

# School Improvement Council Report to Parents

2014 - 2015

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*The Mission of Washington Center is to provide instructional opportunities designed to encourage independent functioning, community involvement and academic skill development aligned with state academic standards.*

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## Vision

The vision for Washington Center is to collaborate with families, district staff, and community members to provide both functional and academic educational experiences for our students. Our goal is to offer opportunities that will maximize quality of life, encourage community involvement and support families as they rear and care for children and young adults with serious developmental issues.

## School Achievements

- In 2014, 79.27% of tested students achieved at “Foundational” levels or above on the State Alternate Assessment. Additionally, 98.31% of students mastered 80% or more of their IEP goals.
- The Unique Curriculum is aligned with State standards and implemented school-wide, and the OnCourse System is in place for lesson planning.
- Washington Center has a fully functioning SIC and PTA, and this year the PTA has sponsored three parent training sessions including: “Family Night” when local service providers came to provide information; a session with a local attorney; and subsequently, one with Greenville Health System’s Supportive Care Team.

## Annual Goals

For 2015, Washington Center students will participate in the administration of a new Alternate Assessment. No baseline for that test has been established.

Ninety-five% of students will achieve mastery of 80% or more of individual goals.

Students will have a variety of community based trips and experiences, and staff will utilize virtual field trips as an option for allowing students to visit distant locations.

A school steering committee will continue to provide input into decisions related to school programs and activities.

## School Programs



Adaptive Environmental Science  
Daily Living Skills Training  
Seagull Grill  
Community Based Instruction  
Walk and Roll Fund Raiser  
Spirit Week  
Community Day  
Craft Day  
Book Buddies  
Backpack Buddies  
Dog Therapy  
Boo in the School  
Valentine Pageant  
Multi-sensory Room  
Handicapped Accessible Playgrounds  
Special Olympics and Challenge Day  
Occupational, Speech and Physical Therapies  
Homebound Services

## Awards and Recognitions

PTA---Silver Palmetto Status

“Outstanding Upstate Fifth Grader” by  
*Upstate Parents’ Magazine*

Sharon Russo, teacher, ---“Golden Apple Award Winner” --WYFF  
Golden Achievement” award--- SC chapter of the National  
Association of School Public Relations

Knights’ of Columbus “Hope Foundation” Grant recipient

Grants from Macy’s, Simpsonville Knights of Columbus,  
Mauldin Knights of Columbus, and Individual Donors.

United Way Improvement Award



## Partnerships

Knights of Columbus  
 Klaver Klub  
 Krispy Kreme  
 Christ Church School  
 Furman University  
 Clemson University  
 Bob Jones University  
 American Advertising Federation  
 Greenville Tech  
 Greenville Health System  
 Children's Clinic  
 St Joseph's High School  
 Riverside High School  
 District Elementary Schools  
 Hillcrest High School Teacher Cadets  
 Harper Brothers Construction Company  
 Wade Hampton High School - Drama Outreach Program  
 Shannon Forest Christian School Key Club  
 SC Therapy Dogs  
 Trees Greenville  
 Chapman's Surveyors  
 Dot Yount, Landscape Architect  
 Sara Collins Elementary School

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### SIC Members

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## Additional Information

- School security has been enhanced by the installation of scanned locks and additional emergency call buttons.
- Washington Center continues to support higher education by serving as a field placement and training facility.
- Assistive technology and augmentative communication devices are integrated into all instruction.
- This year Washington Center students have been supported by Law Enforcement personnel who have come to teach about positive interactions with police.