

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 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 has two focus areas which includes Student Enrichment and Family Engagement.

In the area of Student Enrichment, the SIC focused on improving school climate by assisting with the School Climate Razor class. Ideas were discussed on ways to help the school's anti-bullying initiatives. This committee will continue providing support next year.

In the area of Family Engagement, the SIC focused on building relationships between students and parents at both Walhalla Middle School and the former Tamasee-Salem Middle School. The transition with the students was smooth this year. The Family Engagement committee also worked to encourage participation in the eighth grade parent survey. This year, over fifty percent of the parents of graders completed the survey. Our goal still stands at eighty-five percent participation.

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

WMS School Improvement Council

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 for students to learn effective written and 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 child's education.

Strategic Plan Goals

- Sixty-seven percent of our students will meet their spring-to-spring growth targets on MAP by 2021.
- Ninety-five percent of instructional staff will make reasonable progress toward their objectives on an annual basis.
- Based on the state parent and student survey tools, WMS will score eighty-five percent or greater in the "agree" or "strongly agree" categories.

Walhalla Middle School

Home of the
Razorbacks

Scott Dixon
Principal



2016-17

SIC Report to the Parents

151 Razorback Lane
Walhalla, SC 29691

(864) 886-4485	School
(864) 886-4483	School FAX
(864) 886-4486	Guidance
(864) 886-4487	Attendance
(864) 886-4496	Bus Office
(864) 886-4484	Nurse

Facebook: Walhalla Middle School

Twitter: @wmsrazors

Radio: AM1630 and razorradio.net

SDOC Superintendent - Michael Thorland Ed.D

School Board Members

Andy Inabinet
Joe Rukat
Jerry Lee
Buddy Herring
Denise McCormick

ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STAFF

- Administrators - 3
- Certified Staff - 53
- Support Staff - 9
- Student/Teacher Ratio - 20:1

ACCREDITATION STATUS

- AdvancedEd
- Making Middle Grades Work

PTO 2017-18

President - Connie McClain
 Vice-President - Amanda Rumsey
 Secretary - Jessie Bunning
 Treasurer - Ashley Smith

WMS SIC MEMBERS

Chair - Angie Burrell

Members - Jessica Ellis, Shalana Pitts,
 Kevin Evans, Jackie Holcombe, Sheila
 McWhorter, Colt Burton, Chievon
 Roach, Lisa Price

Administrators - Scott Dixon, Nathan
 Crawford, and Krystal Bowen.

Teachers - Sara Rochester

ATHLETICS

Mascot - Razorbacks
 Colors - Purple and White
 Football, Basketball, Volleyball, and Cheer
Boys' Basketball - 2016-17 Region Champs

MEDIA CENTER

Completion of Fiction Genre Classification
 Raised \$700 on Box Tops
 Book Fairs Raised over \$1500
 WMSJBA Five Book Challenge

BAND

- Seven students in all region band
- One all-state alternate
- Thirty-seven students in all county band
- Fifth year in a row Superior rating at State concert Band Festival
- Four-time recipient SCBDA Outstanding Performance Award
- Thirty-five Superior and nineteen Excellent ratings at Solo and Ensemble Festival (eighty-four participated)
- Superior rating for sixth grade band

STRINGS

- Nine students selected for All County Orchestra
- Forty-two students earned Superior and Excellent Ratings at Concert Festival with twenty-eight Superior and nineteen Excellent Ratings

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry
 English Language Arts, English I
 Science
 Social Studies
 Art, Band, Chorus, Strings
 Computer Applications and Keyboarding
 Gateway to Technology
 Agriculture
 Spanish (2017-18)
 Special Education
 Physical Education

STUDENT DATA

Enrollment: 863 students
 Students on Free Reduced Lunch: 50%

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT DATA

DAR Essay Contest Winner
 25 Junior Scholars
 9 Duke Tip Scholars

END OF COURSE PASSING PERCENTAGE 2016-17

English I - 100% Algebra I - 99%

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS MEETING SPRING MAP GROWTH TARGETS 2016-17

Subject	WMS	6 th	7 th	8 th
Reading	65.5	71.3	52.9	69.8
Language	64.2	65.9	53.4	70.3
Math	65.2	63.6	61.0	66.9
Science	58.4	53.3	64.1	57.3

SDOC Goal is 60%

WMS Goal by 2021 is 67%

*MAP scores are Spring to Spring