



# Walhalla High School School Summary Report 2013-2014

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

**Principal:** Josh Young

**Assistant Principals:** Charles Fowler, Robert Kelly, Erin Phillips

**Counselors:** Greg Bearden, Sonya Coté, Patricia Wooten

**Career Specialist:** Tricia Mayer

## **SCHOOL DATA:**

- ◆ 2013 S.C. Annual School Report Card Absolute Rating – Excellent; ESEA Grade = A.
- ◆ 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 23 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 that all freshmen take High School 102.
- ◆ WHS has programs in JROTC, Agriculture, PLTW Pre-Engineering, Teacher Cadet, and Service Learning.

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS DATA:**

### **End-of-Course Exams (EOC)**

- Passing rates for WHS students enrolled in EOC Courses were as follows: English I - 83%, Biology/Biology IB - 77%, Algebra I/Algebra IB - 71%, and U.S. History - 59%, with an overall EOC passing rate of 72.2%.
- WHS exceeded the state pass rate English I. The state overall passing rate is approximately 75%.

### **High School Assessment Program (HSAP)**

- The overall passing rate for WHS sophomores was 88.4%, which exceeded the state passing rate of 82.0% in ELA and math for 1<sup>st</sup> time test takers.

### **SAT and ACT**

- WHS seniors exceeded the 2013 national ACT composite scores with a score of 22.0 (national = 20.4).
- SAT scores exceeded state and US means in all three areas. The WHS SAT Critical Reading & Math score average was 1044 and the national Critical Reading & Math score average was 1010.

### **Advanced Placement (AP)**

- WHS AP scores exceeded both the state passing rate (57%) and the national passing rate (57%). Seventy-nine WHS students took AP exams with a 82% pass rate (scoring 3 or higher).
- WHS added AP Human Geography this year, for a total of eleven Advanced Placement courses.

## **ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STAFF DATA:**

- ◆ Administrators– 4, Counselors– 3, Career Specialist, Certified Staff – 55, Classified Staff – 11, SRO, Nurse.
- ◆ 73% of teachers have advanced degrees; 44% are GT endorsed, 10 teachers are National Board Certified.
- ◆ The average teacher attendance rate was 94.3%.
- ◆ Mike Jensen, Social Studies Teacher, was named SDOC Teacher of the Year.
- ◆ Professional development activities emphasized implementation of the SC Common Core standards and common course collaboration.

## **STUDENT DATA:**

- ◆ Current Enrollment: 956 students: 84% White; 12% Hispanic, 2% Black; and 2% other ethnicities.
- ◆ Percentage of students on free/reduced lunch is 48%. AP course enrollment is 14%.
- ◆ The average student attendance rate was 94.1% and the on-time Graduation Rate was 86.8%.

## **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.
- ◆ Share common core teaching strategies through monthly sessions held during planning.
- ◆ Increase student pass rate through assigned Academic 3M Program held after school every Monday.
- ◆ Prepare for AdvancEd Accreditation Review by completing the Self Assessment process.



### **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-fourth year

WHS FFA Chapter received 3 Star Rating

HSTW Commended RAZOR Advisee-Advisor Program



### **WHS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL 2013-14**

Chairperson: Mary Wright;  
Parents: Lucy Barnett, Renee Cain, Alice Campbell, Lori Kelley, Angela Saxon, Kim Stroud, Anna Wholey;

Elected Students: Katherine Broome, Katherine Stoudemire;  
Elected Teachers: Alice Campbell, Mike Jensen; Appointed School Principal Ex-Officio: Josh Young; Appointed Community Members: James Powell, and Blair Stoudemire

SIC members may be contacted through the school by calling 864.886.4490.



# Walhalla High School

*To Dream, To Believe, To Achieve*  
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**Razors**



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School District of  
Oconee County

**Principal: Josh Young      Grades: 9th — 12th      Approximate Enrollment: 950**  
**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 24 years
- ★ JROTC Rifle Team ranked 41st in Nation
- ★ WHS FFA Chapter received 3 Star Rating
- ★ Chamber Ensemble received Excellent Rating 2013
- ★ All County Chorus had 18 students participate
- ★ Orchestra - 33 Superior ratings at Solo & Ensemble
- ★ Band student made All-State Band
- ★ Student Athletes named to AAA All Region Teams
- ★ 39% of current WHS students are on the Honor Roll

### Senior Class of 2013

223 Graduates, \$3.5 million in Scholarships,  
1044 Average SAT score, 22 Average ACT score,  
14 AP Scholars, 6 State Academic Diplomas,  
12 Palmetto Fellows, 80% Platinum Seal Recipients,  
27% @ 4-year institutions, 52% @ 2-year institutions,  
6% military, 12% workforce, 2% trade school, 1% other

### 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,  
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, Special ED Career Fair, SGA  
Haunted House, FFA Farm Day, FFA Greenhouse Sale

### Academics and School Programs

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

**Honors Courses:** English 1,3,4, Algebra 2, PreCalculus, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Latin 3,4, World History to 1300, U.S. History, Government, Spanish 3, 4, Men's Chorus, Chamber Ensemble, Women's Chorus, Gifted and Talented 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 3M Program, 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, Chess Club, FAD Club, Karaoke, Recycling Club, Scrapbooking Club, Soccer 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, Travel Club, Talent Show, School Play, Pageant, Yearbook

### Faculty Profile

4 Administrators, 3 Counselors, Career Specialist,  
2 Media Specialists, School Nurse, SRO, 55 Teachers,  
10 National Board Certified Teachers, 11 Classified Staff,  
44% of Teachers are GT Endorsed,  
74% 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