

Mission Statement:

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 That

- Education is a lifelong process in which all students can learn.
- Education will meet the needs of a changing society.
- Education will provide opportunities from students to learn effective written oral communication skills, and express ideas creatively.
- Education will address physical, cultural, social, and emotional needs of students.
- Students will be expected to accept responsibility to be actively involved in learning
- 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.

Strategic Plan Goals

- ♠ 70% of our students will meet their growth targets on MAP by 2017
- ♠ Increase number of students on the Honors track

Brochure created by Ms. Connally's 8th Grade Computer Application's students Meg Fischer and Emily Garrett.

The School Improvement Council (SIC) at Walhalla Middle School (WMS) is mandated by law and 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 SIC is responsible for working with WMS administration and faculty to develop a five-year school improvement plan and evaluating the school's success in reaching the plan's goals and objectives.

The WMS SIC is one of five SICs in the state selected to take part in the State SIC Engagement for Outcomes Pilot Program. Through this program, our SIC received training, coaching and technical assistance in the areas of strategic program planning, implementation and evaluation to improve our capacity to achieve results that meet important school needs. As a result of the Pilot Program, we identified two areas for improvement: Student Enrichment and Family Engagement.

In the area of Student Enrichment, the SIC created an after school homework program, called Block 5. Launched at the beginning of the 2014-15 school year, Block 5 is held after school on Tuesdays. Students receive help with homework, test preparation and projects. Block 5 quickly became a success, averaging 40 students a week. The program is in need of parent and community volunteers. To sign up, visit Mr. Dixon's web page and click on the link to Volunteer Opportunities.

In the area of Family Engagement, we reestablished the WMS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and recruited new officers to provide families with a visible means for becoming involved and volunteering at WMS. We also increased outreach and communication with parents of rising 5th graders to encourage their participation. Another component of the Family Engagement initiative is to increase communication with non-English speaking parents.

If you are interested in helping us work toward these goals, please contact an SIC member. SIC contact information, meeting minutes, bylaws, and reports are available on the SIC webpage. To access the SIC web page, go to the WMS website, and click on the School Improvement Council tab in the left column under Quick Links.

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

WMS School Improvement Council

Walhalla Middle
School
Home of the
Razorbacks

Scott Dixon
Principal



2014-2015

SIC Report to the Parents

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Walhalla, SC 29691

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www.oconee.k12.sc.us/WalhallaMS.cfm

Facebook: Walhalla Middle School

Twitter: @wmsrazors

Radio: AM 1630 and razorradio.net

SDOC Superintendent— Michael Thorsland Ed.D

School Board Members

Andy Inabinet
Rosemary Bailes
Jerry Lee
Buddy Herring
Denise McCormick

ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STAFF

- Administrators– 3
- Certified Staff– 52
- Support Staff– 18
- Student/Teacher Ratio– 19.5:1

ACCREDITATION STATUS

- AdvancedEd
- Southern Region Education Board affiliated Making Middle Grades Work (MMGW) Member

SCHOOL REPORT CARD

Absolute: Good
Growth Rating: Average
2014 ESEA Rating: B

PTO

President: Joy Duncan
 Vice-President: LeAnne Macijewski
 Secretary: Sharon Hopkins
 Treasurer: Denise Woodard
 Sargent at Arms: Olivia Timms

WMS SIC MEMBERS

Chair– Dora Leonard
Members– Dario Arenas, Julia Cook, Carrie Dunton, Kevin Evans, Hope Fitzgerald, Sherri Hopkins, Cindy Kelley, Jennifer Kirby, Ashley Jones, Christie Nix, Amy Norizsan, Stacie Powell, Christy Raab, Valerie Scholovich, Lorlei Swanson, Olivia Timms, Micky Ward, and Joy Duncan.
Administrators– Scott Dixon, Nathan Crawford, and Krystal Bowen.
Teachers– Sherry Cobb, Pam Moore, and Melissa Rosier.

ATHLETICS

- ◆ Mascot– Razorbacks
- ◆ Colors– Purple and White
- ◆ Four Teams Include: Football, Boys' and Girls' Basketball, and Cheerleading

MEDIA CENTER

Sixty-three students attended the SC Junior Book Award celebration
 \$1200.00 was raised in the Box Tops campaigns last year
 E-Readers for student use at school

BAND

- ◆ Director of Bands– Gena Turpin
- ◆ One student in all state band
- ◆ Nine students in all region band
- ◆ Thirty students in all county band
- ◆ Third year in a row Superior rating at State concert Band Festival
- ◆ Second year in a row Outstanding Performance Award winner
- ◆ Thirty-nine Superior and twenty-three Excellent ratings at Solo & Ensemble Festival

CHORUS

- ◆ Twenty-seven students participated in the Oconee County All-County Chorus
- ◆ Guest performers for the Clemson University Basketball Team
- ◆ Participants in the Music Showcase Festival in Atlanta, GA

STRINGS

- ◆ Orchestra Conductor– Heidi McKee
- ◆ Fourteen students selected for All County Orchestra (January 2015)
- ◆ Thirty-eight students earned Superior and Excellent Ratings at Solo and Ensemble Festival (April 2014)
- ◆ One student in Region Orchestra

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

- ◆ Math
- ◆ English
- ◆ Science
- ◆ Social Studies
- ◆ Fine Arts
- ◆ Business
- ◆ Special Education
- ◆ Physical Education

STUDENT DATA

Enrollment: 751 students
 Percentage of students on Free and Reduced Lunch: 46%

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS DATA

DAR Essay Contest Winner
 Thirty-six Junior Scholars
 County Winner of Lt. Governors Essay Contest

WMS TEST DATA

EOC PASSING RATE

English 1– 100% Algebra 1– 99%

PASS PERCENT MET

Subject	6 th Grade	7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Writing	77.6	83.0	82.6
ELA	74.5	68.4	72.7
Math	83.4	76.5	77.8
Science	73.7	77.4	74.8
Social Studies	75.2	64.3	59.5