

School Organization and Contact

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ABOUT THIS REPORT.....

The school Improvement council of W. J. Keenan High School has prepared the annual school report for you and the community. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Mr. Vondre. T. Whaley, Principal, or Mr. Carlos Primus, SIC Chair at (803) 714-2555.

Purposes of SIC

Assist in the development and evaluation of the five-year School Improvement Plan (also called the School Renewal Plan or the Strategic Plan).

Assist in the preparation of annual updates and/or revisions.

Compose the annual Report to Parents to provide information about the school's progress in meeting school/district/state goals or objectives. This report is distributed by April 30.

Assist the principal in preparing the annual narrative for the School Report Card.

Provide advice on the use of any school incentive award monies (if allocated by the legislature and awarded to the school).

Participate in the revision of the School Improvement Plan in cases where the school needs to enact changes.

Serve as the liaison between the school, community, and local school board by collecting and disseminating information.

Provide other assistance that the principal may request and carry out any other duties prescribed by the local school board.

The Council will not have the powers and duties reserved by law or regulation of the local school board.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The SC School improvement Council exists to advise, train, and promote parents, teachers, students, and community members for active, knowledgeable membership in School Improvement Councils for the fulfillment of their Council's role and responsibilities.

W. J. Keenan High School



2018 – 2019 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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School Hours: 8:00 A.M. – 3:15 P.M.

W. J. Keenan High School inspires students through interactive learning experiences that ultimately challenges and prepares them for life beyond high school.

School Highlights & Awards

W.J. Keenan hosted its 2nd annual Robotics Innovation and Programming Challenge event in 2018-2019 teaching students how to build a robot with participants from elementary and middle schools across the district.

W.J. Keenan is an AdvancED STEM Certified School with the following STEM initiatives: Trout in the Classroom, Clean Energy, Agricultural Science and Engineering for students with STEM interests.

W.J. Keenan hosted an evening around the seven habits of highly effective families featuring John and Jane Covey in 2018-2019.

W.J. Keenan was awarded the MSAP grant to implement Richland One's first high school Magnet School featuring four academies: Hospitality & Tourism, Engineering, Government and Entrepreneurship.

W.J. Keenan has joined partnership with the University of South Carolina to launch the first national WIX club for student leaders and entrepreneurs.

RC Team placed 1st in the Endurance Race in Charlotte Invitational.

Project REAL has 12 CATE completers in Engineering

The National Beta Club inducted 55 new members for the 2018-2019 school year.

W.J. Keenan's 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year is a candidate in the running for Richland School District One's Teacher of the Year.

W.J. Keenan JROTC Department placed 1st in the 2018-2019 District One Superintendent's Trophy Competition.

W.J. Keenan is the first Leader in Me High School in the state of SC. The Leader in Me Student Leadership Team hosted the Leader in Me Symposium featuring teachers from across the state that came to learn about our Leader in Me program.

W.J. Keenan had one student earn a platinum and three to earn gold certifications on the WIN Career Readiness Assessment in 2017-2018.

W.J. Keenan's girls and boys basketball teams obtained region championship status, winning 3A upper state championship and making appearances at the Championship game at the Colonial Life Arena in 2018-2019.

W.J. Keenan Boys Basketball Team won the 2018-2019 SCHSL Class 3A Upper State Championship placing the Boys Basketball program with its eighth Championship to the history of the school.

W.J. Keenan Boys Basketball Coach, Zach Norris was recognized as 2018-2019 Coach of the Year.

W.J. Keenan Girls Basketball Coach, Reggie McClain was recognized as 2018-2019 Region IV – 3A Coach of the Year.

W.J. Keenan FFA program was awarded the GOLD Chapter Award in 2017-2018, enrolled 75+ students for 2018-2019 and named a 2 Star Chapter for 2019-2020.

The W.J. Keenan Odyssey of the Mind Team won 1st place at the State Tournament in 2018-2019. They qualify to compete at the World's Finals at Michigan State University where they will compete against teams across the nation and 25 countries.

W.J. Keenan's chemistry students won 1st place in the 1st annual Richland One science fair in 2018-2019.

School Demographics

Total Enrollment- 703

98 % -African American
Less than 1 % -Hispanic
Less than 1% -Other
Less than 1 % -White

Grants

MAJOR GRANTS RECEIVED

21ST CENTURY GRANT - 2017-2018

MSAP GRANT - 2018-2019

Goals for Next Year

Increase EOCEP Passage Rate in English, Math, U. S. History and Biology.

Increase Graduation Rate to 85%.

Increase the number of college & career ready students by increasing ACT & WIN performance.

Increase Teacher Satisfaction

Increase Student Advocacy