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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



Cafeteria Entrance



Front Lobby



S.C.'s only approved School Barn

West-Oak's Five Year Strategic Plan

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

Strategies:

- Continue to monitor the effectiveness of the district's school-wide homework, redo, and grading policy
- Identify, implement, and monitor additional strategies to improve on-time graduation rate.
- Examine data through school wide teams focusing on school improvement.
- Increase student performance on standardized tests
- Meet AYP for ELA and Math

Goal 2: Assure quality personnel in all positions

Strategies:

- Continue to monitor, implement, and improve our 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

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 to students and parents.
- 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:

2014 HSAP % Pass rate for first time test takers			
	ELA	Math	Passing Both
WOHS	90	79	76.1
SDOC	90	81	78.5
SC	89.8	78.7	77.4

	SAT: Combined Verbal and Math	ACT
WOHS	984	20
SDOC	1011	21
SC	970	20.4
National	992	21

2014 EOC % Passing Rate				
	Eng. 1	Alg. 1	Bio. 1	USH
WOHS	67	74	72	54
SDOC	72	80	80	66
SC	77	85.6	78.8	65.4

2014 Graduation Rate		
	2014	5 Year Average
WOHS	78.7	
SDOC	82.1	
SC	75.1	

*5 year average is not available

	Absolute Rating			Improvement Rating		
	2012	2013	2014	2011	2013	2014
WOHS	Good	Good	Good	Good	B. Av.	B. Av.
SDOC	Ex.	Ex.	Ex.	Good	Good	Good

Ratings: Ex = Excellent

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

School Improvement Council Members

Jane Baker: Chairman Melanie Burton: Parent
 Christopher Des Marais: V. Chair
 Mary Stanford: Secretary David DeVita: Parent
 Kurt Kreuzberger: ex-officio Christy Todd: Parent
 Jamie Garland: ex-officio Meredith Williams: Parent
 Bonita Jones: Teacher Kathy Jenkins: Community
 Josh Roberts: Teacher JROTC Students
 Donna Vestal: Teacher Student Government
 Willie Jenkins: Community FFA Students

At A Glance

- Over \$5,000,000.00 awarded in scholarships
- Academic bars awarded to over 264 current 10th – 12th graders who earned a 3.5 or higher GPA
- 4 Palmetto Fellows
- 135 Life Scholarships

- 71% of graduating class earned state scholarships
- 76.7% of seniors received a platinum seal
- 2 Teaching Fellow Scholars
- 39 All-county band members making up 58% of the county band
- 13 All-region band members
- Excellent Rating: Band Upper-State
- Qualified for state band competition for the first time
- 10 All-county orchestra students
- 23 All-county chorus members
- Boys and Girls State participation
- Two drama performances: *It's A Wonderful Life* and *Alice in Wonderland*
- Student's art work displayed at The BRAC Show
- Student art work displayed at World of Energy Show
- 48 students participate in NHS
- 58 students participate in Beta Club
- Representative to the Youth SC Legislative Black Caucus
- Peer Mediation Program for 21 years
- 123 students participate in Interact Club
- Displayed Warrior Wall of Fame for acts of exceptional achievement
- \$1,000.00 + in Polio relief
- Interact Club participated in community service projects
- 123 students participate in FFA
- FFA sponsored the Carolina Foothills Heritage Fair
- Numerous students received state titles in FFA State Competitions including: Horse Judging, Cattle Showing; and Tractor Driving
- FFA Miss SC Winner
- 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 Toys for Toys for Tots
- Variety of service and environmental clubs offered
- 2014 Athletic Accomplishments:
- 20 All-region athletes
- 27 SCHSL Scholar Athletes
- 2015 State Championship Wrestling team

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 effective instructional strategies, implementing technology into the classroom, grading practices, and issues relating to working with students from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds. We continue to foster and improve our healthy school climate. This emphasis has helped us improve 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. 264 current 10th – 12th graders completed last year with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, receiving an academic bar. Over 76% of our graduating seniors received their platinum seal, and 139 or 71% of the senior class qualified for state scholarships. College bound students were offered and encouraged to participate in our SAT planning sessions sponsored by our guidance department. Our ninth grade PE classes participated with Safe Harbor to focus on the problem of domestic violence. This culminated in an assembly where Senator Alexander presented our students with a Resolution to the Senate Floor to have February declared Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month which was inspired by our students.

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 *Alice in Wonderland*. West-Oak athletics continue to have great success with several all-region 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 absolute best education for our students. As students graduate and leave West-Oak High School, we are confident they are college and career ready, with the skills to be successful in whatever path they pursue.

From the Principal

The 2014-2015 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 2014 received over \$4,000,000.00 in scholarship offers, an outstanding accomplishment. Our athletic, fine arts, and co-curricular programs

