

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SIC

The School Improvement Council at Walhalla Middle School serves as an advisory committee to the school's principal and faculty. The SIC brings parents, educators, and community stakeholders together to work collectively to improve WMS. The council is responsible for working with the administration to develop the strategic plan and evaluating the success in reaching the goals and objectives. As we move from the Covid pandemic, we hope to renew consistency with or SIC and parent outreach.

The main focus area for the 2022-23 school year is to continue improving communication with our parents. Some of our challenges from the parent survey indicate a need to provide positive feedback to parents as well as resources to help parents at home contribute to their child's success.

The WMS SIC welcomes your participation and encourages you to get involved. Thank you for supporting our school and your child's education.

Visit [wms.sdoc.org](http://wms.sdoc.org) for information about WMS and or SIC.

*The mission of Walhalla Middle School is to work together with the home, business, and community to develop responsible and productive lifelong learners.*

We believe...

- Education is a lifelong process in which all students can learn.
- Education will meet the needs of a changing society.
- Education will provide opportunities for students to learn effective written and oral communication skills, practice critical thinking and problem solving skills, and express ideas creatively.
- Education will also address physical, cultural, social, and emotional needs of students.
- Students will be expected to accept responsibility to be actively involved in learning.
- Students are the focus of an educational process that is valued, shared, and supported by the home, school, business, and community.
- All individuals will be treated with dignity, respect, and equality.
- Parents and guardians will be expected to be actively involved in their children's education.

# WALHALLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

SIC REPORT TO THE PARENTS 2022



151 Razorback Lane  
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Scott Dixon  
*Principal*

Michael Thorsland, Ed.D  
*Superintendent*

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Denise McCormick, Chair

Megan Ketterman

Sandra Sloan

Dean Bare

Buddy Herring

## FINE ARTS

### Strings

SCMEA Solo & Ensemble Festival  
5 Superior Ratings

31 Superior & 1 Excellent - All Grade Levels

### Band

All-County Band  
25 Students

All-Region Band  
6 Students

Solo & Ensemble  
15 Superior, 15 Excellent

### Chorus

All-County Choir  
25 Students

State Choir  
18 Students

Southeast Region Choir  
2 Students

Concert Performance Assessment  
2 Superiors

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

### SC Ready % Met and Exceeds

2021	WMS	SDOC	STATE
ELA	47.4	41.4	42.6
Math	45.2	39.9	37.3

2021	6th	7th	8th
ELA	41.6	50.8	49.6
Math	38.7	41.6	54.5

## ATHLETICS

### Basketball - Football - Volleyball Cheerleading - Fishing

Boys' Basketball - 3rd in the Region  
Girls' Basketball - Region Runner-Up  
Fishing Multiple - 1st Place Finishes  
Volleyball - 4th Place in the Region

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Enrollment - 804  
Caucasian - 82%  
Latino - 17%  
African American - <1%  
Other - <1%  
Free/Reduced Lunch - 47%

## STAFF INFORMATION

Teachers - 57  
Media Specialist - 1  
Administrators - 3  
Counselors - 3  
Clerical - 5  
Custodians - 7  
Classroom Aides - 5  
Cafeteria Staff - 4  
SRO - 1  
Nurse - 1  
Family Liaison - 1

## WMS SIC MEMBERS

Michelle Fix, Chair  
Jessica Abercrombie  
Kim Cagle  
Scott Dixon  
David Gaffney  
Wendy Gremillion  
Chad James  
Kerry Nimmons  
Melissa Robison  
Kayla Sharp  
Patricia Wooten

## STRATEGIC GOALS

- (1) Based on the SC parent, and student opinion surveys, our school will score 95% or greater in the "agree" or "strongly agree" categories in the area of Social and Physical Environment by 2027.
- (2) According to the NWEA Projected Proficiency Report, the percentage of students in grades 6-8 scoring in the "meet" or "exceeds" range will increase by 7.7 percentage points in the area of math each year.
- (3) Based on the SC teacher and student opinion surveys, our school will score 90% or greater in the "agree" or "strongly agree" categories in the area of Learning Environment by 2027.

## COURSE OFFERINGS

Language Arts and English I  
Math and Algebra I  
Science  
Social Studies  
Art, Band, Chorus, Strings  
Gateway to Technology  
Computer Applications  
Agriculture  
Spanish Cultures and Spanish I  
Physical Education  
Yearbook and Video Broadcasting