

Williamsburg County School District



2020-2021 Report to the People

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WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT *DR. ROSE WILDER*



- Years served as Superintendent in WCSD (Appointed by SC Superintendent of Education, Molly Spearman): **3 Years**
- Years as Superintendent: **26 Years**
- Previous experience in the educational arena: **Teacher, Testing Coordinator, Assistant Principal, Principal, Curriculum Facilitator, Assistant Superintendent**
- Awards and Recognition: Numerous Awards and recognition, **Most recently: 2014 Superintendent of the Year**
- Philosophical Belief: **Do not always do everything that you are big enough to do**
- Type of Leader: **Side-by-Side**
- What is the guiding principle of the district? **Always do what is best for the students.**

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP



Anderson Primary School
Dr. Reagan Miles, Principal

Kenneth Gardner Elementary
Berlinda Mack, Principal

Kingstree Middle Magnet School

James Carraway, Principal

Hemingway Elementary School

Dr. Patricia Burch, Principal

Hemingway MB Lee Middle School

Hemingway High School

Dr. Tara Richardson

Greeleyville Elementary School

Jennifer Murray Brown, Principal

CE Murray Middle and High School

Dr. Gwendolyn Harris, Principal

Hemingway Career and Technology Center

Torrance Wilson, Principal

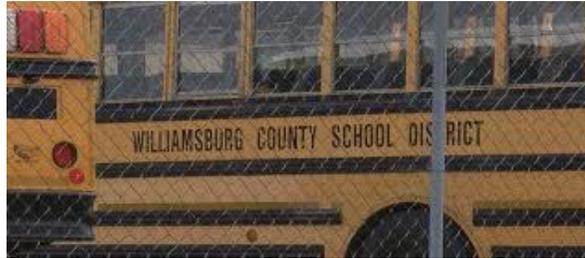
Hope Academy

Dr. Myron Davis, Principal

District Leadership

Monica Brewton	Deputy Superintendent for Academics and Administration
Ruby Faison	Director of Early Childhood
Amanda Dorris	Director of Elementary Programs
Shaunta Mack	Associate Superintendent for Secondary Programs, Policies, and Procedures
Valerie Brown	Director of Adult Education
Thelvanesa Murphy	Executive Director of Special Services, Policies, and Procedures
Jennifer Holliday	Director of Related Arts and Special Funding
Dr. Latetia Staggers	Executive Director of Professional Development and Instructional Support
Dr. Ernestine Young	Executive Director of Federal Programs
Ernest Young	Director of Technology
Senitta Swinton	District Registrar
Neilson Hilton	Director of Accountability
Michael Barrineau	Director of Maintenance
Wendy Fulton	Director of Finance
Nicole Giles	Director of Food Services
Debbie Ipock	Coordinator of Public Relations
Jennifer Lamb	Coordinator of Nursing
Brian McKnight	Director of Student Services
Claire Murdoch	Director of Human Resources—Certified Personnel
LaTonya West	Director of Human Resources—Classified Personnel

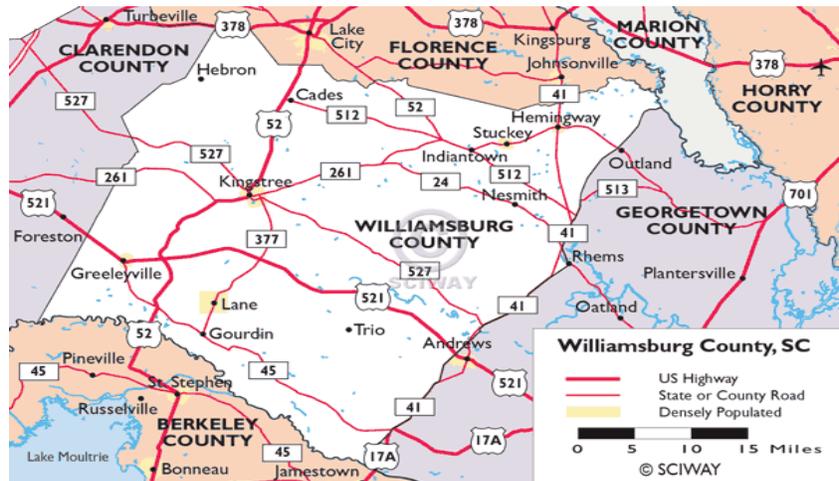
WCSD MISSION AND VISION



Vision: In partnership with all stakeholders, Williamsburg County School District will ensure a world-class education for all students by utilizing a rigorous, innovative curriculum that focuses on creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving.

Mission: Williamsburg County School District will prepare students for college, careers, and citizenship in a global society.

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY AT A GLANCE



- **Williamsburg County**, named for King William III of England in eastern South Carolina, U.S was formed in 1804. Bordered to the south by the Santee River, and the Great Pee Dee River, the county is also drained by the Black River.
- Williamsburg county is an agricultural region with much of the land is covered in pine and lowland hardwood forests and swamps.
- The Santee Indians lived in the region in the 17th century. The first inland European settlement in the state, Kingstree, appeared in 1732, settled by French Huguenots and Scots-Irish seeking religious freedom; it became the county seat.

- Indigo plantations along the Black River made Williamsburg one of the most prosperous colonial townships. It was the scene of skirmishes during the U.S. War of Independence.
- Tobacco is the chief product; farms also produce hogs, soybeans, cotton, and grains. Lumbering and light industry (rubber and plastic products and clothing) contribute to the economy.
- Home to many National Historic Register properties, including the famed Robert Mills-designed court house and a Kingstree Historic District, the area is known as “Sportsman’s Paradise” for its excellent hunting and fishing.
- Each year, the county hosts the Kingstree Trials horserace, the King’s Table farm-to-table event, and the Pig Pickin’ BBQ festival
- and competition.

Population	
County	30,368 (-11.7% decline since 2010)
Under 18	20.4%
Over 65	21.7%
White	33%
Black/African American	64.5%
Hispanic/Other	3.8%
Income	
Median Household Income	\$32,485
Citizens Living in Poverty	27.8%
Education	
High School or Higher Degree	80.1%

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AT A GLANCE



School/Grades	Number of Students Served
Kingstree High School (9-12)	546
Kingstree Middle Magnet School (6-8)	426
Kenneth Gardner Elementary School (3-5)	412
Anderson Primary School (PK-2)	416
Hope Academy (Alternative)	Varies
Hemingway High School (9-12)	255
Hemingway MB Lee Middle School (6-8)	171
Hemingway Elementary School (PK-5)	370

CE Murray High School (9-12)	256
CE Murray Middle School (6-8)	196
Greeleyville Elementary School (PK-5)	315
Employee Demographics	
Employees with Continuing Contract	43.5%
Employees Returning from Previous Year	81%
Employee Vacancies	5.3%
Inexperienced or Out of Area Teachers	3.3%
Student Demographics	
Statistics on June 11, 2021	
Total Number of Students	3147
Number of Male Students	1599
Number of Female Students	1548
Number of Asian Students	19
Number of Black Students	2847
Number of Hispanic Students	20

Number of White Students	204
Number of All Other Student Ethnicities	57
Number of Student Free/Reduced Lunch	3147
Number of Gifted and Talented Students	115
Number of ELL Students	15

District Revenues



Source	Amount
Federal Funding	\$9,864,337
State Funding	\$3,965,404
Local Funding	\$31,501,185

WCSD Strategic Plan



With diverse input from all areas of district personnel and from the community, Williamsburg County School District's Strategic Five-Year Plan (2021-2026) serves as the guidepost for all areas of planning and decision making.

Goal 1: By 2026, all WCSD students will demonstrate academic proficiency by meeting the following benchmarks annually:

- Primary/Elementary Schools—PALS, KRA, MAP
- Middle School--MAP
- High Schools—EOCEP, WIN, SAT, ACT, CTE, ASVAB

Goal II: By 2026, WCSD will develop a district-wide curriculum and support teachers and administrators with implementation as measured by the increase in the percentage of students showing growth on formative and summative assessments.

Goal III: By 2026, the out-of-school suspension rate will decrease by 2% annually from 28.6% as measured by PowerSchool incident management reports.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



- The Office of Federal Programs met the required elements of the monitoring protocol resulting in an all-clear rating with no instances of non-compliance for the Title II program.

- All WCSD schools participated in the Clemson Extension School Wellness Check and earned \$1000 each from the program.
- WCSD published a Virtual Learning Handbook for parents and students to assist them in the remote learning process.
- WCSD worked with the Pee Dee Consortium to provide for the needs of students, including language services for English Language Learners.
- WCSD has updated its technology throughout the district with new infrastructure, devices, and virtual programs to provide for the education of students during the pandemic.
- The WCSD Food Services Department has provided breakfasts and lunches for students who are at home during the pandemic.
- The WCSD Transportation Department has worked in tandem with food services to ensure the timely delivery of meals to students during the pandemic.
- WCSD was in compliance with all state and federal regulations pertaining to grants and awards.
- WCSD began to research and implement for 2021-22 a Montessori program at Anderson Primary School.

POINTS OF PRIDE



- WCSD implemented the online learning system, Canvas, with training for all stakeholders, including teachers, parents and students.
- Title I offered Summer School Academic Recovery Programs at all schools in the district and served 641 students.
- All students were provided with devices for virtual learning.
- For students who qualified, hot spots were provided for virtual learning.
- Anderson Primary School sponsored a fall drive- through book give away.
- WCSD received a Title V grant to be used to purchase books for media centers in the district.
- Several WCSD schools were recipients of SEC Bright Ideas Grant, \$1000 to each applicant to use for projects in classrooms.
- WCSD received the Williamsburg Hometown Chamber's Image Award because of the attractive capital improvements made at the district office and all schools in the county.
- A new teacher/employee application system, TalentEd, has been installed to make the application process more efficient and user friendly.
- Working with MUSC, all WCSD employees were provided access to Covid vaccinations.

- WUSD was awarded a USDA Rural Utilities Grant for \$840,000 to be used for distance learning.
- The district established a Student Support Center at the District Office to provide clothing, instructional supplies, books, and person hygiene products to McKinney-Vento students.
- Five schools with 0 balance SCDE textbooks.
- Updated sensory rooms for Special Education students at 5 schools.
- The WUSD Adult Education Department received a \$5000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.
- The WUSD SPED department works closely with high school teachers, principals, and advisors to establish transition programs for special needs students.
- Greeleyville Elementary was one of 203 schools nationwide to receive the \$5000 Laura Bush Grant for Literacy.
- Superintendent Rose Wilder provide BOB books for all primary students for summer reading at home.
- Provided a Virtual Reading Literacy Workshop for parents.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



- Cognitive Coaching
 - ADEPT/SAFE-T
- Finance Best Practices
- Finance Cross Training
- New Teacher Induction
- Social and Emotional Learning
 - Effective Literacy Practices
 - Active Shooter Training
- Canvas Remote Learning Platform
- Multi-Tiered Structures of Support for Learning
 - Power School Training
 - Ride 360 GPS Bus Training
 - Co-teacher Training
- SC Department of Education Bus Driver Training
 - Suicide Risk Assessment Training
 - TalentEd Training

- Red Bird Training
 - BrainPop Training
 - SPED Best Practices
- Training sessions for ACT, SAT, SC Ready, SC Pass, MAP, ESOL-WIDA, SC End of Course, SC ALT
 - Family Engagement Liaison Best Practices
 - Food Services Training
 - Covid Safety Protocols Training
 - Read to Succeed
 - School Counselor Training
 - NIET Training
 - Federal Program Training
 - Instructional Best Practices
 - Mastery Connect
 - STEM Training
 - Analyzing School Data
 - Praxis Training
 - Skills for a Lifetime Book Study for New Teachers
 - WIDA Training
 - CPR and First Aid Certification

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



Because of the Covid Pandemic, teachers were recognized in a drive-through parade at the district office.

Charlie Richards
Teacher of the Year
 Hemingway High School

Rashard Burrows
First-Year Teacher of the Year
 Anderson Primary School

Gianni Shaw
Anderson Primary School

Leatha Smalls-Pressley
Kenneth Gardner Elementary School

Loretta Easterling
Kingstree Middle Magnet School

Lula Gordon David
Kingstree High School

Anitra Williams
Hemingway Elementary School

Tarika Dhawan
Hemingway MB Lee Middle School

Claire Tejero
Greeleyville Elementary School

LaShanda Green Smith
CE Murray Middle and High School

Kimala Hudson
Hemingway Career Center

SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATORS



- Ruby Faison, District Early Childhood Coordinator, was featured in the local news on Read Across America Day, as she read Dr. Seuss to all district elementary students via Zoom.
- WCSD teachers were recognized in the local news during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Carmen Bilton, Art Teacher at Anderson Primary School, placed second in Art Fields, a juried art competition in Lake City, with an original portrait painting of a local hero.

- Dr. Monica Brewton, Chief Academic Officer, was chosen by the SCDE to work with the state and with UNC Greensboro to strengthen MTSS throughout the state.
- A WCSD teacher was accepted to the Francis Marion University Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty “LETRs Project.”

EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT



- Kingstree Middle Magnet School tied for first place in the SC State Spelling Bee.
- Former CE Murray Student Amaira Rush was featured as a Rural High School Graduate Success Story during the SC Rural Summit.
- E’Nyzeia Hudson of Kingstree High School received the 2020 Title I SCATA Scholarship for \$2500 to support her college of choice.
- Five Greeleyville Elementary students placed in the Williamsburg Soil and Water Conservation District Essay Contest.

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP



- Hemingway High School JROTC was recognized by the US Army as an Honor Unit with Distinction.
- The nurse of Kingstree Middle Magnet School was featured in the MUSC Telehealth Newsletter.
- A Hemingway High School student was elected secretary for the SC Future Business Leaders of America.
- A Kingstree High School student is the recipient of the Georgetown Kraft Credit Union Scholarship.

- A Hemingway High School student placed 5th in the FBLA Computer Problem Solving Competition.
- Kingstree High School received a DHEC grant for \$1500 to promote share tables at lunch to reduce food waste.
- CE Murray High School had 2 students selected to the Boing STEM signing day.

EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS



- Three students from CE Murray High School received football scholarships.
- CE Murray High School had 6 students who placed in their regional track meet.
- Members of the Kingstree High School track team places silver in the 4x100 relay at the state championships.
- A student athlete at Kingstree High School was state champion in the 400 meter and qualified for All State.
- A student athlete at Hemingway High School was state champion in the Class A high jump.

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE



- A student at Kenneth Gardner Elementary used her birthday party as a canned food drive and fundraiser for the elderly and homeless in the community.
- Kingstree Middle Magnet School was featured in the local news to highlight its successful community garden.
- Through the Special Services Department, the district held a Child Find Clinic to screen children not currently enrolled in the district but who are suspected of having disabilities.
- WCSD employees contributed over \$5000 to Black River United Way.

ASSESSMENT RESULTS



Elementary Test Scores

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) 2020	
Percent	KRA Results
16.7	Demonstrating Readiness
42.6	Approaching Readiness
40.7	Emerging Readiness

Grade	MAP Math	
	Percent Met	Percent Not Met
1	45.3	54.7
2	35.3	64.7
3	45.3	54.7
4	43.6	56.4
5	51.6	48.4

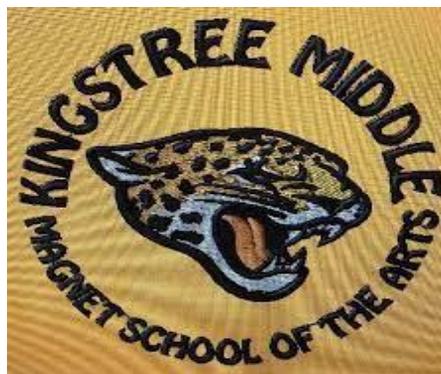
Grade	MAP Reading	
	Percent Met	Percent Not Met
1	57	43
2	44	56
3	39.3	60.7
4	36	64
5	35.6	64.4

Middle School Test Scores:



	MAP Math	
Grade	Percent Met	Percent Not Met
6	27	73
7	43	57
8	51.3	48.7

	MAP Reading	
Grade	Percent Met	Percent Not Met
6	41.3	58.7
7	36.3	63.7
8	41.3	52.7



High School Test Scores:



Fall 20-21 EOC Test Administration (As of 02/28/21)		
Subject	# Tested	Percent Scored "C" or Better
Algebra I	42	11.8
Biology I	111	20.7
English III	59	30.3
US History and Constitution	57	12.2

ACT: Percent of Students Who Met College Readiness Benchmarks					
# of Students Tested	English (%)	Math (%)	Reading (%)	Science (%)	Met All Four (%)
78	19	5	12	5	3

SAT: Percent of Graduates Who Met SAT Benchmarks				
# of Students Tested	ERW	Math	Both	None
144	26%	3%	3%	74%

***Data reflects yearly high school graduates**
****Evidence-based Reading and Writing**



WCSD Graduation and Career Readiness:



Completers: % of Career/ Technology Completers Earning National/ State Credentials

8

ASVAB: Percent of Students Earning a Scale Score of 31 or Higher

12.6

Graduation Rate

84%

Work Ready Assessment: Percent of Students Scoring Platinum, Gold, or Silver

29.7