



Walhalla High School School Summary Report 2012-2013

Josh Young, Principal
Assistant Principal for Instruction: Erin Phillips
Assistant Principals: Charles Fowler, Robert Kelly
Director of Guidance: Greg Bearden
Counselors: Sonya Coté, Patricia Wooten
Career Specialist: Amanda Schlock

WHS MISSION STATEMENT:

Together, we are empowering students to become life-long learners by building rapport and providing relevant, rigorous instruction.

SCHOOL DATA:

- 2012 S.C. Annual School Report Card Absolute Rating – Excellent; ESEA Grade = B.
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredited and a New American High School Showcase Site.
- SREB High Schools That Work member since 1988; Project Lead the Way Engineering Site since 2001.
- WHS offers 24 honors courses, 11 AP courses, 9 dual credit courses, and college credit for PLTW courses.
- Dual-credit courses through Tri-County Tech are available at the HCC Oconee campus and on-line.
- WHS follows the A/B block schedule and requires High School 102 for all Freshmen.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS DATA:

End-of-Course Exams (EOC)

- Passing rates for WHS students enrolled in EOC Courses were as follows: English I (80.6%), Biology/Biology IB (83.8%), Algebra I/Algebra IB (75.9%), and U.S. History (62.2%), with an overall EOC passing rate of 77.5%. The state overall passing rate is approximately 71%.
- WHS exceeded the state EOC average score in English I, Biology/Biology IB, and US History.

HSAP

- The overall passing rate for WHS sophomores was 87.4%, which exceeded the state passing rate of 80.1% in ELA and math for 1st time test takers.

SAT and ACT

- WHS seniors exceeded the 2012 national ACT composite scores with a score of 23.1 (national = 21.1).
- SAT scores exceeded state performance in all areas and the US mean in the area of critical reading. The WHS SAT Critical Reading & Math score average was 1003 and the national Critical Reading & Math score average was 1010.
- WHS received a Cum Laude of Achievement award from the SC State Department of Education for excellent performance on the ACT Test.

Advanced Placement (AP)

- WHS AP scores exceeded both the state passing rate (56%) and the national passing rate (56%). Seventy-one WHS students took AP exams with a 72% pass rate (scoring 3 or higher).
- WHS added four new AP courses this year for a total of eleven Advanced Placement courses offered.

ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STAFF DATA:

- Administrators – 4, Counselors – 3, Career Specialist, Certified Staff – 62, Support Staff – 25, SRO, Nurse.
- Seventy percent of teachers have advanced degrees; Thirteen teachers are National Board Certified.
- The average teacher attendance rate was 95.8%.
- Professional development activities emphasized implementation of the SC Common Core standards and common course collaboration.

STUDENT DATA:

- Current Enrollment: 953 students: 83% White; 2% Black; 13% Hispanic; 1% Mixed (more than one race); 1% American Indian/Alaska Native.
- Percentage of students on free/reduced lunch is 48%. AP course enrollment is 17%.
- The average student attendance rate was 93.8% and the on-time Graduation Rate was 84.1%.

SCHOOL-WIDE GOALS:

- Actively engage students in the learning process by implementing new instructional strategies.
- Increase teacher webpage instructional resources (i.e. assignments, notes, homework assignments).
- Collaborate for common course alignment and implementation of the State Common Core Standards.



RAZOR PRIDE

SAT /ACT Scores among top performing high schools in SC

ACT scores above the national average

Palmetto Gold Award Winner for outstanding SAT/ACT test scores

Palmetto Silver Award Winner for Closing the Achievement Gap

High Schools That Work Platinum High Achievement School Designation 2012-2014

JROTC Razor Battalion received a Gold Star for the twenty-third year

WHS FFA Chapter received 3 Star Rating 2012

HSTW Commended RAZOR Advisee-Advisor



WHS SCHOOL

IMPROVEMENT

COUNCIL 2012-13

Chairperson: Mary Wright;
Parents: Alice Campbell, Lori Kelley, Nivia Miranda, Angela Saxon, Blair Stoudemire, Kim Stroud, Anna Wholey; Elected Students: Jill Achenberg, Caroline Anderson, Katherine Broome; Elected Teachers: Jeanne Craig, Josh McCall; Appointed School Principal Ex-Officio: Josh Young; Appointed Community Members: Glen Buddin, James Powell

SIC members may be contacted through the school's website.



Walhalla High School

To Dream, To Believe, To Achieve
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School District of
Oconee County

Principal: Josh Young Grades: 9th — 12th Enrollment: 958
School Mascot: Razorbacks School Colors: Purple and White

Achievements / Awards

- ★ Palmetto Gold Award for Academic Achievement 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2011
- ★ HSTW Platinum High Achievement School 2012-2014
- ★ New American High School Showcase Site
- ★ "America's Best High School" US News & World Report
- ★ "Top Fifty School" High Schools That Work Network
- ★ Palmetto Showcase High School 2004
- ★ Award for High Performance SAT/ACT (2011/2012)
- ★ Red Carpet School since 2007
- ★ JROTC Honor Unit with Distinction 23 years
- ★ JROTC Rifle Team ranked 18th in Nation
- ★ WHS FFA Chapter received 3 Star Rating, 2012
- ★ Chamber Ensemble received Excellent Rating, 2012
- ★ Chorus Solo & Ensemble had 18 students with Superior Ratings
- ★ 36 Student Athletes named to AAA All Region Teams
- ★ Region 3A Coach-of-the-Year in Baseball
- ★ 35% of current WHS students are on the Honor Roll
- ★ WMYI \$2,500 School Spirit Award 2012

Senior Class of 2012

180 Graduates, \$3.1 million in Scholarships,
1005 Average SAT score, 23.1 Average ACT score,
14 AP Scholars, 4 State Academic Diplomas,
8 Palmetto Fellows, 78% Platinum Seal Recipients,
21% attending 4-year institutions, 59% attending 2-year institutions, 4% serving in military, 15% in the workforce

Communication

School and Teacher Websites, WHS Facebook, Senior Bulletins, Annual RAZOR Parent Day, One Call Now Phone Messenger, Freshman Focus Night, Parent Portal, RAZOR Daily News

Community Involvement

School Improvement Council, Razorback Booster Club, Band Booster Club, Alumni Forum, Literary Legacy, Razorback Athletic Hall of Fame, Relay for Life, Senior Blood Drive, Rotary Student of the Quarter, WHS Student of the Month, Rotary Scholar Awards, Career Shadowing, Annual Alumni Soccer Game, Alive at 25, Young Life, White Christmas, Canned Food Drives, FAFSA Night, Ralph's Trophy Shop Student Athletes of the Month Award, Senior Financial Aid Night, Annual Freshman Rally, CU Nurses Community Project in High School 102

Academics and School Programs

AP Courses: Art, Calculus AB, English Language, English Literature, Statistics, U.S. History, European History, Psychology, Government, Biology, Chemistry

Honors Courses: English 1, 3, 4, Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Latin 3,4, World History, WH to 1300, U.S. History, Government, Spanish 3, 4, French 3, 4, Men's Chorus, Chamber Ensemble, Women's Chorus, GT Chorus, Band 3, 4, Art 3, 4

Dual Credit Courses: English 101/102, PLTW Pre-Engineering, Teacher Cadets, Government, Economics, Western Civilization, Art History, Probability & Statistics

School Programs: RAZOR Advisor/Advisee Program, Project Lead The Way Pre-Engineering Program, Teacher Cadets, Agriculture Program, HS 102 Freshman Focus Course, Service Learning, Hamilton Career Center Courses, Academic Extra Help, APEX Credit Recovery, Entrepreneurship, Platinum Seal Program

Extracurricular Activities

28 Athletic Teams (18 Varsity, 10 JV) - 12 Sports, Student Government, Beta Club, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, National Art Honor Society, FFA Student Chapter, Orchestra, Chorus, Band, Future Educators of America, JROTC Drill Team & Raiders, Robotics Team, Interact Club, Leo Club, Anchor Club, Book Club, Breakdance Club, Crochet Club, Chess Club, FAD Club, Karaoke, Recycling Club, Scrapbooking Club, Soccer Club, Spanish Club, Pep Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Sci-Fi Club, Jewelry/Beading Club, History Club, Gaming Club, Ghost Hunt Club, Guitar Club, Origami Club, Sports Performance Club, Thinking Freely Club, Talent Show, School Play, Pageant, Walhira Yearbook

Faculty Profile

4 Administrators, 3 Counselors, Career Specialist, 2 Media Specialists, School Nurse, SRO, 61 Teachers, 13 National Board Certified Teachers, 25 Support Staff, 70% of Faculty has Master's Degree or Above

School Facilities

Building Opened In December, 1966
Hostetler Auditorium (Seats 921)
Razorback Gymnasium (Seats 1000)
Razorback Football Stadium (Seats 4000)
Lighted Softball, Baseball, Soccer Fields & Tennis Courts