

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 developing a mentoring program by partnering with students from Walhalla High School. The future plan is to expand to the community with Mentor Upstate.

In the area of Family Engagement, the SIC focused on building relationships between students and parents. The committee worked to encourage participation in the eighth grade parent survey. This year, over fifty percent of the parents of eighth 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 consistently meet their growth targets on MAP by 2021.
- 100% percent of instructional staff will make reasonable progress toward their student learning 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



2018-19

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: 87.9FM and razorradio.net
SDOC Superintendent - Michael Thorland Ed.D

School Board Members

Mr. Jerry Lee
Mr. Joe Rukat
Dr. Sandra Sloan
Mr. Buddy Herring
Mrs. Denise McCormick

ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STAFF

- Administrators - 3
- Counselors - 3
- Certified Staff - 59
- Support Staff - 11
- Student/Teacher Ratio - 20:1

ACCREDITATION STATUS

- AdvancedEd
- Making Middle Grades Work

PTO 2018-19

President - Ashley Burrell

WMS SIC MEMBERS

Chair - Kevin Evans

Members - Jackie Holcombe, Johanna Vatis, Colt Burton, Jessica Ellis, and Shalana Pitts

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

Teachers - Shelia McWhorter and Jenea Roach

ATHLETICS

Mascot - Razorbacks
 Colors - Purple and White
 Football, Basketball, Volleyball, and Cheer
Girls' Basketball - 2018-19 Region Champs

MEDIA CENTER

Book Fairs Raised over \$1500
 WMSJBA Five Book Challenge

BAND

- Eight students in all region band
- Twenty-five students in all county band
- Seventh year in a row Superior rating at State concert Band Festival
- Six-time recipient SCBDA Outstanding Performance Award
- Thirty-seven Superior and seventeen Excellent ratings at Solo and Ensemble Festival (eighty-four participated)
- Superior rating for sixth grade band

STRINGS

- Sixteen students selected for All County Orchestra
- Forty-three students earned Superior and fourteen students earned 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
 Special Education
 Physical Education

STUDENT DATA

Enrollment: 878 students
 Students on Free Reduced Lunch: 50%

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT DATA

DAR Essay Contest Winner
 31 Junior Scholars
 4 Duke Tip Scholars

END OF COURSE PASSING PERCENTAGE 2018-19

English I - 100% Algebra I - 100%

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS MEETING GROWTH TARGETS

Subject	WMS	6 th	7 th	8 th
Reading	63	66	66	56
Language	58	60	54	61
Math	70	68	73	68

SDOC Goal is 60%
WMS Goal by 2021 is 67%

*MAP scores are Winter to Spring