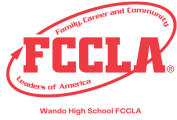


School Achievements



Wando High School's Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Chapter had five first-place winners at the 2023 SCFCCLA State

Leadership Conference. The five first-place winners will all compete at Nationals during the summer. Additionally, one Wando student was elected to a state office, Vice President of Membership on the State Executive Council.

The Wando High School Quiz Bowl Team defeated Wade Hampton High School to win the 2023 NAQT State Championship Tournament. One team member was selected as the best player in the tournament.



A Wando student was one of only 197 students in the world to earn every point possible and obtain a perfect score on the Advanced Placement 2-D Art and Design Exam in the Spring of 2022.

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Initiatives and Strategies for School Improvement

Initiatives

- Our Ninth Grade Academy houses our freshmen in a “school within a school” where they take core courses. This smaller environment gives ninth graders the opportunity to build relationships and increase their sense of community.
- Our Smaller Learning Communities Initiative provides a reorganization of the Upper School, grades 10 - 12, into four smaller career-related “Schools of Study.” We believe using a career-related school approach to teaching and learning will help students see the relevance of their coursework and its connection to the future.
- Wando works within the *High Schools That Work* Alliance, a whole-school research-based reform effort. The *HSTW* model focuses on continuous school improvement through key practices including high expectations, allowing room in the curriculum for career and technical studies, increasing access to academic studies, offering students a challenging program of study, allowing opportunities for work-based learning, supporting

collaboration between teachers, actively engaging students in their learning, providing a guidance and advisement system, utilizing a program for extra help and using assessment and data to foster continuous improvement.

- We provide additional support for students with academic promise who will be first-generation college-bound.

Strategies

- Raise the graduation rate by establishing an intervention team offering academic/transition support.
- Expand the Golden Warrior Student Recognition and Awards Program.
- Expand Advanced Placement participation and support.
- Expand the use of data to differentiate instruction.
- Expand CTE and Fine Arts courses to meet students’ needs and interests.
- Expand online learning opportunities for credit recovery and initial credit.
- Provide professional development on building positive, productive relationships with students.
- Increase opportunities for entry-level workforce credentials and certifications for our graduates.
- Expand transition and inclusion support for Exceptional Education

students.

- Expand dual credit options.
- Implement a program to address the significant discrepancies in academic achievement due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Past Notable Achievements

- Ninety-one percent of the 2022 graduating class planned to attend four-year colleges/universities, two-year colleges, or technical colleges.
- Members of the class of 2022 were awarded over 28.9 million dollars in scholarships.
- Seniors took 931 dual credit courses with a passage rate of 88.2%.
- Three senior students received appointments to the U. S. military academies: one to the U. S. Air Force Academy, one to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, and one to the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy.
- There are 456 members of the Advanced Placement Academy in grades 10 - 12. Eighty-seven seniors in the Class of 2022 received special Advanced Studies certificates at graduation due to earning at least six AP credits.
- 940 completer cords were worn by

the Class of 2022 at graduation.

- Four state championships were won in Boys' Lacrosse, Girls' Lacrosse, Girls' Soccer, and Girls' Swimming.
- Twelve region championships were won.
- One hundred ten Wando athletes were named to All-Region teams.
- Seventy-five senior athletes were named Scholar Athletes by the South Carolina High School League.
- Thirty-three student athletes committed to playing at the college level.
- Four Teacher Cadets received \$24,000 Teaching Fellows Scholarships.
- There were 87 Early Awards recipients for the South Carolina Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.
- To graduate from high school requires earning 24 course credits. Wando seniors earned an average of 29 credits.
- The average GPA of the Class of 2021 was 3.80.
- Three hundred thirty-seven seniors in the Class of 2022 were named Charleston County School District Board Scholars.
- One Wando Advanced Placement Capstone student received not only the top score of a 5 on the AP Research exam but was also one of

only 375 students in the world to earn every point possible, receiving the maximum score on each portion of the exam.

School Profile

Wando High School with an enrollment of approximately 2,500 students is located on a 100-acre campus in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

Wando High School serves students in grades 9 - 12 with a comprehensive academic program offering more than 200 courses.

The student population is approximately 81% White, 10% African-American, 4% Hispanic, 2% Asian, and 3% Other.

Wando High School earned a silver medal from *U. S. News and World Report* as a 2022 Best High School.

Faculty and Professional Staff

Professional staff members have an average of 15.7 years of educational experience.

75% of the faculty and professional staff hold a Master's or other advanced degree.

Eleven professional staff members are National Board Certified Teachers.

Jason Sox was named the Teacher of the Year. Danielle Powers was named the Rookie Teacher of the Year and Brenda Tolomea was named the Classified Professional of the Year.

Mission Statement

The mission of Wando High School, in partnership with parents and community, is to educate all students by providing a challenging program of study, to encourage lifelong academic and applied learning, and to graduate students prepared to meet the challenge of a rapidly changing and diverse global society.



Purpose of the Report

"This report is issued by the Wando High School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."