

## Waccamaw High School

2412 Kings River Road  
Pawleys Island, SC 29585



# South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

<b>Grades:</b>	9-12 High	<b>Principal:</b>	Dr. David Hammel
<b>Enrollment:</b>	856 students	<b>Superintendent:</b>	Dr. H. Randall Dozier
<b>School Phone:</b>	843-237-9899	<b>Board Chair:</b>	Mr. Jim Dumm
<b>School Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.whs.gcsd.k12.sc.us/">http://www.whs.gcsd.k12.sc.us/</a>		



### Profile of the SC Graduate

#### World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences\*

#### World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

#### Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

\* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

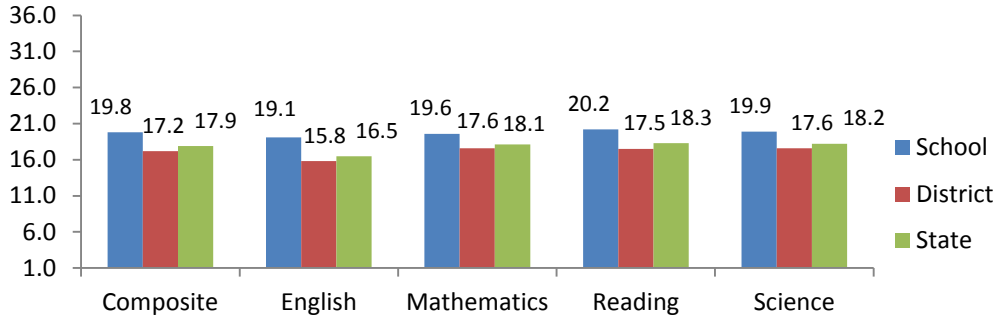
### WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

*Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...*

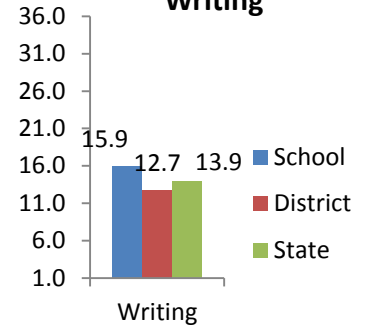
For the fourteenth year in a row, Waccamaw High School received the Palmetto Gold Award for overall achievement and an absolute rating of Excellent! Waccamaw High School is a Red Carpet Award winner and won the prestigious Palmetto's Finest Award in 2008. Furthermore, Waccamaw High School's award winning student council was named State Student Council of the Year for a eleventh consecutive year in the spring of 2014. Students at Waccamaw High School are provided a rigorous curriculum that includes nine Advanced Placement offerings, eight PACE-Program for Accelerated College Enrollment classes, and a multitude of high level honors opportunities. WHS is also fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Our main focus continues to be student academic achievement through the implementation of research based strategies, collaborative teaching, and rigorous common assessments. Our school consistently monitors and examines all data and uses this information to better plan our instruction and assessment to continuously improve student outcomes. Additionally, over 70% of our teaching staff has an advanced degree. For 2014, our average SAT composite score was 1020 and our ACT average was 21. These impressive numbers were achieved with 70% of our graduating class participating in these assessments. Furthermore, over 40% of our senior class qualified for LIFE scholarships and our seniors' scholarship winnings totaled approximately 5.3 million dollars. Finally, an outstanding 99% of our students met all state requirements for a high school diploma in 2014-2015. WHS students are also excelling in numerous extra-curricular activities, service projects, and community organizations. In 2014-2015, our athletic teams won nine region championships. Furthermore, our band and chorus both achieved state-wide recognition and our art and drama departments continue to shine with numerous awards and commendations. Finally, Waccamaw High School students are also active in their community, participating in a multitude of community service projects throughout the year. There is a strong connection between Waccamaw High School and our community and we will continue to nurture this invaluable partnership. Dr. David M. Hammel, Principal Kathie Rasheed, SIC Chair

**KNOWLEDGE**

**Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015**



**Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing**

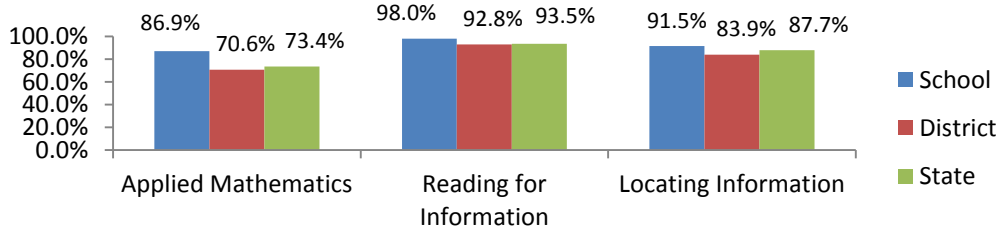


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

Percent of Students Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015				
English Benchmark Score: 18	Math Benchmark Score: 22	Reading Benchmark Score: 22	Science Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
57	33.7	34.2	33.7	20.7

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

**Percent of Students Meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver Threshold on WorkKeys, 2015**



ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.

The ACT is a registered trademark of ACT, Inc.

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SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
79.6	490	497	485	1473

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

**End of Course Tests**

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	High Schools with Students Like Ours	State
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	93.5	88.7	85.7
English 1	79.9	74.9	75.1
Biology 1	90.4	87.1	77.8
US History and the Constitution	83.8	82.0	69.1
All Subjects	87.1	84.6	77.3

High Schools with Students Like Ours are high schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

**OUTCOMES**

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	Five-Year
80.3	82.0

School Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
91.5	87.1	89.5	91.2

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
88.8	90.2	93.7	86.1

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
37.4	31.5	42.2

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014		
Our School	District	State
87.2	62.2	70.3

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**OPPORTUNITIES****For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
<b>Students (n = 856)</b>			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	38.7	Down from 41.2%	N/A
Attendance Rate	95.6	Down from 96.5%	95.1
With disabilities	8.9	Up from 8.1%	8.6
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4	Up from 0.0%	0.8
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	40.2	Down from 41.4%	35.7
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	95.6	Up from 44.5%	45.1
Successful in AP/IB programs	54.6	Down from 57.5%	62.4
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	0.0	No change	0.0
Enrollment in career/technology courses	805	Up from 291	1304
Students participating in work-based experiences	2.6	Up from 0.0%	2.5
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	139	N/A	238
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	81.2
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	50	N/A	46
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	91.1
Annual dropout rate	0.2	Down from 1.6%	1.3
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	3.7
Percentage of students retained	1.8	Up from 1.0%	1.8
<b>Teachers (n = 52)</b>			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	67.3	Up from 60.8%	66.1
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	73.1	Up from 70.6%	77.9
Teachers returning from previous year	85.9	Down from 86.3%	87.3
Teacher attendance rate	95.9	Up from 95.6%	94.9
Average teacher salary*	\$47,774	Up 3.2%	\$49,761
Professional development days / teacher	15.6 days	Down from 17.5 days	10.1 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.2	Up from 1.3%	3.2
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	1.2

**Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents****Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	26	174	20
Percent satisfied with learning environment	61.5	69.5	85.0
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.4	69.5	75.0
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	88.5	92.0	65.0

\* Only students in grade 11 and their parents were included.

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<b>School</b>			
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.2 to 1	Up from 23.5 to 1	30.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.7	Up from 87.8%	89.1
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	8.0	N/A	5.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.6	Up from 97.5%	98.2
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	19.0	N/A	12.5
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	11.0	N/A	19.3
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.3	N/C	1.7
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.4	N/C	0.7
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,384	Down 5.2%	\$7,384
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.8	Up from 58.7%	59.0
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	60.0	Up from 59.4%	60.2

\* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

**State Ratings History of School**

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Excellent
2013	Excellent	Good
2012	Excellent	Good

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

**Additional Resources**

SC State Content Standards  
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)  
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)  
[Report Card Data Files](#)  
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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