson School District One's District Teacher of the Year, was named one of five finalists for the South Carolina Teacher of the Year. She was recognized at a banquet in Columbia in May by Governor, Henry McMaster, and State Superintendent of Education, Molly Spearman.

Mrs Cox also won the 2018 I Love My Librarian Award. She was one of twenty librarians chosen nationwide from over 1000 applicants for the prestigious award. She was recognized by the American Library Association at a banquet in New York City in December.

Mrs. Cox has used her platform to promote the importance of reading and literacy. She has also been able to advocate for teachers and students across the state of South Carolina by meeting with local, state, and federal policymakers.