



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>	GED	<b>Principal:</b>	Mr. Scott Gaines
<b>Enrollment:</b>	385	<b>Superintendent:</b>	Mr. Pat Smith
<b>School Phone:</b>	(803)-896-6480	<b>Board Chair:</b>	Mr. Russell Hart
<b>School Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.willougray.org/">http://www.willougray.org/</a>		



**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...*

**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

For ninety-four (94) years the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School has served the people of South Carolina. From its founding in 1921 by the late Dr. Wil Lou Gray, to the present day, the state agency has educated and provided vocational and life skills training to tens of thousands citizens. Throughout that time, the agency has adapted its mission to meet the critical needs of the under educated in South Carolina.

The Opportunity School continues to offer traditional academic and vocational training, social and life skills improvement, and employability enhancement. Aside from the educational experience, the Opportunity School also offers participants a structured lifestyle with an emphasis on becoming self-reliant through a disciplined, quasi military-styled environment. Both the educational and residential components are premised upon leadership, teamwork and self-discipline as taught and modeled within a quasi-military framework. While the delivery method of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School has been reshaped, our theme of motivating the "at-risk" student into a productive, employable young adult has remained unchanged since 1921.

One of the performance measures used to evaluate the academic progress of the cadets is the Adult Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). The performance of our cadets on the TABE has been exemplary, which is reflected in our average growth rate.

As we prepare our cadets to return to their communities as productive citizens, they are exposed to many types of career choices. Through dual enrollment with the Lexington District Two Adult Education Center, each cadet is afforded the opportunity take the WorkKeys assessment. This assessment is a tool that employers use to evaluate a variety of employments skills possessed by each cadet. We continue our partnership with Midlands Technical College, where selected cadets are given the opportunity to obtain three college credits, in addition to the GED.

We also participated in Habitat for Humanity, City Roots Sustainable Farm, Animal Mission of the Midlands, Saluda River Clean-up, Cayce Riverwalk Clean-up, and many other activities that have made a positive impact on the community.

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

**Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School****PERFORMANCE CRITERION****DATA**

GED Completion Rate & # of Credentials	88% & 143 GEDs
Program Completion	73%
Program Dismissal	27%
Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) gains. Average Growth in Reading for those ineligible to participate in GED Testing	21 months
Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) gains. Average Growth in Math for those ineligible to participate in GED Testing	18 months
Post Secondary Skill Completion	92%

**END OF COURSE TESTS****N/A****Abbreviations for Missing Data**

N/A-Not Applicable

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N/C-Not Collected

N/R-Not Reported

I/S-Insufficient Sample

## Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

### OPPORTUNITIES

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
<b>Students (n = 385)</b>			
Percent of students eligible for free- or reduced-price lunch and/ or Medicaid-eligible (poverty index)	100% as student is a residential family of one (USDA)	Same	
Attendance Rate	100%	Same	
Served by gifted and talented program	N/A	N/A	
With disabilities	28%	Up 2%	The Opportunity School is a unique state operated program that is not replicated in the SC Public School System.
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0%	Same	
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0%	Same	
Successful in AP/IB programs	0%	Same	
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	0%	Same	
Enrollment in career/technology courses	100%	Same	
Students participating in work-based experiences	100%	Same	
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	5%	N/AV	
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	12%	N/AV	
Number of students enrolled in dual enrollment courses	0%	Same	
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	N/A	N/A	
Annual dropout rate	N/A	N/A	
Dropout recovery rate	N/A	N/A	
Percentage retained	N/A	N/A	
<b>Teachers (n = 14)</b>			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	100%	Same	
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	100%	Same	
Teachers returning from previous year	100%	Same	
Teacher attendance rate	187.9	Down .3	
Average teacher salary*	\$55,798	Up \$986	
Professional development days/teacher	10	Same	
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0%	Same	
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0%	Same	

\* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 days or more.

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

## Evaluation of School Climate

### EVALUATIONS BY STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND PARENTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of Surveys returned	14	41	28
Satisfied with learning environment	100%	82.9%	100%
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100%	82.1%	96.2%
Satisfied with school-home relations	92.3%	73.7%	64.3%

\*Only 11th grade students and their parents were surveyed.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	<a href="#">High Schools with students like ours</a>
<b>School</b>			
<a href="#">Principal's years at school</a>	9	Up 1	
<a href="#">Student-teacher ratio in core subjects</a>	12:1	Same	
<a href="#">Prime instructional time</a>	98.49%	Down .22%	
<a href="#">Opportunities in the arts</a>	0%	Same	
<a href="#">Opportunities in foreign languages</a>	0%	Same	
<a href="#">Number of dual enrollment courses offered</a>	0	Same	
<a href="#">Number of online or blended (50% online) courses offered</a>	0	Same	The Opportunity School is a unique state operated program that is not replicated in the SC Public School System.
<a href="#">SACS accreditation</a>	No	Same	
<a href="#">Parents attending family day</a>	100%	Same	
<a href="#">Character development program</a>	Yes	Same	
<a href="#">Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library</a>	N/AV	N/AV	
<a href="#">Number of resources available per student in the school library media center</a>	N/AV	N/AV	
<a href="#">Bandwidth capacity</a>	21.85Mbps	N/AV	
<a href="#">Technology devices per teacher</a>	4	Up 1	
<a href="#">Percent of classrooms with wireless access</a>	100%	Same	
<a href="#">Ratio of students to electronic learning devices</a>	1:1	Same	
<a href="#">Dollars spent per pupil**</a>	\$17,481	Down \$1,197	
<a href="#">Percent of expenditures for instruction**</a>	12.58%	Up 1.31%	
<a href="#">Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**</a>	32.50%	Up .39%	

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**State Ratings History of School**

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

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**Additional Resources**

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

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