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.

2012 Report Card Absolute Ratings

Elementary- Average

Middle- Average

High- Average





WHITMIRE COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2011-2012 SCHOOL SUMMARY REPORT



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Whitmire Community School, embedded in the Sumter National Forest of northern Newberry County, offers a unique learning environment as a PreK-12 facility. The rural town of Whitmire is commonly known to residents and travelers as the Pearl of the Piedmont. WCS is an accredited institution according to the AdvancEd Standards for Quality. WCS is also a SREB High Schools That Work site and has been recognized by the Palmetto Gold and Silver Award Programs.

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, the Wee Delivery Postal System, author visits, Reading with the Wolverines, Reading with the Gamecocks, SC State Read-In, Read Across America Week, and Teen Read Week.

WCS continues to implement the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment program for grades 1-10 to measure student growth in Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics. The Leadership Team analyzes data and has meetings with grade-level teams and content-area teachers to discuss data, 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, Dominie, MAP. PASS. HSAP. and EOC. Computer software such as Odyssey and A+ is used for remediation, enrichment, and credit recovery. A daily enrichment period is scheduled for grades 3-8 along with Language/Math Lab classes for 9-12 students.

Professional development continues to focus on literacy, best practices, and instructional technology. 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 is a major addition to the campus. The goal of the trail is to provide learning opportunities in all grade levels and content areas in the great outdoors.

WCS continues to promote student achievement and prepare all students to be Wolverines Committed to Success.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

Digital Laptop Program, 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, Academic Team, Talent Show, PAW (Advisor/Advisee), Reading with the Gamecocks, PAW Champs, Star Lab, Spelling Bee, Weatherman Presentations, and Healthy Hearts

TEST DATA

PASS						
GRADE	WRITING	ELA	MATH	SCIENCE		SOCIAL STUDIES
3	NA	64%	64%	47%		70%
4	NA	68%	63%	70%		70%
5	54%	64%	62%	53%		65%
6	NA	63%	60%	47%		67%
7	NA	73%	59%	73%		43%
8	59%	57%	64%	69%		45%
HSAP						
ELA		MATH		ALL SUBTESTS		
85%		72%		72%		
EOC						
ALGEBR	AI EN	IGLISH I	BIOLOG	Y US		HISTORY
67%	67%		73%		48%	

Data represents percentages of students meeting standard on PASS, HSAP, & EOC

- Faculty and Staff Professional Development: SC Reading Conference, Education Business Summit, Teach Toolbox, WOW, SC Mentor Training, FOSS Kit Training, Smartboards, Common Core Training, Working On the Work Design Coaches Training, Literacy By Design, Literacy Leaders, SAFE-T Train the Trainer, Regional Counselor's Meeting and ACT Workshop,
- Rita Baker & LaVerne Brock were elected Teachers of the Year and Jennifer Hix was elected Support Staff of the Year
- Donna Hagen was named Newberry County Distinguished Reading Teacher
- Donna Hagen, Susie Brown, and LaVerne Brock presented at the SCIRA Conference
- Dr. Kimberly Neal presented at SCCTM Conference
- Royal Regiment Marching Band—6th Place in Upper State Championship and 9th Place in the State Championship
- Winthrop Band Clinic—lan Elsmore and Alana Pitts
- USC Band Clinic—Haleigh Babb, Ian Elsmore, Kylin Hunter, Shimia Hunter, Erin Jeter, Joseph McClanahan, and Alana Pitts
- Jr. Beta Club: 1st in social studies and 3rd in color photography at the state convention; 1st in color photography at national convention
- Sr. Beta Club: 2nd in the state for Scrapbook Competition
- All Region: Football Seth Shouse; Volleyball Mikaela Malpass; Tennis - Bethany Cromer; Wrestling - Kenny Page, Jared Wicker; Basketball - Juliuan Hunter, Alana Pitts; Baseball - Jonathan Stevens; Softball - Cassie Mull, Nicole Pressley.
- Academic All State and All Region: Ethan Boulware, Andrew Cromer, Ian Elsmore, Shimia Hunter, Rondera Lindler, Mikaela Malpass, Dakota Miller, Thomas Miller, Alana Pitts, Nicole Pressley, Seth Shouse, Savannah Simon, Jonathan Stevens, Brianna Swain, Kentrel Whitmire.