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Mission Statement:

West-Oak High School exists to educate, to engage, and to empower learners in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust.

Vision Statement:

As a community with high expectations, we value individuality, we inspire creativity, and we challenge the academic, physical, social, and career development of **each student**. Therefore, to further our goals, we expect:

- challenging, rigorous academic preparation for the future
- respect and tolerance regardless of differences
- technological literacy
- effective communication and collaboration
- utilization of critical thinking and problem solving skills
- global awareness and responsible citizenship
- a physically and emotionally safe environment
- the promotion of a healthy lifestyle



The New Entrance to West-Oak



Our New Science Wing



Our New Cafeteria

West-Oak's Five Year Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student.

Strategies:

- Develop a consistent district homework, redo, and grading policy
- Identify, implement, and monitor additional strategies to improve on-time graduation rate.
- Develop school wide focus teams to examine data school-wide and departmentally
- Increase student performance on standardized tests
- Meet AYP for ELA and Math

Goal 2: Assure quality personnel in all positions

Strategies:

- Develop a faculty hiring process
- Implement and continue the use of SAFE-T evaluation systems
- Continue the use of department heads and peer evaluators to provide evidence of best practices
- Expand professional development opportunities
- All teachers complete technology assessment
- Implement the use of PD 360 for staff development

Goal 3: Provide a school environment that is supportive of learning.

Strategies:

- Increase administrative and faculty visibility in the building and community
- Maintain an open door policy
- Develop and implement a student incentive program
- Improve communication with students and the community
- Improve classroom management practices

Goal 4: Improve understanding and support of public schools.

Strategies:

- Increase opportunities for parental involvement
- Increase communication regarding school events and activities
- Promote a universal understanding of the value of education
- Increase communication with local media
- Increase communication with local, state, and national policymakers

Academic Performance:

2011 HSAP % Pass rate for first time test takers			
	ELA	Math	Passing Both
WOHS	88.4	81.3	77.7
SDOC	90.9	83.2	80.5
SC	88.6	81.2	N/A

	SAT: Combined Verbal and Math	ACT
WOHS	988	20.4
SDOC	998	20.3
SC	972	20.1
National	1011	21.1

2011 EOC % Passing Rate				
	Eng. 1	Alg. 1	Bio. 1	USH
WOHS	69.3	69.7	65.1	47.9
SDOC	75.4	84.2	71.4	49.5
SC	72.5	82.1	68.0	49.7

2011 Graduation Rate		
	2010	5 Year Average
WOHS	73.0	64.4
SDOC	76.7	74.9
SC	73.6	73.6*

* 3 year state average; 5 year average is not available

Year	Absolute Rating			Improvement Rating		
	2009	2010	2011	2008	2009	2011
WOHS	Av.	Good	Av.	B. Av.	At-Risk	At-Risk
SDOC	B. Av.	Av.	Av.	At-Risk	Good	Good

Ratings:

Good Av.=Average; B. Av.=Below Average; At-Risk

School Improvement Council Members:

David DeVita: Chairman
 Mary Stanford: Secretary
 Kurt Kreuzberger: ex-officio
 Rosemary Hanes: ex-officio
 April Witherspoon: Teacher
 Michelle Olbon: Parent
 Kelly DeVita: Parent
 Jeremy Brooks: Parent
 Jackie Foster: Athletic Booster
 Charlotte Chirillo: Band Booster
 Kathy Jenkins: Parent
 Willie Jenkins: Parent
 Melanie Burton: Parent
 Jeanne Mahan: Parent

Andrea Kesler: Parent
 Dr. Neil Ogg: Parent
 Janice Sluder: Parent
 Kelly DeVita: Parent
 Barry Stevenson: JROTC Students
 Student Government
 FFA Students

At A Glance:

- Over \$3,298,274.00 awarded in scholarships
- Academic bars awarded to 284 current 10th – 12th graders
- 8 Palmetto Fellows
- 111 Life Scholarships
- 7 Hope scholarships
- 159 seniors received platinum seals
- 81 Seniors achieved a GPA of over 3.5
- 22 Seniors achieved a GPA of over 4.25
- 18 All-county band members
- 4 All-region band members
- 4 All-state band qualifier
- 24 All-county orchestra students
- 13 Upper-State Region Choir students
- Two drama performances: It's a Wonderful Life and The Wizard of Oz
- Student's art work displayed at The BRAC Show
- 3 student's art work displayed at World of Energy Show
- 44 students participate in NHS
- 43 students participate in Beta Club
- One student donated \$1000.00 to the Backpack program as part of her senior project
- Peer Mediation Program for 18 years
- 64 students participate in Interact Club
- Interact Club raised over \$1,800.00 in Polio relief
- Interact Club participated in 16 community service projects
- 128 students participate in FFA
- FFA sponsored the Carolina Foothills Heritage Fair
- FFA participates in area cattle and horse shows
- JROTC Honor Unit with Distinction
- JROTC participates in Drill Team and Raider Team competitions
- JROTC planned the Veteran's Day Celebration
- Student Government held a variety of pep rallies and spirit weeks
- Two blood drives sponsored by student government
- Student government and JROTC collected over 400 toys for Toys for Tots
- Student government sponsored several can food drives
- Variety of service and environmental clubs offered
- Region 1AAA Wrestling Champions
- 16 All-region athletes
- 2 All-state athletes
- 1 Region and State girls tennis Player of the Year
- 22 SCHSL Scholar Athletes
- 2 North/South Wrestlers
- NFHS State Wrestling Coach of the Year

From the Principal:

The 2011-2012 school year continues our tradition of excellence at West-Oak. The hard work of students and faculty has resulted in improvements in many areas. The class of 2011 received over \$3,298,000 in scholarship offers, an outstanding accomplishment. Our athletic, fine arts, and co-curricular programs continue to grow in size and accomplishments, and our faculty and staff remain committed to continuous improvement at WOHS.

Throughout the year we have examined and evaluated a host of data sources to seek continuous growth and improvement. Our Professional Learning Communities have focused on instructional strategies, grading practices, and issues relating to working with students from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds. We received a grant from Metis Education to continue to build and foster a healthy school climate. This three year staff development focuses on improving student academic success by establishing positive relationships with students, improving instruction, and establishing proven classroom management practices.

Academically, our students have excelled as they work to pursue their post secondary goals. 284 current 10th – 12th graders completed last year with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, receiving an academic bar. 159 seniors received their platinum seal, and 126 seniors graduated qualifying for state scholarships. College bound students were offered and encouraged to participate in our SAT planning sessions sponsored by our guidance department.

Our students were recognized for outstanding performances as they competed with other students across the region and state. Several band, orchestra, and choral students qualified for all-county, all-region, and all-state levels. In visual arts several students' work is being showcased locally and regionally. This year our drama department will produce two performances, *It's a Wonderful Life* and *The Wizard of Oz*. West-Oak athletics continue to have great success with several all-region teams and individuals.

West-Oak High School will continue to grow next year. We plan to continue working with our students, parents, and community to improve the educational opportunities at West-Oak in the years to come. Our goal is simple; we want to provide the best education for our students. This year we adopted the senior motto of "Make it Happen". This is our call for all our students as they rise to the challenge and opportunities of their future.

