

Mission Statement

Whitmire Community School, while providing a safe and nurturing environment and collaborating with families and the community, will prepare all of our students through academics, athletics, and extracurricular experiences to be productive, responsible, global citizens who engage in lifelong learning.



Wolverines
Committed to
Success

**WHITMIRE COMMUNITY
SCHOOL
2014-2015
SCHOOL SUMMARY REPORT**



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Whitnire Community School, embedded in the Sunter National Forest of northern Newberry County, promotes reading and writing, implements STEM education and problem-based learning, and integrates technology into instruction. WCS is an accredited institution according to the AdvanceEd Standards for Quality and offers a unique learning environment as a PreK-12 facility. The classroom instruction at WCS is based on South Carolina state standards with a focus on reading and writing instruction. Reading and writing instruction is integrated across all grade levels and content areas with a shared responsibility of all students, parents, and teachers. WCS promotes reading and writing throughout the school and community with programs and opportunities such as Family Message Journals, Principal's Reading Award, Writer of the Month, Reading with the Wolverines, and Read Across America Week. The parents and community support the school by attending parent-teacher conferences, Open House, extra-curricular activities, Success Assemblies, and Breakfast with Buds. Data is analyzed to set goals and decide on the best instructional strategies for students based on individual strengths and weaknesses. Goal-setting is based on data from the following: classroom assessments, Dominic, MAP, and state standardized assessments. A daily period for enrichment, remediation, and GT is scheduled for grades 3-8 along with Language/Math Lab classes for 9-12 students.

The PLTW unit, Design and Modeling, was integrated during the middle school enrichment to provide problem-based learning. Professional development continues to focus on literacy, best practices and instructional technology. Teachers take advantage of professional growth opportunities provided by the district, conferences, and course programs. Teachers are instructional leaders by sharing best practices and technology strategies with their peers. Staff members are required to meet technology requirements for professional development and recertification. The WCS Nature Trail provides additional learning opportunities for the students to experience the outdoors. The goal of the trail is to provide learning opportunities in all grade levels and content areas in the great outdoors.

A classroom set of iPads funded by a grant, was used by the students for research, taking pictures of plants on the trail, and identifying each plant. WCS continues to promote student achievement and prepare all students to be Wolverines Committed to Success.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

Academic Banquet, Terrific Kid Lunches, Service Learning, Dental Presentations, FOSS Hands-on Science Kits, Family Message Journals, Reading Intervention, HSTW, 4-year-old program, Enrichment Classes for Grades 3-8, Reading with the Wolverines, GT, Career Fair, Job Shadowing, Fall Fitness Challenge, Success Assemblies, Gene Machine, Walk at School Day, Prom Promise, Math Olympiad, Talent Show, PAW (Advisor/Advisee), Reading with the Gamecocks, PAW Champs, Star Lab, and Healthy Hearts

TEST DATA

ACT ASPIRE				
GRADES	ENGLISH	READING	MATH	WRITING
3-5	64%	25%	47%	16%
6-8	57%	31%	32%	23%

SCPASS		
GRADES	SCIENCE	SOC. ST.
4-5	74%	80%
6-8	59%	60%

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ALGEBRA I	ENGLISH I	BIOLOGY	US HISTO- RY
89%	69%	74%	63%

WorkKeys

APPLIED MATHEMATICS	READING FOR INFORMATION	LOCATING INFORMATION
68.4%	88.9%	84.2%

DATA REPRESENTS PERCENTAGES OF STUDENTS MEETING STANDARD

STANDARD

- Faculty and Staff Professional Development: SC Reading Conference, Education Business Summit, STEM, PLTW, Early Childhood Convention, HSTW National Conference
- Carley Farmer & Alison Cody were elected Teachers of the Year and Terri Cromer was elected Support Staff of the Year
- Barrett Martin & Amber Lingefelt had maximum scores on state standardized tests.
- J. Beta Club Convention - Sydney Wilbanks placed 2nd in Color Photography
- Royal Regiment Marching Band—6th Place in SC Upper State Championship with an Excellent Rating and finished 12th Place in the State Finals with an Excellent Rating
- All Region: Football - Bradley Crumpton, Cole Eison, Austin Jenkins, West Jenkins; Volleyball - Kaitlyn Johnson; Girls Tennis—Bethany Cromer, Alexis Swain, Haven Coppock; Basketball - John Burnside, Rebecca Glymph, Zaviea Sanders; Baseball - Alex Ellison, Chase Hood, Austin Jenkins; Softball - Rebecca Glymph, Yaurna Hunter, Zaviea Sanders
- Academic All State and All Region: Bethany Cromer, Rebecca Glymph, Candace Powers, Malik Whitenier, Madison Brock, Bradley Burleson, Austin Chick, Corey Davis, Cole Eison, Yaurna Hunter, West Jenkins, Logan McMellon, Max Stewart, Daquan Agnew, Noah Armstrong, Haven Coppock, Michaela Knox, Matthew Mathias, Culan Means, Skylen Morris, Alana Moss, Megan Owens, Mackenzie Reel, Alexis Swain.
- SCHSL Scholar Athletes: Bethany Cromer, Rebecca Glymph, Candace Powers, Malik