

School Organization and Contact

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ABOUT THIS REPORT.....

The school Improvement council of W. J. Keenan High School has prepared the annual school report for you and the community. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Mr. Alvin D. Pressley, Principal, or Mr. Carlos Primus, SIC Chair at (803) 714-2555.

Purposes of SIC

Assist in the development and evaluation of the five-year School Improvement Plan (also called the School Renewal Plan or the Strategic Plan).

Assist in the preparation of annual updates and/or revisions.

Compose the annual Report to Parents to provide information about the school's progress in meeting school/district/state goals or objectives. This report is distributed by April 30.

Assist the principal in preparing the annual narrative for the School Report Card.

Provide advice on the use of any school incentive award monies (if allocated by the legislature and awarded to the school).

Participate in the revision of the School Improvement Plan in cases where the school needs to enact changes.

Serve as the liaison between the school, community, and local school board by collecting and disseminating information.

Provide other assistance that the principal may request and carry out any other duties prescribed by the local school board.

The Council will not have the powers and duties reserved by law or regulation of the local school board.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The SC School improvement Council exists to advise, train, and promote parents, teachers, students, and community members for active, knowledgeable membership in School Improvement Councils for the fulfillment of their Council's role and responsibilities.

W. J. Keenan High School



2016 – 2017 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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Richland One W. J. Keenan High School inspires students through interactive learning experiences that will challenge and prepare them for life beyond high school.

School Highlights & Awards

Keenan hosted their 1st College Decision Day Event. Seniors who have chosen to extend their education after graduation are recognized during the event. They are also presented with awards during the celebration. Juniors and seniors will attend the event attend the event to

Keenan was the SC State Winner for the 2015-2016 Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest which awarded over \$20,000 in technology for the school.

Three Freshmen students had their experiments selected to be tested on the International Space Station in November as part of the Student Spaceflights Experiments Program (SSEP).

Keenan received a Trout in the Classroom grant from the SC DNR to integrate aquaponics into the Project REAL curriculum for the second year.

Project REAL students hosted the Raider Raspberry jam with 108 participants from N. Carolina, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Project REAL students presented at the Lexington One Technology Night.

Six Project REAL students participated in the Allen University Train the Trainer Cyber Security grant. These students worked with Allen University students to learn basics of programming and the Raspberry Pi.

Two Project REAL students received the teamwork award at the Annual Project Lead the Way S. Carolina engineering competition.

Seven Project REAL seniors will graduate as completers of the program at this year's graduation.

The JROTC Department placed 2nd in the 2016-2017 District One Superintendent's Trophy Competition.

Envirothon is a competition that enables participants to become more aware of current issues the environment is facing. This year's competition focused on Soil and Water Conservation Stewardship. Out of 15 teams, WJ Keenan ranked #10 in the State Envirothon Competition and had the 6th best oral presentation in reference to the current topic.

Keenan's Recycling Team collected 2.4 tons of cardboard which is the equivalent of 4,800 lbs of cardboard.

National Honor Society collaborated with the Red Cross and collected 56 pints of blood which qualified one senior member to win a \$250 Scholarship.

The Jefferson Awards give recognition to students/schools that practice philanthropic behaviors. The WJKHS Students In Action (SIA) team put together a presentation that recognized all of the ways in which our wonderful students gave back to the community throughout the 2016-2017 school year. Through all of our efforts, WJKHS earned the Silver Jefferson Award.

Keenan Boys Basketball Team won the Class 2A Upper State Championship and was runner-up in Class 2A Championship.

FFA won a bronze award in the National Chapter Award competition in 2015-2016 for the third consecutive year. All chapter members participated in completing the application that was due April 15, 2016. Keenan FFA members will receive the award in June at the SC FFA Convention.

School Demographics

Total Enrollment 664

98 % -African American
Less than 1 % -Hispanic
Less than 1% -Other
Less than 1 % -White

Grants

MAJOR GRANTS RECEIVED

CAROLINA PANTHERS

Goals for Next Year

Increase EOCEP Passage Rate in English, Math, U. S. History and Biology.

Increase Graduation Rate to 90%.

Increase ACT and WorkKeys student performance.

Increase the amount of scholarships by \$1, 000, 000.