

LEADING LIKE GENERALS



Report to the Community

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Wade Hampton High School Academics Among Top 10% in South Carolina

Wade Hampton High School recently received the rating of Excellent in both The Absolute and The Growth Ratings on the 2012 SC School Report Card and ranked 22 out of 226 high schools in the state. School and district report cards are part of the state's education accountability system. They provide schools and communities with information on schools' and districts' progress measured against the 2010 goal of having school's student achievement ranked in the top half of the states nationally.

Calculations for the Report Card are based on student achievement data from the previous school year and include the EOC pass rate, long term HSAP pass rate, first time HSAP pass rate, on-time graduation rate, and 5th year graduation rate. The Growth Rating compares the Absolute Ratings of the current and previous years. All schools in SC are rated annually and the SC School Report Card is published in the fall of the following year. This is the 4th year in a row that the rating of Excellent was achieved in the Absolute score, but it is the first time Excellent was realized in both ratings. Wade Hampton High School improved in each of the measurable categories used in the calculation for the Absolute Rating.

In South Carolina, schools are divided into cohorts, labeled "Schools Like Ours," for further comparison.

These cohorts are made up of schools with a similar percentage of students participating in subsidized lunch programs, similar poverty index, or who are eligible for Medicaid services. WHHS's poverty index for 2012 was 49.76% and ranks #8 among the 16 Schools Like Ours. Nevertheless, within this group, Wade Hampton High School holds the #1 position for Absolute Index (4.1), on-time graduation rate (86.84%), 5th year graduation rate (87.40%), and longitudinal HSAP pass rate (96.79%). WHHS has the #2 position for first-attempt HSAP Pass Rate (91.9%) and EOC Pass Rate (84.67%).

Below are the five measures that are used in the calculations of the Absolute rating and their corresponding results:

1. High School Assessment Program (HSAP) - First-attempt pass rate of all second year high school students. WHHS achieved 91.9% on first attempt, and similar schools averaged 85%. The district average was 82.8%, and the state average was 80.10%.

2. Longitudinal pass rate on HSAP (LHSAP) - The percentage of students who successfully pass all parts of the exam by the spring semester of their 4th year of high school. - WHHS achieved 96.8%, and similar schools averaged 94.4%. The district pass rate was 92.22%.

3. End Of Course Exam Program (EOC or EOCEP)

- This is the overall pass rate on the EOC exams. WHHS achieved 84.7%, and similar schools achieved an average of 74%. The EOC exams are given in Algebra 1, English 1, Biology 1 and United States History. The district pass rate was 77%, and the state pass rate was 72%.

4. On-Time Graduation rate (the percentage of students who graduate four years after entering high school) - WHHS achieved 86.8%, and similar schools averaged 80.6%. The district's graduation rate was 72.4%, and the state was 75.22%.

5. Fifth Year Graduation Rate - This is a measure of the percentage of the students that graduate within 5 years. WHHS achieved 87.4%, and similar schools averaged 81.5%. The district's rate was 74.7%, and the state achieved 76.4%.

Wade Hampton High School was #1 in the graduation

rate category in Greenville County, #2 in 1st attempt pass rate HSAP, #2 in longitudinal HSAP, and #2 in EOC pass rates. This puts Wade Hampton High School at the top in the Greenville County School District in each measurable area. This tremendous achievement was accomplished through the support of parents, outstanding teachers and the hard-working students at Wade Hampton High School. In addition to this recognition

of Wade Hampton's excellent academic achievement, Wade Hampton was recently recognized as a Palmetto Gold Award-winning high school. Wade Hampton has become known for its strong academics over the past several years, and it is clear that academic success and improvement is still our biggest priority.

Hannah Johnston, a student at WHHS, works hard in science class.



GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goal 1: Raise academic performance of each student

OBJ 1: Improve EOC test scores

OBJ 2: Increase the number of students scoring level 3 or 4 on both sections of HSAP

OBJ 3: Raise the graduation rate

OBJ 4: Guard the accuracy of the student database

Goal 2: Ensure quality teachers in all classrooms

OBJ 1: Increase teacher technology proficiency

OBJ 2: Increase teacher knowledge in the use of diverse instructional strategies

Goal 3: Provide a school environment supportive of learning

OBJ 1: Increase the number of freshmen students involved in extra curricular activities

OBJ 2: Improve stakeholder communication

OBJ 3: Monitor technology developments

OBJ 4: Increase the freshman attendance rate

Educate. Inspire. Empower.

Generals' Sports Teams Made a Successful Transition from 3A to 4A

Wade Hampton High School sports teams transitioned from 3A to 4A this school year. This transition in divisions was anxiously anticipated because 4A is comprised of larger, highly competitive schools. Despite the anxiety, WHHS teams remained competitive in every sport in this new division. Every two years, the schools are realigned. That realignment can result in a different division and a different region. This is based mainly on school size. Driving distances from the school is also a determining factor.

Wade Hampton teams excelled in 4A this year, resulting in ten teams making it to the play-offs and in some cases, the state championship. Those ten teams are football, girls golf, competitive cheerleading, boys and girls cross country, tennis, boys and girls swimming, and boys and girls basketball.

Wade Hampton's success in the 4A division began with fall sports. The football team finished 4th

in the region, made the play-offs, had six All-region players, and had five All-county players. Girls swimming made the play-offs as well. Boys swimming also went to the playoffs, finished 9th in the state, set several school records, and had four All-region swimmers.

Competition cheerleading made the playoffs, won several competitions, finished 13th in the state, and had three All-region selections. The girls golf team made the playoffs, placed 2nd in region, and finished 7th in the state.

The girls cross country team came in 2nd in the region, were Greenville County Champions, finished 2nd in state meet, and had one All-region selection. The boys cross country team also came in 2nd in the region, were Greenville County Champions, placed 3rd in state meet, had three All-region selections, and two All-star selections.

The girls tennis team made state playoffs, placed 2nd in the region, and had

two All-region selections.

Winter sports continued the tradition of success, living up to the expectations set by their fall counterparts. The boys basketball team finished 15-10. They tied for 2nd in the region and made the state playoffs. The girls basketball team finished the season with a record 24-4. They were an Upper State finalist, ranked in the top ten in the state, and won the Greenville pre-season tournament. In

addition, they had three All-region players and two North-South All-stars. Finally, wrestling completed the season with a winning record, and three wrestlers advanced to the state individual tournament.

What a great year for General athletics! Wade Hampton is built on a tradition of excellence in and out of the classroom. Despite the transition to a more competitive division, our Wade Hampton sports teams and athletes did not disappoint.



The varsity football team strategizes for an upcoming play.

Did you know?

**WHHS
OFFERS...**

~Very successful Freshman Academy in its 10th year of supporting freshmen in their transition to high school.

~Well-established World Language Program including four years of German, French, and Spanish; including AP Spanish and AP French.

~Seventeen AP courses, beginning with freshman classes.

~Fourteen Career Clusters classes at Bonds and Enoree Career Centers with transportation provided.

~More than 52 different sections in the award winning Fine Arts Department. Curriculum includes four levels of choral music, art, band, orchestra, journalism, and drama.

~An award winning Air Force JROTC program.

~Twenty-two varsity and 12 JV teams in 16 different sports.

~Technology-rich environment, including wireless internet access throughout the building, ten computer labs, four wireless laptop computer labs, and 82 Promethean Boards for classroom instruction.

~Twelve faculty members with National Board Certification, with more on the way!

~Shared common campus with the District's Fine Arts Center.

~After school tutoring with free transportation home.

Generals in the Class-

- ★ ~WHHS awarded the NASSP Breakthrough Schools Award in 2012, a national award.
- ★ ~ WHHS awarded the Panasonic National School Change Award in 2011, a national award.
- ★ ~ WHHS named the Carolina First Palmetto's Finest High School in 2010, a state award.
- ★ ~ WHHS was a Carolina First Palmetto's Finest finalist in 2010, 2009, and 2008.
- ★ ~ ACT High Performance Award in 2012, 2011, 2010, and 2009.
- ★ ~SAT High Performance Award in 2009 and 2012.
- ★ ~ Palmetto Gold Award Winner, 2012, 2011, 2010, and 2009.
- ★ ~ Highest graduation rate among all GCS in 2012 (87%), second highest in 2011 (84%), and highest in 2010 (86%).

- ★ ~Highest 5th Year graduation rate among all GCS in 2012 (87%) and 2011 (87%).
- ★ ~The graduation rate has increased over 16% (from 71% to 87%) since 2005 and has exceeded the state and district rates since 2006.
- ★ ~ The EOCEP pass rate (87%) is the 2nd highest among all Greenville County High Schools in 2012.
- ★ ~ HSAP pass rate of 92% is the 2nd highest among all Greenville County High Schools in 2012.
- ★ ~ The average freshman GPA was 3.46 in 2012.
- ★ ~ All subject pass rate of 94.98% in 2012.
- ★ ~ Student enrollment has increased almost 29% since 2005.
- ★ ~**EXCELLENT State Report Card rating, FOUR years in a row!**