

Westwood High School

180 Turkey Farm Road

Blythewood, SC 29016

**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.

Grades: 9-12 High**Enrollment:** 1,345 students**School Phone:** 803-691-4049**School Website:** <https://www.richland2.org/wh/Pages/default.aspx>**Principal:** Ralph Schmidt**Superintendent:** Dr. Debbie Hamm**Board Chair:** The Honorable Calvin "Chip" Jackson**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

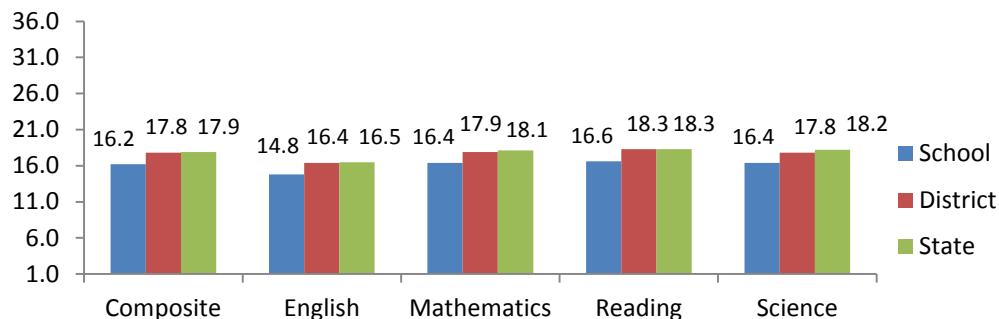
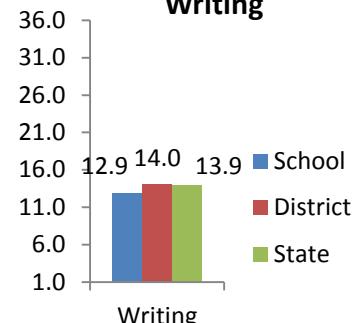
- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

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 ...

Westwood High School's Institute of Research, Engagement and Design (iRED) is a whole-school magnet where students are encouraged to explore career opportunities through courses in health sciences, sports medicine, business, convergence media, informational technology, computer science, engineering, firefighting, digital art, and marketing. In addition, the school offers a strong arts program that includes visual and performing arts, which was recently awarded a Distinguished Arts Program grant. The school's unique Renaissance Faire, held each April, is a collaborative effort that spans all disciplines at the school. A national kick-off for Globalize13, a service learning curriculum by the Frederick Douglass Family Initiative (fdfi.org) celebrating the 150th anniversary of the 13th Amendment, was held at Westwood High School. Westwood's Modern Day Abolitionists organization has brought awareness to human trafficking both locally and around the world. London Allen, a Westwood student, created a public service announcement that won Honorable Mention in the White House Student Film Festival. The Westwood Way core values of Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Empathy, and Community are lived in classrooms, extracurricular activities, and athletic fields. The 2014-15 Westwood High athletic teams continued to improve and experienced more success with five teams (football, girls tennis, volleyball, boys basketball, and wrestling) qualifying for the State 4A Playoffs. The wrestling team won its first ever region championship and we had another individual state champion in the State Strength Competition. Fifteen of our senior athletes signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers in college, and our athletes continued to participate in numerous service projects throughout the community. Our Student Council was recognized as the AAAA Student Council of the Year (SC Student Council Association) and as a Gold Council of Excellence (National Association of Student Councils). Students contributed to the community with two blood drives, canned food collections, service at God's Storehouse and Harvest Hope Food Bank, sponsorship of Brett's Rainbow (camp for grieving children), and roadside clean up. FBLA, DECA and HOSA students won at their respective state competitions and advanced to the national level. The FIRST Robotics team competed at the Palmetto Regionals in Myrtle Beach, SC. The Westwood Actors Theater won a superior rating at the Palmetto Dramatic Association and was selected to represent the state at nationals. Three orchestras received Superior ratings. The Marching Band was a state finalist for the 2nd year in a row in Class AAA. In just three years of existence, Westwood has developed strong academic programs, as well as opportunities for students to develop leadership and to serve the community. Ralph Schmidt, Principal Laura Evans, SIC Chair

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

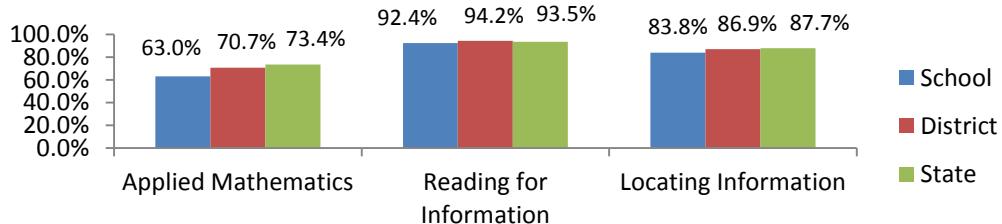
KNOWLEDGE**Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015****Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing**

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
23.1	9.4	14.6	6.5	2.6

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.

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KNOWLEDGE

SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
64.0	437	430	420	1286

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	86.0	82.5	85.7
English 1	60.5	70.4	75.1
Biology 1	68.1	79.4	77.8
US History and the Constitution	61.2	69.9	69.1
All Subjects	67.5	75.3	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
84.8	77.3	77.1	N/A

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
80.7	87.8	25.0	N/A

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
17.7	29.0	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
59.6	70.5	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
Students (n = 1,345)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	62.1	Down from 69.9%	N/A
Attendance Rate	94.1	Down from 97.7%	94.1
With disabilities	14.9	Up from 14.5%	12.0
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.4	Down from 3.8%	1.2
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	10.3	Up from 9.8%	22.6
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	15.4	Down from 15.7%	20.8
Successful in AP/IB programs	39.8	Down from 40.6%	48.6
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	9.9	N/A	2.9
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1282	Up from 872	1062
Students participating in work-based experiences	14.1	Up from 9.2%	12.6
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	157	N/A	250
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	70.2
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	9	N/A	72
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	96.9
Annual dropout rate	2.4	Up from 2.1%	2.4
Dropout recovery rate	12.5	N/A	6.5
Percentage of students retained	6.7	Down from 7.6%	2.6
Teachers (n = 87)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	75.9	Up from 73.3%	67.3
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	78.2	Up from 76.7%	82.8
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	N/A	87.9
Teacher attendance rate	94.2	Down from 96.9%	95.2
Average teacher salary*	\$53,998	Up 5.7%	\$50,451
Professional development days / teacher	13.6 days	Up from 1.2 days	11.5 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	12.6	Down from 14.4%	1.5
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.4

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	89	251	67
Percent satisfied with learning environment	87.6	76.1	80.6
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	90.2	76.3	79.1
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	71.7	90.1	63.7

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

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School			
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.2 to 1	N/A	28.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.5	Down from 93.7%	88.1
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	1.0	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	99.5	Down from 100.0%	99.4
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	6.0	N/A	13.7
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	6.4	N/A	20.0
Bandwidth capacity per student	>100 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	2.2	N/C	1.8
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	1.5	N/C	0.7
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,886	Down 10.8%	\$7,868
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.0	Down from 67.3%	58.2
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	68.6	Down from 68.7%	59.9

* 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	N/A	N/A
2013	N/A	N/A
2012	N/A	N/A

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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