

West-Oak High School

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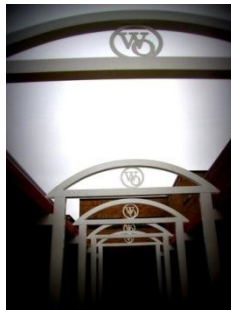
Mission Statement:

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:

2013 HSAP % Pass rate for first time test takers			
	ELA	Math	Passing Both
WOHS	90.3	81.9	80.0
SDOC	91.9	84.4	82.4
SC	90.7	83.5	82.0

	SAT: Combined Verbal and Math	ACT
WOHS	921	21.7
SDOC	981	21.5
SC	971	20.4
National	1010	20.9

2013 EOC % Passing Rate				
	Eng. 1	Alg. 1	Bio. 1	USH
WOHS	75.2	69.8	71.9	49.3
SDOC	80.2	80.9	73.8	59.5
SC	77.2	82.8	78.2	60.6

2013 Graduation Rate		
	2013	5 Year Average
WOHS	70.7	72
SDOC	79.7	77
SC	77.5	73.4

*5 year average is not available

Year	Absolute Rating			Improvement Rating		
	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2013
WOHS	Av.	Good	Good	At-Risk	Good	B. Av.
SDOC	Av.	Ex.	Ex.	Good	Good	Good

Ratings: Ex = Excellent

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

School Improvement Council Members:

Jane Baker: Chairman
 Mary Stanford: Secretary
 Kurt Kreuzberger: ex-officio
 Rosemary Hanes: ex-officio
 Bonita Jones: Teacher
 Jeremy Brooks: Parent
 Jeanne Mahan: Parent
 Charlotte Chirillo: Band Booster
 Kathy Jenkins: Parent
 Willie Jenkins: Parent
 Melanie Burton: Parent

Andrea Kesler: Parent
 Janice Sluder: Parent
 JROTC Students
 FFA Students
 Student Government

At A Glance:

- Over \$3,197,000.00 awarded in scholarships
- Academic bars awarded to over 250 current 10th – 12th graders who earned a 3.5 or higher GPA
- 7 Palmetto Fellows
- 112 Life Scholarships
- 64% of senior class earned state scholarships
- 149 seniors received a platinum seal, 83% of senior class
- 3 Teaching Fellow Scholars
- 33 All-county band members
- 9 All-region band members
- Excellent Rating: Band Upper-State
- 20 All-county orchestra students
- 2 All –region orchestra students
- 20 All-county chorus members
- Boys and Girls State participation
- Two drama performances: *A Christmas Carol* and *The Lion, The witch, and The Wardrobe*
- Student's art work displayed at The BRAC Show
- Student art work displayed at World of Energy Show
- 54 students participate in NHS
- 33 students participate in Beta Club
- Peer Mediation Program for 20 years
- 87 students participate in Interact Club
- Displayed Warrior Wall of Fame for acts of exceptional achievement
- Interact Club raised over \$1,000.00 in Polio relief
- Interact Club participated in community service projects
- 97 students participate in FFA
- FFA sponsored the Carolina Foothills Heritage Fair
- FFA State Champions: Horse Judging, Grand Champions: Cattle Showing; Regional Champions: Tractor Driving
- 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
- 2013 Athletic Accomplishments:
- 18 All-region athletes
- 28 SCHSL Scholar Athletes
- 1 State Champion Wrestlers
- Tennis Region Player of the year

hard work of students and faculty has resulted in improvements in many areas. The class of 2013 received over \$3,197,000.00 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 common core standards, instructional strategies, 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. 253 current 10th – 12th graders completed last year with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, receiving an academic bar. 149 or 83% of seniors received their platinum seal, and 119 or 64% 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, *A Christmas Carol* and *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*. 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 that they are college and career ready, with the skills to be successful in whatever path they pursue.

From the Principal:

The 2013-2014 school year continues our tradition of excellence at West-Oak. The

