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Wade Hampton High School has maintained a tradition of academic excellence for more than half a century. We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and faculty. In 2016, we were honored by the federal government with the designation as a National Blue Ribbon School, making WHHS the only high school in the upstate to be awarded this prestigious designation since 1986. Wade Hampton's strength emanates from the



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educational partnerships between the students and faculty, the wealth of parental and community involvement and the love of learning that exists as a result. This school year opened with over 1,800 students in attendance and many more on the waiting list.

Wade Hampton High School helps all students develop the world-class skills and life and career

characteristics indicated in the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a safe, caring, and academically rigorous learning environment. With a clearly defined mission to Educate, Inspire, and Empower each of our students, we work diligently to implement a personalized learning plan for all students beginning at their current academic level and guiding them to graduation and beyond.

Students are more likely to succeed when they are well rounded and engaged in connections outside the classroom. We have strong extracurricular programs in Athletics, Community Service, Science Technology Arts and Engineering (STEAM), and Performing Arts. Our students lead a variety of clubs and special interest groups that represent the diverse nature of our student body.

The Wade Hampton High School has established three district aligned goals which are the driving force behind what we do. These three goals will be described in this report to the community along with many accomplishments in each area.



First Goal: Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student. Wade Hampton High School is one of the highest performing high schools in South Carolina. We are excited and proud to announce that our 4-year graduation rate was 89.7% in 2018, which exceeded the district and state graduation percentages. It is notable that WHHS had the highest graduation rate among all Greenville County schools for the last six out of nine years! The class of 2018 earned 403 state diplomas and produced 158 Life Scholarship recipients.

Second Goal: Ensure quality personnel in all positions.

The faculty and staff of Wade Hampton High School are committed to a strong focus on student-centered learning. We use both historical and current student achievement data to examine instructional practices and make decisions regarding how to meet the diverse needs of our students. In recognizing that we are stronger together, our teachers operate within the framework of Professional Learning Communities to continuously evaluate, plan, and improve student learning. At WHHS, 112% of the educators on the faculty hold National Board Certificates, 74% have earned advanced degrees, 29% hold AP endorsements, and 30% are endorsed to teach gifted learners. Of the past nine candidates for Teacher of the Year, five were among the top 10 finalists for the district. The WHHS faculty is a dynamic cohort of educators dedicated to instilling a love of learning in each of their students.

Third Goal: Provide a school environment supportive of learning. School safety is a significant concern to all stakeholders within most communities. Annual state surveys taken by the parents, students, and teachers of WHHS reveal that the majority of our stakeholders believe that WHHS is a safe environment. Programs and policies such

as ID badges, Ignore the Door, and the secured front office entry are measures that have been taken to protect the students and faculty further. Enhancements have been made to the instructional program, as well. Academics are supported through established programs such as The Freshman Academy, now in its 17th year, and the After School Tutoring program, which provides free transportation home for students within WHHS's attendance zone. Additionally, approximately 20% of the student body takes advantage of specialized curricula at The Fine Arts Center or one of the four Career Centers throughout the county. In 2014, Greenville County Schools launched Graduation Plus. This initiative was designed to encourage students to enhance their diploma program by selecting course work that leads to completer certificates in technical areas or college credits through the dual credit program, as well as offering opportunities for Early College. We are proud of our Graduation Plus status which, at 67%, was the highest in the district. Currently, WHHS offers dual credit courses in English, Marketing, and Teacher Cadet. We believe that variety in the instructional program is vital to meeting the needs of our students.

At Wade Hampton High School we believe the school, family, and community must share the educational responsibility of our children. Success for our students is dependent on the active participation of all our stakeholders. Thank you for all of your support as we continue to develop our future South Carolina graduates and leaders!

- **2016 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award.**
- **Excellent SC Report Card in 2018.**
- **Wade Hampton students and the community worked together to raise over \$306,000 for Clement's Kindness during Spirit Week 2018**

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