

LEADING LIKE GENERALS



Report to the Community

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WHHS Report Card Is Excellent/Good

The wait was long, but the news was great: the South Carolina Department of Education School Report Card for the 2009-2010 academic year was released on March 17, 2011, and Wade Hampton received an absolute rating of EXCELLENT and an improvement rating of GOOD. Simply put, this year's result ranks WHHS as the best high school in the Greenville County School District. Only one other district high school received similar ratings.

The absolute performance level is a calculation based upon several criteria including the critical on-time graduation rate. Wade Hampton's graduation rate improved to 86.4% in 2010, the highest in the district. This caps a remarkable transformation in the Generals' growth in academic success in the last few report cards. Only five years ago, our graduation rate was 71.5%, equal to the district average; but a dramatic improvement over the last three years shows Wade Hampton regularly besting the

district average by 13-14 percentage points.

School Principal Lance Radford attributes the improved graduation rate to the hard work of faculty and staff as well as to programs that focus specifically on students' academic life at the school. In particular, Wade Hampton's Freshman Academy targets students in the critical first year of high school, helping them not only in academic achievement but also in the development of social skills and behavior. The results are impressive: since 2003 when the Freshman Academy was instituted, the number of students who must repeat ninth grade has been cut by three-fourths. This means not only that WHHS students are getting prepared to perform academically, but they are better adjusted to the rigors of high school and are motivated to achieve throughout all four years.

The improvement rating of "good" in the report card is based on a longitudinal look at a school's progress. WHHS is rated "good"



Sophomore Deirdre Dishman checks *The Greenville News* lead story about the Generals' report card.

in this year's report card because our absolute rating has been "excellent" for two years in a row.

Other criteria in the calculation of the

absolute rating include the passage rates of the Longitudinal Exit Exam, first attempts on the HSAP exams in English/language arts

and math, and End of Course Exams, which measure achievement in the four disciplines of math, English, science and history.

Generals show continuing year-to-year improvement in all of these measures, and score well above state averages. This success is happening in spite of the growth rate of under resourced students at WHHS.

Clearly our school is meeting these challenges and doing a great job of serving all the students in a diverse student body.

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.

Undefeated Generals bring home AAA boys state basketball championship

For the first time since 1971, the Generals are the reigning 3A boys basketball state champions, and there's no doubt in anyone's mind about how good this team is.

After winning the region and upper state championships here in Greenville, the Generals faced Darlington High School for the state championship on March 5 in a game they dominated from the opening tip-off. They ended the season 29-0, the first undefeated season in WHHS history.

SIC student member Myles Daniel opened the championship game with a three-point shot, and the Generals never trailed after that. Brian Steele scored 30 points and had 15 rebounds. Steele, Daniel, Rod Drummond, and Ish Cousar all scored in

double figures and were responsible for 65 points and eight 3 point baskets. Thomas Motes, A.J. Hen-

Darryl Nance cited the outstanding support of students, faculty, staff and families throughout the

While Drummond and other team members earned numerous Player of the Year and All Star awards, the team also excelled academically with an average 3.0 GPA.

Nance, who also took region, county, and state Coach of the Year awards, praised the teamwork for the boys' record-setting accomplishments: "They made a commitment at the beginning of the season to work together, stay together and play together throughout the season. We had all the parts for success--excellent players, great senior leadership, size, strength, athleticism, flexibility, experience and ultimately the desire to win. It was a pleasure to be with them and enjoy the ride."



The varsity boys basketball team and coaches celebrate their state championship victory.

derson and Capers Williamson dominated inside and controlled the boards along with Steele.

Nearly 1,000 fans traveled to Columbia to cheer our guys on. Head Coach

season as a factor in the team's success. The student cheering section, the Ross Rowdies, became the envy of rival schools with their distinctive T-shirts and raucous energy.

Did you know? WHHS OFFERS...

~Successful Freshman Academy in its 8th year of supporting freshmen in their transition to high school

~Well established World Language Program including four years of German, four years of Spanish (including AP Spanish), and five years of French

~Fifteen Advanced Placement courses, beginning with freshman classes

~Fourteen Career Clusters classes ranging from Law Enforcement and Auto Repair to Sports Medicine. Transportation provided to both Enoree and Bonds Career Centers.

~More than 70 different sections, including honors level courses, in the award winning Fine Arts Department. Curriculum includes four levels of choral music, art, band, orchestra, drama, journalism, and digital media.

~An award winning Air Force JROTC program that includes honors level courses. The WHHS AFJROTC was the 2009 South Carolina Silver Sword recipient.

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

~A technology rich environment, including 10 computer labs, three wireless laptop computer labs, and 81 Promethean Boards for classroom instruction

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

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

Generals in the Classroom

- ★ ~WHHS named 2010 Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Winner!
- ★ ~ WHHS was both a 2009 and a 2010 Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Finalist.
- ★ ~ Absolute ratings of Excellent on the SC State Report Card in 2009 and 2010.
- ★ ~ Absolute rating of 3.9, highest of all Greenville Co. High Schools in 2010.
- ★ ~ 2010 ACT High Achievement Award
- ★ ~ 2009 & 2010 Palmetto Gold Award Winner
- ★ ~ Palmetto Gold Closing the Gap Award Winner in 2009 and 2010.
- ★ ~ Highest graduation rate (86.4%) among all Greenville County High Schools in 2010.
- ★ ~WHHS's graduation rate has exceeded both state and district rates since 2006.
- ★ ~ EOCEP pass rate (80%) is 2nd highest among all Greenville Co. High Schools.
- ★ ~ The AP pass rate has increased almost 6% since 2005.
- ★ ~ 88% of graduates continue education after high school.
- ★ ~ 48% of the Class of 2010 graduated with honors.
- ★ ~ HSAP pass rate of 93.5% in 2010
- ★ ~ The percentage of students scoring level 3 and 4 on HSAP Math increased 17.4% since 2005.
- ★ ~ The increase for ELA is 7.7% for the same time period.
- ★ ~ The average Freshman GPA was 3.25 in 2010.
- ★ ~ Over \$9,000,000 in scholarships were offered to the Class of 2010.
- ★ ~ WHHS was named one of Newsweek's "America's Top Public High Schools" for the sixth year in a row.
- ★ ~ Student enrollment has increased by over 26% since 2005.
- ★ ~ Three National Merit Scholars in 2010
- ★ ~ Four Furman Hollingsworth Scholars since 2005
- ★ ~ Sixty-four seniors awarded the Palmetto Fellows scholarship since 2007
- ★ ~ 2010 ACT Performance Improvement Award
- ★ ~ Project Lead the Way-Engineering Certified