

District Mission

April 28, 2011

Learning...Serving...Leading.

These three action words summarize our district's mission. We endeavor to exercise these privileges each day in order to be a positive influence on our students, our family members, our coworkers, and our fellow citizens. We are blessed to have the talent and the opportunity to influence the lives of others.

District Priorities

Vision and Purpose

We will communicate a shared purpose and direction for improving student performance through our mission, which is to be the educational leader for the total community, preparing all students to be productive, contributing, and successful members of society.

Commitment to Continuous Improvement

We will implement a process of continuous improvement that focuses on student achievement.

Governance and Leadership

We will provide governance and leadership to promote system effectiveness.

Teaching and Learning

We will realize high levels of student achievement for all students by providing scientifically proven research-based curricula and instructional methods delivered by high quality district staff in a safe and positive learning environment.

Documenting and Using Results

We will use multiple sources of data to monitor and improve instructional processes and student performance.

Resources and Support Systems

We will be responsible stewards of our resources in order to provide a quality education for all students.

Stakeholder Communications and Relationships

We will build family, community, and business support to generate advocacy for our schools and our district and we will implement an effective communications plan in order to fully inform our publics.

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Lisa Payne Named 10-11 District Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Mrs. Lisa Payne, a fifth grade teacher at Ware Shoals Elementary School, the Greenwood School District 51 Teacher of the Year for 2010-2011. In her written application Mrs. Payne said, "I entered the education profession because I have always had a strong desire to learn." Mrs. Payne inspires her students to "desire to learn" and instills in them a love for learning. Mrs. Payne said, "My motto during the school day has become, 'There isn't a moment to waste!'" Follow-



ing her own motto, Mrs. Payne did not waste any time in organizing the district's first district teacher forum to assist the district in decision making and planning.

Congratulations to all the teachers who were nominated by their schools for District Teacher of the Year:

WSP—Jackie Davis, Leslie Davis, and Kristin Gilbert

WSE—Kirsten Griffith and Katie Pulley

WSJrH—Linda McCall and Gene Wood

WSH—Denise Chavis, August Forbes, Renate Gunnels, and George Sellers.

Reports from Ware Shoals Schools

This has been a busy and exciting year at Ware Shoals Primary School. Our staff analyzed a variety of data as we worked on our five year strategic plan. Included in this information was our academic progress on MAP, PASS, DIBELS and classroom assessments. Surveys from parents, students and our teachers also helped us develop our direction for the future.

We are glad to report our school made AYP and we maintained our Absolute Rating of Good on the SC Annual Report Card. We were one of 21 schools out of 123 schools rated like ours to score Good or better on the yearly report.

We were fortunate to add an additional four year old kindergarten class. We now have one full day and two half day four year old classes allowing us to serve 55 students. In five year old kindergarten, we adopted standards based report cards. This helps establish the groundwork for future staff development.

This summer, we will send a team of five staff members to Curriculum Mapping training. Next year, we will use this training to establish a map for math. Our goal is to assure all standards are covered in a logical sequence and during the appropriate grade. Planning within and between grades will allow us to fulfill our district motto, "Learning, Serving and Leading." W. Frank Cason, Principal
Janice Bishop, SIC Chairman

Ware Shoals Elementary School is a community dedicated to educational excellence. Our mission is to provide a foundation of academic excellence that will enable all students to become independent, lifelong learners in today's ever changing society. WSE has had an outstanding year! Our rating on the State Report Card was an **Average** Absolute Rating and a **Good** Improvement Rating. We are a SC Silver Award winner and were recognized for Closing the Achievement Gap. To maximize academic achievement we utilize Compass Learning Odyssey, MAP, and best practices in education.

WSE students are held to high standards of achievement. We recognize students' academic accomplishments through the Accelerated Reader, Semester Awards Day, District and Regional Spelling Bees, State Writing Contest and Beta Club. Students at WSE may attend the Release Time Program. Our Student Council implemented a recycling program this year. Students participate in service learning activities to give back to the community. This year our projects included Relay for Life, Christmas is for Kids, and the Make a Wish Foundation. WSE, parents and community are united in our efforts to develop students socially, emotionally, and intellectually to assure that students reach their full potential.

Nancy Brown, Principal WSES
Teri Haynes, SIC Chairperson

The mission of Ware Shoals High School is to ensure continuous learning for all students by empowering them to be actively involved in their education and by providing varied opportunities for successful achievement of high standards. Our vision is to be an integral part of a district that is committed to learning, serving and leading.

The 2010-11 school year has been one of career building activities and cultivating community awareness. The Jr. High held two Career Fairs in our fieldhouse. The High School hosted *Dream it, Do It Community Night* sponsored by the Regional Ed Center and Piedmont Tech..

The re-establishment of the Parents' Council has opened the lines of communication between school and community. The SIC was involved in the Strategic Planning process.

WSHS maintained both Absolute and Growth Ratings that are consistent with schools of our size. WSHS was the recipient of a Palmetto Silver award for closing the achievement gap. A district-wide team will train in Curriculum Mapping this summer in an effort to review the operational curriculum. CATE programs are being adjusted in an effort to produce more CATE completers in the Agricultural Science and Business Management career clusters.

Paul Anderson, Principal
Bonnie Maxwell, SIC Chairman

State District and School Report Card Rating 2010

Location	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating	AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress)
Ware Shoals School District	Average	Good	No (Met 19 of 21 objectives)
Ware Shoals Primary School	Good	Below Average	Yes (Met 9 of 9 objectives)
Ware Shoals Elementary School	Average	Good	No (Met 20 of 21 objectives)
Ware Shoals High School— Grades 7 and 8	Average	Average	No (Met 12 of 13 objectives)
Ware Shoals High School— Grades 9—12	Average	Below Average	No (Met 12 of 13 objectives)