



Walhalla High School

School Summary Report 2011-2012

Evie G. Hughes, 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: Nancy Harper

WHS MISSION STATEMENT:

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

SCHOOL DATA:

- 2011 S.C. Annual School Report Card Absolute Rating – Excellent; AYP Status – Met
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredited
- Southern Region Education Board (SREB) affiliated - High Schools That Work (HSTW) member, 1988
- WHS offers 24 honors courses, 7 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 students enrolled in EOC Courses were as follows: English I (77.9%), Physical Science (63.3%), Algebra I/Math Tech 2 (73.9%), Biology/Applied Biology 2 (74.2%), and U.S. history (50.0%), with an overall EOC passing rate of 68.8%. The state overall passing rate is approximately 76%.
- WHS exceeded the state average score in English I.

HSAP

- The overall passing rate for WHS sophomores was 87.4%, which exceeded the state passing rate of 79.4% in ELA and math for 1st time test takers.

SAT and ACT

- WHS seniors exceeded the 2011 state and national average score in both the SAT and ACT composite scores with a SAT composite score of 1557 (national = 1500) and an ACT Composite score of 22.8 (national = 21.1).
- WHS earned a SAT and ACT Performance Award and received a Cum Laude award for excellent performance in both tests.

Advanced Placement (AP)

- WHS AP scores exceeded both the state and national passing rate of 56%. Seventy-five WHS students took AP exams with a 68% pass rate (scoring 3 or higher).
- WHS added one new courses this year for a total of seven Advanced Placement courses offered.

ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STAFF DATA:

- Administrators – 4, Certified Staff – 62, Support Staff – 28
- Seventy-one percent of teachers have advanced degrees; Thirteen teachers are National Board Certified
- The average teacher attendance rate was 95.2%.
- Professional development activities included a book study on *TPTs Total Participation Techniques* and participation in the College Readiness Initiative with Tri-County Tech and the SC SDE Course Alignment Project.

STUDENT DATA:

- Current Enrollment: 917 students: 84% White; 2% Black; 12% Hispanic; 1% Mixed (more than one race); 1% American Indian/Alaska Native
- Percentage of students on free lunch is 40% and reduced lunch is 7%
- The average student attendance rate was 94% 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 SDOC Grading Policy

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RAZOR PRIDE

SAT & ACT Scores are among the top performing high schools in South Carolina and are above the national average.

Palmetto Gold Award Winner for outstanding SAT/ACT test scores

Palmetto Silver Award Winner for Closing the Achievement Gap

JROTC Razor Battalion received a gold star for the twenty-third year in a row.

RAZOR Advisee-Advisor Program



WHS SCHOOL

IMPROVEMENT

COUNCIL 2011-12

Chairperson: Mary Wright;
Parents: Bettina Anderson,
Nivia Miranda, Angela Saxon,
Mary Sprouse, Blair
Stoudemire, Kim Stroud, Debbie Syck; Elected Students:
Jenna Singleton, Caroline
Anderson, Cassidy Syck;
Elected Teachers: Jeanne
Craig, Josh McCall; Appointed
School Principal Ex-Officio:
Evie Hughes; Appointed
Community Members: Glen
Buddin, James Powell

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





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To Dream, To Believe, To Achieve

151 Razorback Lane
Walhalla, SC 29691

Razors



School District of
Oconee County

Principal: Evie G. Hughes

Grades: 9th—12th

Enrollment: 956

School Mascot: Razorbacks

School Colors: Purple and White

Achievements / Awards

- ★ Palmetto Gold Award for Academic Achievement 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2011
- ★ 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 (2009,2010)
- ★ 31 AP Scholars (last 3 years)
- ★ 43 Palmetto Fellows (last 5 years)
- ★ Red Carpet School since 2007
- ★ JROTC Honor Unit with Distinction 22 years
- ★ 13 Athletic Region Championships (last 4 years)
- ★ 156 Student Athletes All Region (last 4 years)
- ★ 35% of current WHS students are on the Honor Roll
- ★ JROTC Rifle Team ranked 18th in Nation

Senior Class of 2011

254 Graduates, \$4.1 million in Scholarships,
1054 Average SAT score, 22.8 Average ACT score,
68% AP Success Rate, 8 State Academic Diplomas,
16 Palmetto Fellows, 78% Platinum Seal Diplomas,
28% attending 4-year institutions, 45% attending 2-year
institutions, 4% serving in military, 20% in the workforce

Communication

School Website, Teacher Websites, Senior Bulletins,
WHS Facebook, Walhalla Yearbook, Parent Emails,
RAZOR Parent Day, Parent Portal, Phone Messenger,
Progress Reports, Report Cards, Parent Workshops,
Power School Parent Link, 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,
Student of the Month, Rotary Scholar Awards,
Career Shadowing, Alumni Soccer Game, Alive at 25,
White Christmas, Canned Food Drives, FAFSA Night

Academics and School Programs

AP Courses: Calculus AB, English Lang., English Lit.,
Statistics, U.S. History, European History, Biology

Honors Courses: English 1, 2, 3, 4, Algebra 2, Pre-
Calculus, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Latin 3,4, Global
Studies 1, 2, U.S. History, Government, Spanish 3, 4,
French 3, 4, Men's Chorus, Chamber Ensemble, Econ.,
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, Teacher
Cadets, Agriculture Program, HS 102 - Freshman Fo-
cus Course, Service Learning, Hamilton Career Center
Courses, Academic Extra Help, APEX Credit Recovery,
Entrepreneurship, Platinum Seal Diploma

Extracurricular Activities

28 Athletic Teams (18 Varsity, 10 JV) - 12 Sports,
Student Government, Beta Club, Chess Club,
National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta,
Orchestra, Chorus, Band, Future Farmers of America,
Academic Challenge Team, Orchestra, Pep Club,
Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Science Club,
Future Educators of America, Interact Club, Latin Club,
JROTC Drill Team & Raiders, Robotics Team,
Radio Club, Spanish Club, Talent Show, School Play

Faculty Profile

4 Administrators, 3 Counselors, Career Counselor,
2 Media Specialists, School Nurse, SRO, 56 Teachers,
13 National Board Certified Teachers, 28 Support Staff,
67% 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