

## Walhalla High School

4701 North Highway 11

Walhalla, SC 29691



# 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>	Steve Garrett
<b>Enrollment:</b>	986 students	<b>Superintendent:</b>	Dr. Michael Thorsland
<b>School Phone:</b>	864-886-4490	<b>Board Chair:</b>	Andy Inabinet
<b>School Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.oconee.k12.sc.us/WalhallaHS.cfm">http://www.oconee.k12.sc.us/WalhallaHS.cfm</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.

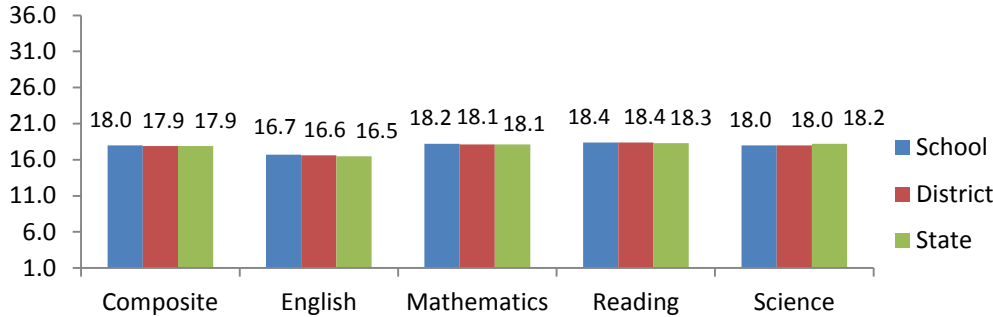
### WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

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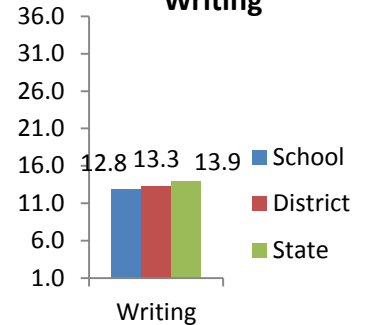
Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing rigorous instruction and offering relevant curriculum. Walhalla High School has a tradition of excellence in preparing students with world class knowledge. The students at Walhalla High School consistently score above the national average on the SAT and are currently ranked 23rd in the state. WHS students also exceeded the national average on the ACT and are ranked 24th in the state. According to the NICHE rankings, Walhalla High School ranks 28th out of the top 100 public schools in South Carolina. Students at WHS enjoy opportunities in multiple languages including German and Spanish as well as advanced placement offerings in science, English, mathematics, and social studies. Creativity and innovation are fostered in many classes such as introduction to engineering and PLTW. Students at WHS compete on a variety of academic teams including robotics and the school has received the HSTW Platinum High Achievement Designation. Life and Career Characteristics are not only taught to WHS students in classes such as HS102 and entrepreneurship, but experienced in a variety of educational and extra curricular settings. JROTC is an award winning program at WHS and allows students to gain experience and practice in perseverance, team work, and work ethic. The rifle team qualified for the national competition. WHS also seeks opportunities beyond the traditional setting for our students to be successful. For example, WHS has one of the first sporting clays teams in the state of S.C. Through hard work and commitment by students, parents, and the Walhalla community, the students of WHS continue to excel and are being prepared to be successful citizens of the 21st century. Steve Garrett, Principal Lucy Barnett, SIC Chairperson

**KNOWLEDGE**

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



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

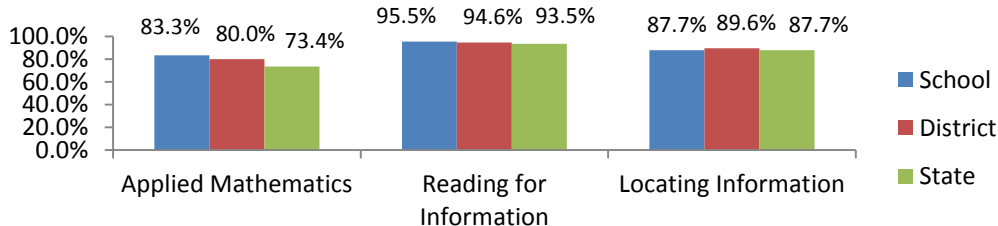


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular 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
41.2	21.2	26.7	16.8	10.3

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
34.8	515	526	483	1525

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	78.6	83.7	85.7
English 1	73.8	70.8	75.1
Biology 1	80.6	79.2	77.8
US History and the Constitution	74.4	70.2	69.1
All Subjects	77.0	75.6	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
87.7	88.4	86.8	82.3

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
89.2	87.9	82.6	84.1

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
46.9	56.1	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
81.9	76.1	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 = 986)</b>			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	61.2	Down from 63.9%	N/A
Attendance Rate	97.7	Down from 98.0%	94.2
With disabilities	10.5	Up from 8.5%	11.4
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3	No change	1.2
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	27.7	Up from 21.8%	23.0
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	31.5	Up from 21.1%	20.8
Successful in AP/IB programs	58.1	Down from 66.4%	49.6
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	14.7	Down from 25.3%	2.9
Enrollment in career/technology courses	948	Up from 498	1125
Students participating in work-based experiences	30.4	Down from 59.0%	15.1
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	138	N/A	304
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	70.1
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	37	N/A	73
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	94.7
Annual dropout rate	1.4	Down from 2.2%	2.2
Dropout recovery rate	35.7	N/A	6.7
Percentage of students retained	0.6	Up from 0.1%	2.4
<b>Teachers (n = 55)</b>			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	76.4	Up from 75.0%	67.3
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	89.1	Up from 88.5%	81.8
Teachers returning from previous year	95.9	Up from 91.8%	87.9
Teacher attendance rate	93.7	Down from 95.5%	95.4
Average teacher salary*	\$53,314	Up 1.0%	\$50,498
Professional development days / teacher	17.1 days	Up from 16.8 days	11.6 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0	No change	1.4
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	1.8	N/A	0.5

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

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	42	172	71
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.9	87.8	95.7
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.3	86.7	80.3
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	88.1	93.0	75.7

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

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

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<b>School</b>			
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 2.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/A	N/A	28.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0	Down from 92.0%	88.2
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Poor	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	7.0	N/A	10.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	91.0	Up from 90.6%	99.4
Character development program	Fair	Down from Good	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	11.0	N/A	13.7
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	13.7	N/A	19.6
Bandwidth capacity per student	>100 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	2.6	N/C	1.8
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	51-75%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.4	N/C	0.7
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,187	Down 0.5%	\$7,817
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.0	Up from 59.8%	58.7
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	62.0	Up from 60.1%	61.0

\* 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	Excellent
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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