

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN 2013...

- ◇ Henry Adair completed his 30th year as principal at Westside
- ◇ Student body had 1,630 students
- ◇ 97 students enrolled in 8 Advanced Placement courses
- ◇ 131 WECA students earned credits in more than 7 different college courses
- ◇ Westside's Beta Club was the 3rd largest club in South Carolina
- ◇ Of the 296 seniors who graduated : 80 honor graduates, 7 Palmetto Fellows, 5 SC Academic Achievement Awards, and 14 Anderson School District 5 Honors diplomas
- ◇ Joel Gray was named Teacher of the Year
- ◇ 7% of Westside teachers achieved National Board Certification

2013 Annual School Report Card

Absolute rating: Good

Improvement rating: Below Average

For more information, you may view Westside's report in full by visiting www.ed.sc.gov

School Improvement Council Members

Henry Adair, Principal
Lakisha Carter, Community
Stacy Carlton, Graduation Coach
Will Cowart, Parent
Joel Gray, Teacher
Jonathan Hooper, Student
Christian Johnson, Student
Tabitha Johnson, Parent
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Parul Joshi, Community
Sharon King-Hanley, Academic Coach (SIC Chair)
Ken Roberts, Community
K.G. Roberts, Student
Lisa Senn, Parent
Tyrone Williams, Community

The School Improvement Council is an organization of parents, students, teachers, and administrators who meet to plan, monitor, and evaluate school improvement.

South Carolina Performance Vision

By 2020, all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

More information available at <http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

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Westside High School Annual Report to Parents

From the School Improvement Council
SIC Website

<http://www.ed.sc.edu/sic/>

The Mission of Westside High School is to educate all students with the knowledge and skills to be lifelong learners, to provide opportunities that ensure students are college and career-ready, and to produce graduates who contribute positively to an ever-changing global society.

It's a Matter of Pride!

This report is issued by the Westside High School School Improvement Council in accordance with SC law to share the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year. The information contained in this report is from the 2012-13 school year.

School Improvement Council

Goals and Progress

2012—2013



Goal 1

Students will demonstrate annual improvement in graduation rate, HSAP scores, SAT and ACT scores and End-of-Course test scores.

HSAP (passed both subtests)

74.5% Up 2.4%

EOC Passing (all tests combined)

66.2% Down 1.3%

SAT (critical reading and math)

908 Down 39 points

ACT (all tests combined)

18.6 Down .7 points

Strategies to improve this goal include but are not limited to

- ◇ English, math, science, and social studies classes administer district benchmark tests twice yearly
- ◇ Every teacher offers tutorial hours as a time for providing assistance as needed to students
- ◇ Lesson plans incorporate WICOR strategies (Writing-Inquiry-Collaboration-Organization-Reading)
- ◇ At-Risk students are served through a mentoring program
- ◇ Maintain common planning periods for teachers of similar courses and on the same team in the Ninth Grade Academy

Goal 2

100% of faculty Highly Qualified and to increase the number of teachers with advanced degrees

Classes not taught by Highly Qualified teachers = 2%

Same as last year

Teachers holding advanced degrees = 50.5%

Down from 2.5%

Strategies to improve this goal include but are not limited to

- ◇ Provide professional development on the implementation of Common Core State Standards
- ◇ Provide professional development and collaboration during common planning periods
- ◇ Continue technology use through the introduction of BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program

Goal 3

Improve school climate by increasing parent satisfaction by 3% in the following areas:

Satisfied with learning environment

79.8% Up 4.4%

Satisfied with social and physical environment

64.5% Up 8.6%

Satisfied with school-home relations

77.6% Up 2.8%

Student attendance rate

93.1% Down .9%

Strategies to improve this goal include but are not limited to

- ◇ Contact parents through email, phone or mail when students exhibit academic, behavior and/or attendance problems
- ◇ Develop and send home a quarterly newsletter

Student Achievement

WECA

- ◇ More than 70 Westside Early College Academy students enrolled in dual enrollment classes at Tri-County Technical College
- ◇ WECA student Nancy Edwards completed 44 hours of college credit by the time she graduated from Westside and won the WECA Award.

AVID

- ◇ 84.4% of AVID seniors were accepted to 4-year colleges and universities
- ◇ 93.8% of seniors planned to attend a 2-year or 4-year college or university
- ◇ 40.6% took dual enrollment classes

ACADEMICS

- ◇ Seniors in the Class of 2013 graduated with \$11,661,024 in total scholarships
- ◇ Freshmen Makia Ward, Joseph Lightsey, and Mia Schuller entered Westside with perfect scores on the PASS writing test

ARTS

- ◇ Morgan Tuers received the Westside Art Award
- ◇ 12 students were inducted into the National Art Honor Society
- ◇ Westside's Ram Band received a Superior rating at the SCBDA Jazz Ensemble Festival and the Lake Hartwell Marching Competition
- ◇ Students Holly Vickery, Olivia Sanders, Peyton Kyer, and Anna McLane were chosen to participate in the SCBDA Region 2 Honors Band
- ◇ Taylor Bruenning was selected to participate in the SCBDA All-State Band

ATHLETICS

- ◇ Courtney Williams reached a milestone 1001 points on the basketball court for the Lady Rams