

School Organization and Contact

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Vondre' T. Whaley - Principal
Mrs. Nike Dasant- Chair

Mrs. Cheryl Lawson-Wilson, Assistant Principal
Mr. Ekemam Montgomery, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Latayna Williams, Assistant Principal
Mr. Chad Smith, Assistant Administrator

Nike Dasant-Chair
Christie Daniels-Parent
Brittany Hodges- Parent
Breonan Flemmings- Student
Tyler McBryde- Student
Carla Gourdine- Teacher
Ashley Horton-Graduation Coach
Mae Young- Community
Ralph Bryant- Community

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. Devon Harvin, SIC Chair at (803) 714-2555.

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.

Purposes of SIC

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



2020-2021 SIC ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

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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

The MSAP program established all four magnet academies and offered CTE curriculum in each of the Career Pathways.

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.

The Entrepreneurship Magnet Academy students participated in the regional Virtual Enterprise conference and competition in Nashville, Tn. The first year students were one of the youngest groups to participate and performed masterfully.

The Robotics Team participated in the F.I.R.S.T competition in Myrtle Beach with their robot called Spiro-tron.

MSAP Teachers participated in over 165-hours of professional development.

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

The National Beta Club inducted 48 new members for the 2020-2021 school year.

The National Honor Society inducted 27 new members for the 2020-2021 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.

In 2020-2021, we will have 14 Agriculture CTE Completers.

In 2019-2020, W.J. Keenan Agriculture received Silver Chapter Award

In 2019-2020, W.J. Keenan had 100% Membership FFA Chapter

In 2020-2021, 15 students will be certified in Agriculture OSHA

We have CTE District New Teacher of the Year 2021

Meliah Washington 2020 has a 1 State Degree

In 2020-2021, we had two paid student internships in agriculture

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.

Girls Basketball Team won the 2020-2021 SCHSL Class 3A Upper State Championship placing the Boys Basketball program with its with its fifth Championship.

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.

W. J. Keenan FFA Chapter received Silver Chapter on the state level. We also received 100% membership award. Avery Roberts won first place at the regional leadership CDE. Meliah Washington placed 2nd runner up in the Miss FFA Pageant.

In 2020-2021, we added the Family Career and Career Leaders of America Club.

In 2020-2021, our Government Magnet competed in a mock trial and received the civility award.

School Demographics

Total Enrollment- 729

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