



WAKULLA COUNTY 2015-2016 Superintendent's Report





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Dear Citizens of Wakulla County:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the 2015-2016 Superintendent's Report, which provides a snapshot of the educational activities and opportunities that occurred last year in the Wakulla County School System. I continue to be amazed at the dedication of employees at all levels of the system as they work diligently to meet the instructional needs of students.

Wakulla Schools boast a ranking of 10th in the state for the school year 2015-2016 based on assessments our students took during the Spring. Students in grades 3 through 10 were assessed on English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. In addition, several grades were also assessed on Science and Social Studies which both ranked 8th in the State.

One of the highlights in the district was the growth in Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses, through which students earned industry certification that enabled them to move directly into careers upon completion of their high school years. CTE continues to be a major focus as students participated in the Medical Academy, Accounting, Culinary, Carpentry, Welding, Automotive, the Engineering Academy, and Business courses. Middle school students were able to earn certification in the Microsoft bundle.

The expansion of programs across our district helped to ensure that our students were challenged and well rounded. Riversprings Middle School received the distinction of an AVID National Demonstration School. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination and emphasizes organization and demanding curriculum. Project Learning Tree, which promotes environmental education, remained strong in the elementary schools. Kagan training supported students and teachers in all of our schools and Kagan professional development will continue to be offered during the 2016-2017 school year. Spelling Bee, Brain Bowls, speech, essay, and art contests continued to provide our students with a variety of opportunities to excel.

Our district Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016 was Laura Hume from Riversprings Middle School. Mrs. Hume is a leader in her school showing her love for the art of teaching on a daily basis with both her faculty and students. A trained science and math teacher, she exemplifies the craft of education and we are proud of her accomplishments.

In closing, it was another successful year and our students' growth and achievements make me humbled to be Wakulla County's Superintendent. I look forward to continuing our commitment towards meeting the challenges we will face as well as the celebrations we will engage in. The strong Wakulla community supports us and keeps us accountable for making your children our number one priority.

Sincerely,

Robert "Bobby" Pearce

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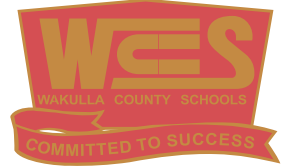
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Dear Citizens of Wakulla County:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve these past 16 years as a member of your School Board. I truly appreciate the trust you have placed in me to work for our children.

Our schools continue to perform extremely well academically, providing students with the knowledge and skills they need to become successful adults. At Wakulla High School our Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses continue to grow and provide employment ready skills to our students. Our high school students also outshine their peers statewide at being ready for the rigors of college. Overall, our district is consistently among the top districts in the state on test scores and school grades.

Your School Board is dedicated to providing outstanding academic programs for our students while also being a wise steward of taxpayer dollars. Earlier this year the Wakulla County School Board was recognized by the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) as being a certified "Master Board." Wakulla is one of only seventeen school districts in Florida that currently hold this prestigious award.

I believe that the greatest investment Wakulla County can make in its future is to provide a high quality education for its children today. We are truly fortunate to have so many fine people working to meet the educational needs and to assure the well-being of our children. With continued commitment from our students, parents, teachers and staff, and the support of our community, Wakulla County Schools will continue to be one of the top school districts in Florida.

On behalf of all of your School Board members, let me assure you we will not waver in our commitment to providing the highest quality education to the children of Wakulla County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Greg Thomas".

Greg Thomas
Chairman

PURPOSE

A rigorous and appropriate education that results in success for all students

DIRECTION

Committed to Success for all students, teachers, staff, and our school system

CORE VALUES (governing our Way of Work)

We will always:

- Make decisions based on the best interest of the students.
- Behave in an ethical manner.
- Prepare students for productive citizenship.
- Be willing to try innovative research-based programs.
- Employ highly trained and dedicated individuals who can work effectively in their assigned positions.
- Treat each person with dignity and honor their right to be safe.
- Recognize the uniqueness and capability of each student.
- Set high expectations and embrace a challenging curriculum.
- Celebrate our cultural heritage and the diversity that enriches our lives.
- Embrace technology to engage students and enhance education.
- Work to involve our community and all stakeholders in the educational process.
- Teach and practice responsibility and service to others.
- Teach students to be accountable for their own actions.
- Focus on continuous improvement for student achievement and professional growth.

We will never:

- Compromise excellence.
- Give up on a student.
- Stop striving for excellence.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR SCHOOLS!



The Wakulla County School District is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, which is an accreditation division of AdvancED.

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Director of Adult, Athletic and Diversity
Recruitment Programs

CRAWFORDVILLE Elementary



ANGIE WALKER
Principal

"Keep Calm and Lead On" was the theme for the 2015-2016 school year. Crawfordville Elementary welcomed back a dynamic group of skilled individuals and were fortunate to add new members to the already amazing staff. Christine Saulter and Kelly Mitchem became members of the second grade team. Renee Barrett, Alice Bickford and Marcia Spivey joined the awesome team of paraprofessionals. Jeff Johnson became the Operations Foreman when Billy Tully retired to indulge in a lifestyle of fishing and hunting. At the end of the year, Crawfordville faculty and staff bid fond farewell to long-time music teacher Walter Cooper.

Crawfordville continued on its trek to involve parents in their child's education by providing numerous opportunities to attend activities during the day and evening that fostered parental involvement. Such events included our Annual Country Fair, BINGO for Books, Title I Annual Parent Night, Grand Luncheon, Grade Level Parent Nights, Awards Assemblies, Winter Holiday Program, "Bump Up" Night, and Science Night.

On September 30, our Cafeteria was flooded with more than 240 dads, granddads, uncles, brothers, and other male role models in honor of Dad's Day. Dad's Day was our spinoff of Florida's initiative "Dads Take Your Child To School Day" designed to highlight the significant difference dads and other male role models can make by taking a more active role in their children's educational experience and providing an opportunity for dads to engage more fully in their child's education and strengthen the connections between dads and the school.

The Annual Chili Cook-Off was as "HOT" as ever with entertainment from Brett Wellman and The Stone Cold Blues Band and more than 20 different types of chili. CES students, Brady and Remington Swain, along with their grandma, Cindy Quincey, received the "Best Traditional Chili" award while teacher Lauren Sweatt and daughter Isabelle Miller won "Best Non-Traditional Chili" award. Our Fabulous Fourth Grade team took home the gold in the "Spicy but Pleasing" category while our Courageous Kindergarten team won awards for "Presentation" and "People's Choice." Proceeds from this event were used to provide two \$500.00 scholarships to Wakulla High School graduating seniors.

Throughout the year our students were involved in the learning process through a variety of special activities. Students participated in the Spelling Bee, Odyssey of the Mind, the Writing Bowl, Brain Brawl, Student Council, Jr. Garden Club, Fire Prevention Day, SAVE, Project Learning Tree (PLT), Cougar Cadets, Dr. Seuss Day, and Read Across America Day. The Million Word Reader Club was at an all-time high with more than 60 students, teachers, and parents participating. Our first Annual Battle of the Books was also a huge success. Teams of parents, teachers, and students "battled" it out while recalling information from books read throughout the school year. During Red Ribbon Week, which is a nationally recognized week that focuses on healthy lifestyles, good choices, and saying no to drugs, students took part in daily activities with the most popular being the themed dress up days. During the month of September, Crawfordville and all other Wakulla County Schools joined together to raise money to support our senior citizens. Each week students donated change to participate in fun activities such as wearing a hat, wearing pajamas, indulging in a delicious snow cone, and enjoying popcorn and a movie. Teachers also supported the cause by paying to "dress down" each week. Donations topped \$1,000.00 and students learned the importance of giving back to the community and looking out for the elderly.

During the course of the school year teachers were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the school and teaching profession. Kelly Willis was our November 2015 Teacher of the Month and Erin Henderson was our March 2016 Teacher of the Month. In December, Kelly Willis was recognized again, when she was selected by her peers as Teacher of the Year!



MEDART Elementary



KIMBERLY DUTTON
Principal

"There is no try, there is only do," was the theme at Medart Elementary. It reminded students everyone can be a leader during the 2015-16 school year and aligned with our School Purpose "to empower all students to become leaders and achieve success in all areas." Mrs. Jennifer Anderson was selected as Medart's Teacher of the Year. Ms. Anderson believes that, "students will try anything you want them to try as long as they know you care." The Mustang teacher of the month for February was Susan Tillman.

Medart students practiced leadership skills in many ways throughout the school year. Students participated in the "Run the Rainbow" Color Run to raise money for the Senior Citizen Center of Wakulla. They collected \$550 in donations. Students became leaders

in literacy in September during the Title I Literacy Night. Parents came out to view the wonderful writing samples displayed by student authors around the school. Families played Bingo for Books, and painted and glazed pottery bowls with for the Empty Bowl project held annually in November benefiting local food banks. Students sang, read poems and performed skits for the annual Veteran's Day program, honoring those who have sacrificed for others. Special guests Mr. Randy Anderson and Mr. Jerry Evans played patriotic music for students and veterans. The names of servicemen were read aloud. In December students traveled across the country with the "Holidays Around the World" program. Families moved classroom to classroom with their "passport" getting it stamped and savoring a bit of cultural diversity in the way of food, music, and games as they traveled. In the Spring, students participated in a Title I Science Leadership Night. They showcased science talents and skills for parents by demonstrating STEM activities and experiments.

Throughout the year students demonstrated their academic successes in many ways. Medart students Annika Matlock and Madden Metcalf were winners of the Spelling Bee. They went on to represent Medart at the district Spelling Bee. Student top scorers for the Brain Brawl were Annika Matlock and Shamyhia Gavin. Britton Nichols won the Tropicana Speech. She also was the Wakulla district top Tropicana Speech scorer and went on to represent Wakulla County at Regionals. In March, Student Council members shined with leadership as they headed to the Governor's Cabinet meeting to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Capital. First grade students synergized to work on a project together entitled "Pennies for Puppies." They raised \$150 for the animal shelter in Wakulla. Medart competed for the first time at Regionals in Crestview, Florida with an Odyssey of the Mind Team. They placed 5th in their division. Odyssey team members were: Peter Arbogast, Zhaniya Reed, Maverick Stubbs, Kathleen Jacobs, and Marcus Pineirovigo. Teacher sponsors were Kendall Watson and Susan Tillman. Students lived by the phrase, "Readers are Leaders." The school competition was fierce, however one notable leader was first grader Kaleb Schott with 1,085,755 words read!

During the 2015-16 school year students were involved in many activities to prepare them as lifelong learners. As we look forward towards next year, our goal remains, helping students become leaders to achieve success in all areas. It's a Mustang Thing!



RIVERSINK Elementary



SIMEON NELSON
Principal

Riversink Elementary School (RES) had another spectacular year but one that was full of changes! Although we were sad to see some teachers and administrators leave us, we were excited to begin our new journey under the leadership of Mr. Simeon Nelson and with the 11 new staff members. However, success is a Riversink tradition and

was again reflected as we were noted as a Highly Effective School by the State of Florida. In addition, several staff members were recognized for their achievements and the RES Odyssey of the Mind team went to state competition!

Changes started at the top when Mr. Nelson took over as Principal following the retirement of Mrs. High. Mr. Nelson welcomed the challenge. He was excited to become part of such a highly successful school, staff, and community.

Outstanding contributions by both teachers and staff played a key role in our success. Ms. Cassie Burnham, fourth grade teacher, and Mrs. Ashley Guess, fifth grade teacher, were both named "High Impact Teachers" by the State of Florida Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart. The high impact designation was based on both students' performance on state exams over a three-year period and how much year-to-year growth students exhibited on those tests. Mrs. Williams, first grade teacher, was selected as our Teacher of the Year and Ms. Stokely, second grade teacher, was selected as a Teacher of the Month. Mrs. Gloria Cooksey, in charge of students records and attendance, was chosen as our Employee of the Month. Mrs. Cooksey was later selected by the district as the Employee of the Year for the 2015-16 school year.

The students of RES were not about to be outdone. Students grades 3-5 took the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) in April of 2016. 65% of our students scored a level 3 (on grade level) or higher in English/Language Arts (ELA) and 69% scored a level 3 or higher in Math. Due in part to these scores, RES was named Highly Effective by the Florida Department of Education.

Our Odyssey of the Mind team, a group of 3rd through 5th grade students, competed in the Structure category where they had to design, build and test a structure made only of balsa wood and glue that balanced and supported as much weight as possible – twice. They came in first place with 70 pounds and qualified for State competition. The annual competition had limitations on money that could be spent on materials and restricted coaches and parents from solving the problems for the students. All brainstorming, building, writing, sewing, and painting was done by the student team. By the end of the 20 team state competition, the RES team had tied for 7th overall.



SHADEVILLE Elementary



SUSAN BRAZIER
Principal

"Shadeville – A GREAT PLACE TO TEACH AND LEARN"

Always mindful of our school's vision, mission, and core values that "Every child is a unique individual and therefore, has the right to learn at his or her own developmental level in a child-centered environment" the faculty and staff of Shadeville Elementary continue to be committed to success for all children. We share a common vision of excellence that guides our students to a high level of academic achievement, prepares them to live in a rapidly changing technological world, is mindful of our students' physical well-being, and develops responsible, healthy citizens who are able to go into the world and create fulfilling futures.

Through a strong focus on achieving the goals outlined in our school improvement plan, teaching the Florida Standards through the implementation of Wakulla County School's curriculum in a child-centered and creative environment, as well as hard work and dedication by all stakeholders the 2015-2016 school year proved to be successful. Shadeville's students made their teachers and parents proud achieving high standards or an "A" designation by the Florida Department of Education. We worked diligently to be able to provide students with quality learning opportunities throughout our school which enabled them to reach for the stars and accomplish their goals.

During the 2015-2016 school year our school's faculty honored Shadeville's wonderful Exceptional Student Education teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Redfern as "The Shadeville Teacher of the Year". The faculty also chose Mrs. Jenny Duggar, our sensational Speech and Language Pathologist to represent them as the September Wakulla County "Teacher of the Month". In January the faculty chose Miss Lauralee Moore as their choice to represent them as the January Wakulla County Schools "Teacher of the Month". Miss Moore is one of our fantastic first grade teachers. We are very blessed to have teachers of their caliber working with our students. Additionally, Shadeville's very fine custodial staff once again earned the "Magic Carpet Award" for cleanest, shiniest school interior and most manicured lawns and bushes.

Read, read, and keep on reading! It is our belief that reading is the cornerstone of a high quality education, therefore our students participated in the following activities to enhance their skills and love of reading: The Grade Level Goal/ Million Word Reading T-shirt program, two wonderful Scholastic Book Fairs, Title I sponsored: Kay Brynes Storyteller event and BINGO for Science Books night, "Book – Buddies", as well as, on-line books available in the library, computer lab, and classrooms. Time for Kids was purchased for every student and children enjoyed participating in Read Across America activities. Ms. Seidler, Shadeville's wonderful Reading Coach made sure the event was exciting by coordinating and providing readers such as: Wakulla High Football Players, FSU Football Players, The Golden Girls, former FSU football player and current Buffalo Bills player Karlos Williams, past Superintendent Mr. David Miller and current Superintendent Mr. Bobby Pearce, as well as a plethora of Shadeville faculty and staff. The Accelerated Reader program continued school wide, and each semester the "AR Store" was open for students to spend the points they had earned reading. Teachers kept a mindful eye on each child's reading progress throughout the year through Discovery Education Assessments and Renaissance Learning – STAR reports.

Our students continue to have many opportunities to shine during the school year through the annual fifth grade Brain Brawl and fourth and fifth grade Spelling Bee competitions. Students shared their accomplishments and talents during the: Holidays Around the World Chorus performance, Kindergarten Circus, Orff Band, Athletic Field Days, Special Olympics, and Peace Keeper events. Our Physical Education program was enhanced through the assistance of the "Champions". "Champions" is a program sponsored in part through Capital Health Plan and focuses on teaching children to lead an active lifestyle. The faculty continued to place an emphasis on science during the 2015 -2016 school term through hands on lessons provided in the classrooms, adventures at the St. Marks Wildlife Preserve, web based instruction through "United Streaming" and "Brain Pop", and the annual "Project Learning Tree" extravaganza. The efforts were coordinated by chairman, Michelle Hunter and her team of science loving teachers and staff members. The blast of small rockets could be heard at the "Back 40" of our school property when our 5th grade students further increased their base of science knowledge, understanding, and skills while under the direction of Florida State University's "Science on the Move" presenters. Shadeville students participated in "Odyssey of the Mind" activities directed by Mrs. Seidler and Mrs. Everton. The afterschool enrichment program targeted fourth and fifth grade students.

Keeping an eye on our future citizens and developing good character traits is always on our minds and hearts. Under the direction of School Resource Officer, Deputy Crum, fifth grade students participated in the Substance Abuse and Violence Education program (S.A.V.E.) sponsored in partnership with the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office. October brought "Red Ribbon Week" activities which also promoted a healthy drug free life style. Students participated in "cyber-safety" and "anti-bullying" activities through our school's guidance program. November was the Student Council's canned foods drive for Thanksgiving. Ms. Simurra, guidance counselor, believes in teaching students by doing, so last year she developed the "Peace Keepers Club": A group of students whose goal is to make the school's environment a kinder place for learning.

Once again we were blessed by the many parents, family, and community members who work with us each year. Due to their continuous support our school earned the "Golden School Award" for volunteer hours given, and our annual Fall Festival was a huge success. The funds are used for a variety of instructional projects. Many thanks to the enthusiastic CVFD Volunteer Fire Fighters and Wakulla Fire who took time out of their busy schedules to educate our primary students about fire safety during Fire Prevention Week. We would also like to say "Thank You" to our volunteers who assist in the classrooms, book fair, PBS and Million Word Reader celebration, as well as, AR store volunteers who continuously give of their time and talents at our school ensuring our students get the help and hugs they need to succeed. You just never know how or when you might influence the life of a child positively!

The educational journey of Shadeville's students, faculty, staff, and administration during the 2015 – 2016 school year was an exciting time, built on a "Commitment to Excellence", an understanding of child development, and a belief that team work makes the "Warriors Dream Work".





MICHELLE YEOMANS

Principal

Academics, Achievement, Acceleration, AVID, Arts, Athletics: Riversprings Middle School is focused on the A. Since its inception in 2000, Riversprings has developed a legacy of excellence in the classroom and the community, cultivating its growth with each school year. The result is a learning community that fosters a family atmosphere and provides for each individual student's unique educational needs.

Our family begins within our highly qualified faculty and staff. Riversprings Middle School teacher Laura Hume was announced by Wakulla County Superintendent Bobby Pearce as the 2016 Wakulla County Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Hume earned dual bachelor's degrees in Elementary Education and in ESE (Exceptional Student Education) grades kindergarten-12, plus holds a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction and has ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) k-12 certification. This is her twelfth year of teaching and she currently teaches science, math, and language arts to sixth and seventh grade students. She sponsors one of our Odyssey of the Mind teams, and has been instrumental in the drive to have Odyssey of the Mind teams in all schools throughout Wakulla County. The RMS Odyssey of the Mind Team B showed off their spontaneous ingenuity and placed 7th at the state tournament held at UCF.

Thanks to the hard work of our students, faculty, and staff, Riversprings was chosen as one of only 134 schools across the country, one of only 7 schools in Florida, and the only school in North Florida designated as a National Demonstration School by AVID. These schools seek to help all students prepare for college and serve as visitation sites for schools who want to implement or improve their AVID programs. RMS was selected through an application process, screening, and review that included a site visit from AVID state and national representatives.

Riversprings academics excelled last year, earning the highest FSA scores in Wakulla County. The RMS Academic Team once again took first place in the county for the eighth consecutive year, outscoring both WMS and COAST in the annual Brain Brawl tournament. Mason Frick won the District and Regional Tropicana Speech competition with his speech, "Fun Size." One hundred percent of both the 7th and 8th grade CCC classes were certified in all the MS Office software offered last year. That was a FIRST for RMS and the county because CCC was never before offered to 7th graders.

Student Council was hard at work, facilitated by Mrs. Carol Broome with the assistance of Mrs. Mandy Butler. They won the Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory's Whatever Floats Your Boat Regatta, a boat "race" where the boat can only be constructed from recycled materials. The boat, BEARLY Floatin' was student designed and made, and not only crossed the finish line in the fastest time and won First Place, but was voted as audience favorite and took home the People's Choice Award. In addition, Student Council members ran the recycling program at RMS, cooked for teachers once a month in the Bear Bistro, and held real elections for officers, in which students voted using election equipment loaned to us from Wakulla County Supervisor of Elections Buddy Wells.

The RMS Band received an "excellent" rating at District MPA. Luke Broome was accepted into the FMEA all-state honor band, the only student from all of Wakulla County to receive this prestigious honor. Thirteen students qualified for the Big Bend All-District Honor Band, the most of any school in the district. The RMS Band was involved in multiple community performances including the Christmas Parade in Panacea, the Festival of the Arts Concert, and the Blue Crab Parade, as well as attending all home RMS football games.

Art student Makayla Dykes won Crawfordville Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. In the St. Marks Refuge Migratory Bird Art Contest, Second Place was awarded to Ally Harden and Honorable Mention was awarded to Ashiera Preston, Bethany Thomas, Abigail Gray and Katarina Gunnarson. The St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge Pollinator Art Contest winners all hail from RMS, with the First Place winner being Bethany Thomas, Second Place, Savannah Pafford, Third Place, Kaitlyn Wortham, and Honorable Mention Makenna Roddenberry, Denym Merritt and Jaylee Davis. The RMS Theatre Troupe performed two One Acts plays entitled, "Shuffling," and "Superhero Sanitarium." They also put on a phenomenal Talent Show at the end of the school year.

RMS athletes excelled both on and off the field. In addition to maintaining their reading word count, student athletes won championships in several sports. The RMS Bears won County Championships in Boys' Basketball, Baseball, and Wrestling. The Lady Bears won County Championships in Volleyball, Girls' Soccer, and Girls' Basketball. The RMS Wrestling team had a remarkable season, beating every opponent to go undefeated for the year.

Riversprings readers read over 356 million words last year. Every single student at RMS read at least one book and passed at least one AR test. Students are encouraged to read from the RMS Reads list, a list of 60 books comprised of 45 new and old classics combined with the current year's Sunshine State Young Readers Award books. Any student who reads fifteen or more books from the list is treated to an end-of-the-year reward from our Principal, Mrs. Yeomans. Students who read a million or more words get a Million Word Reader t-shirt. There are also small rewards throughout the year, and teachers have challenges and rewards set up in their classrooms. Throughout the school, reading is encouraged by all staff members with the purpose of developing students into lifelong readers.

RIVERSPRINGS Middle



WAKULLA Middle



RICK MYHRE
Principal

Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." Although Wakulla Middle School experienced another year of transition with administration, the faculty and staff worked together allowing students to continue with the long history of Wildcat success. Richard Myhre began his second term as principal until February when he left for a leadership position with Just Read, Florida! The district provided the staff with leadership and guidance in the form of interim principal Mr. Dod Walker, a past middle school principal and current district administrator. Mr. Walker and Assistant Principal Amy Bryan ensured a smooth transition of leadership for both students and faculty. In June of 2016, Mr. Tolar Griffin returned to WMS as the permanent principal. Mr. Griffin had previously spent seven years as assistant principal, helping lead the school in high achievement and success. Mr. Griffin states, "I am thrilled to be back at my home school, doing my dream job." His enthusiasm has resonated with faculty and staff.

Wakulla Middle School continues its long-standing academic excellence as measured by the Florida Department of Education assessments. The State changed the bar once again this year and factored in a new component for calculating school scores. Even as the landscape of FSA scoring changed, our students were able to excel when compared to the state averages. Wakulla Middle met or surpassed the state average in Civics, Science, ELA (6th, 7th, 8th), Geometry and Math (6th, 7th). This success reflects our commitment

to the AVID program throughout our school, in all classes. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination and is a program that helps middle level students gain the necessary skills to be successful in advanced placement courses and eventually college. Wakulla Middle is a Nationally Certified AVID School and AVID strategies are implemented by every teacher in the school, not just in the AVID elective course. This year students in AVID were able to tour both Tallahassee Community College and Florida State University. Another program that has positively impacted the success at Wakulla Middle is Kagan. A total of 16 teachers have been trained and are implementing Kagan strategies in their classrooms.

Keeping with tradition, Wakulla Wildcats continued to excel with reading. During the 2015-2016 school year students read over 470 million words. Cierra McNair was the school's top reader with over eight million words. In total, 149 students became million word readers. As a celebration of their hard work, students received a special t-shirt and participated in an epic water balloon battle with faculty and staff. Another popular incentive to read is the end of the year Sunshine State Reader party. Students that read all fifteen Sunshine State books were able to celebrate with lunch off campus. Wakulla Middle School continues to find innovative ways to encourage and support the school-wide reading initiative.

Academic achievement and rigor is a vital component in all facets of student life on the Wakulla Middle School campus. The 2015-2016 end of year award ceremony was another celebratory event for our students and families. The 8th Honor Court included Alyssa Hay, Alyssa Johnson, Ashton Garner, Brody Hodge, Coleman Thompson, Emily Thomas, Erik Matlock, Gavin Kauffman, Hannah Bryan, Jack Parker, Jacob Rardin, Justin Robertson, Kevin Posey, Madison Sarvis, Matthew Neet, Mikayla Corrigan, Payton Fewell, Taylor Roddenberry, Travis Morgan and Zachary Mann. Our highest grade point average went to Laureate Madison Sarvis and Oracle Hannah Bryan. Through our continued partnership with the Wakulla Academic Booster Club, Head Start Scholarships were given to Zach Turner, Sakari McKinnon, Fredrick "Ray" Johnson, Kori Pigott and Autumn Pearson. In addition, Seed Pearl awards were given to Maiya Damon and Thomas Robertson. The Principal's Award of Excellence was given to Mykel Keith.

Not only did Wakulla Wildcats excel in the classroom, students also displayed a diverse range of talents in our after-school extracurricular activities. Last year Coach Eddie Metcalf led Wildcat football players in another undefeated season and were named County Champions for the third consecutive year. Other athletic programs include basketball, volleyball, soccer, track, baseball, softball and wrestling. In order to challenge our academic scholars, a new after-school Odyssey of the Mind program was implemented, coached by Tanya Shivers and Mallory Harrison. Both Wakulla Middle School teams advanced to the State Championship. Other campus clubs included a chess club, newspaper club, Student Council, yearbook, band, a brain bowl team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Junior Honor Society, and Students Working Against Tobacco. Our after-school drama club had a banner year under the direction of Alex Kauffman and Nicole Dissmore. Due to the ever growing popularity of the drama program, this year three performances were held. Spectators were amazed by the theatrical production of "Annie."

Academic excellence and after school activities would not be possible without the amazing support of faculty and staff. Eighth grade history and science teacher Mr. Bill Peck received the honor of Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016. Mr. Peck has an incredible rapport with students and exemplifies excellence both in the classroom and in coaching. Mr. Peck is the WMS Athletic Director and assisted with coaching our victorious football team. Also recognized by the Wakulla Middle School staff were Alex Kauffman and Lucile Graham for their outstanding performances as educators. Mrs. Kauffman was selected February Teacher of the Month and teaches 6th grade ELA and History. She also has coached volleyball and leads the drama program. Mrs. Graham was selected as the February Teacher of the Month and is a 7th grade ELA teacher. The 2015-2016 school year was Mrs. Graham's last full year teaching. She has taught over thirty years and is excited for retirement starting in September of 2016. Also retiring was Mrs. Kathy Gaylor. Mrs. Gaylor taught two years at Wakulla Middle School before retiring. Both of these ladies have had a tremendous impact on many students and will be greatly missed.





MIKE BARWICK
Principal

WAKULLA High

Wakulla High School is proud of what its students and staff accomplished in the 2015-16 school year. Celebrating another record year with over 1,400 students, WHS continues to be a school committed to being one of the highest ranked schools in the state.

To meet the needs of our largest student population in history, WHS added six additional classrooms and hired eleven new teachers. Our graduation rate of 86% surpassed the state's 77%, and our 9th graders ranked third highest in the state on the FSA/ELA, Florida Standards Assessment/English Language Assessment. WHS continued to shine in our End-of-Course exams, ranking fourth in the state for our Biology scores and sixth in the state in US History. Continuing to provide opportunities for our students to excel outside of our classrooms, WHS expanded its dual enrollment and technical programs.

These improvements created greater interest and a greater number of student certifications than in previous years. Our Medical Academy had 31 students graduate as a Certified Nursing Assistant and 41 as Emergency Medical Responders. The number of culinary students earning their ServSafe Certification increased with 37 completers. Computing for College and Career certified 166 as Microsoft Office Specialists; Web and Digital Design certified 93 in Adobe; while TV Production had nine students get Adobe Premiere Pro Certification.

Our carpentry program had two students earn their NCCER Carpentry Certification. Students filled a need for additional cafeteria seating and constructed eight picnic tables for the patio. Students were also featured in the Wakulla News as they assisted the Big Bend Maritime Center and learned to build and repair wooden boats. The Engineering Academy continued to grow with 40 earning certification in Autodesk Inventor. Engineering students participated in their first Robotics

Competition held at the University of Florida. The competition theme was based upon breaching defenses and capturing a medieval castle, including launching boulders and scaling the watchtower. The team dubbed themselves "The Knights Who Say C" and designed and built their own RoboRio.

The Automotive Service Technology program had 13 students become FLADA Certified Technicians, and most recently earned accreditation from the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) in Maintenance and Light Repair.

The welding program grew in popularity and we are proud to say that 31 students became American Welding Society Certified. To serve our community's needs, WHS began offering night courses to those interested in pursuing a career in the field of welding.

In the arts, Mrs. Tucker hosted the annual Student Art Contest and Emily McMillan won Best of Show for her self-portrait in the giant Chuck Close style. Over a dozen categories of student art was on display in the War Eagle Café and guests were treated to food and a live jazz performance by our own culinary and band students.

Members of the chorus department represented Wakulla County School District at Music Performance Assessment and every chorus scored superiors in sight-reading, 3 scored superiors onstage, and WHS student, Harley Rigdon, was selected to sing in the state level American Choral Directors' Association High School Mixed Honor Choir. Students from our district also performed in six concerts during the school year and at the annual Wakulla County "Toys for Tots" event in December. The chorus program has experienced growth since 2014, beginning with 62 students between RMS, WMS, and WHS and enrollment is currently at 151.

The Wakulla High School Band had another successful year in 2015-2016. The marching band received its eighth consecutive superior rating at Marching Music Performance Assessment. The Wind Ensemble received its fourth consecutive superior at District MPA. The concert band also received a Superior. This is the first time in the history of Wakulla County that multiple concert ensembles received Superior ratings as District MPA. The wind ensemble then again represented at State Concert MPA in Niceville. Between district and state solo and ensemble festivals, the members of the WHS band received over 250 superior medals. They tied for the most members represented in the Big Bend All District Band and had the most members in the Leon County All County Orchestra, which has chosen to accept the Wakulla band members over the past two years. Our drama department presented Night of the Living Dead in the fall, and many students enjoyed joining in to become zombies and the curtain call performance of the "Thriller" dance. In the spring, students brought Shrek to life on stage. Area elementary schools attended a special performance, and each night was packed with members of the community.

Each year the WHS Model United Nations team attends the Tallahassee Southern Regional Model United Nations conference. Our students earned the distinction of Distinguished Delegation, placing them among the top delegates in the region. President Alexa Roddenberry won the TSMUN scholarship, a two-year full tuition scholarship to Tallahassee Community College. Members of the Odyssey of the Mind high school teams worked hard after school and proudly placed 4th in the state at the State Finals at UCF.

It was another banner year for the WHS sports programs. We are happy to have completed the renovation of our gym. Floors and bleachers were removed and replaced giving the gym a much needed facelift. The stadium was packed as the first football game of the season was broadcast on ESPN. Fans traveled to Orlando as our boys battled for the State's FHSAA Class 5A title at the Citrus Bowl Stadium. Football celebrated the year as District Champions, Regional Champions, and State runner-up. The WHS girl's flag football team started their inaugural campaign above .500. They look to return all but two starters on offense and defense. Girls and boys tennis placed third in the district tournament, and cross country boys were district champs. Boys wrestling continued their six year streak as district champions and had six state qualifiers. The team ranked 12th in the state, and Larry Smith placed third in the state. WHS football had seven players sign, six baseball, one cross country, and two volleyball players.

Preparing for Prom Night 2016, we hosted our first accident simulation for all juniors and seniors. Drama students, and members from the Sheriff's Department, local Fire and EMTs, Florida Highway Patrol, and Shands Emergency Transport demonstrated what can occur when drivers are distracted by texting, alcohol or other passengers.

WHS celebrated Black History throughout the month of February. Thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Rosier, students were involved in open forums on race, diversity, and the importance of multiculturalism. Carpentry students built frames for our Notable African American pictures that were placed around the school. WHS hosted a community-wide talent show, and the month capped off with the annual program "Celebrating the Past to Forge the Future: Recognizing the Many Firsts of Local African Americans". Wakulla High's first African American valedictorian, 1970, author and financial educator, Mr. Alvin Hall, returned to serve as guest speaker.

We are proud of the hard work and dedication of our teachers, staff, and students, making our 2015-16 school year another success.



WAKULLA ADULT & Community Ed



DOD WALKER
Director of Adult, Athletic and
Diversity Recruitment Programs

During the course of the 2015-2016 school year, the Adult Education Program continued to focus on three primary areas of Basic Education with GED Preparation, Adults with Disabilities and the Certified Nursing Assistant program. Wakulla Adult Education also happily brought an Introduction to Welding class to Wakulla County in partnership with Lively Technical.

The Wakulla Adult Education Testing Center administered GED tests to 69 persons during the 2015-16 school year. Of those, 54 took the entire test and 44 passed all areas of the exam resulting in an 81% pass rate. We are very proud of the students that passed the GED and also were registered in Adult Education classes during the 2015-16 year. Under the classroom direction of Mr. Don Franks and Ms. Nancy Commander, the Wakulla Adult Basic Education and GED Preparation program are moving full steam ahead.

While many Adults with Disabilities programs across the state were languishing, Wakulla County's flourished thanks to the foresight of the Wakulla County School Board. They voted to fund the entire program even though state funding of all these programs was removed by the legislature. Program Directors Theresa Hernandez and Joanne Hernandez reached out to the community for support of the Legacy Cafe and Boutique. Once again the students sported new blue shirts with the Legacy Cafe logo while serving lunch on Tuesday and Thursday. These shirts were provided through a generous donation from Sharon Wolfe and Crystal and Jeremy Anderson. A Facebook account was established and students quickly went to work making boutique items to sell. Orders poured in from friends far and wide. The Wakulla County Library created a display for boutique items and was instrumental in spreading the word of the program. Several students, along with directors Theresa Hernandez and Joanne Hernandez participated in the Christmas Friends of the Library event, Book Extravaganza. This Saturday event was a success! With the addition of a sewing machine, several students have learned to create beautiful projects to sell. Another hot item was pallet signs of all sizes. Students sanded, painted, and decorated to create works of art. The students were also taught to use a variety of tools and machines to create "one of a kind" cards for any occasion. Wakulla County's Adults with Disabilities program proudly continues to thrive and grow.

The Wakulla Adult Education Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program had a prosperous 2015-16 school year. The program graduated 10 students and included 130 hours of combined classroom and clinical instruction each semester. The clinical instruction takes place at Eden Springs, where students interact with, and assist in the care of residents. The students volunteered by performing blood pressure screenings at the annual Girls Nite Out at the One Stop Center in Crawfordville. Many students currently work in Long Term Care and private duty settings.

The first two "Introduction to Welding Technologies" courses were offered this past fall and spring, consisting of 27 adults. Students reported that they were interested in the class for a variety of reasons: careers, home equipment repair, art, or recreation. The class was rated highly by those who participated with most of them planning on attending the spring class. Students learned how to work with various metals and pieces of equipment including grinders, acetylene torch and plasma cutting, stick and MIG welders. Several students left the class having created works of metal art as well as other personal projects.

Wakulla Adult Education is looking forward to a great 2016-17!



MIKE CROUCH
Principal of Sopchoppy
Education Center



WAKULLA Preschool



LAURA KELLY
Principal

Discover the Treasures at Wakulla Pre-K was the Welcome Back Theme for the 2015 – 2016 school year at both Wakulla and Sopchoppy Pre-K campuses. Students enjoyed school-wide activities such as visits from the Crawfordville Volunteer Firefighters and First Responder Emergency vehicles, University of Florida's Food and Nutrition Program, Florida State University's School of Nursing's hand washing and germ prevention presentations and the Pedestrian Safety Show. Both school campuses supported the Silver for Seniors fundraising for Wakulla Senior Citizens Center in September by participating in Crazy Hair and Ice Pop Days. The Grandparents Luncheon, which is sponsored by the Fall Book Fair allowed grandparents to eat lunch with their grandchildren and then visit the Book Fair. Sopchoppy students went Trick-or-Treating at local downtown businesses while Wakulla Education students participated in Trunk or Treat. Kids songwriter and performer, Jack Hartman spent the day "rock'n" with Pre-K staff teaching them songs and movements for learning specific skills and concepts that can be used in their classrooms.

Judy Brown was recognized as December, 2015 Teacher of the Month and Karla Nelson was selected at the 2016 Pre-K Teacher of the Year. February's annual Family Fun Day was a huge success with beautiful weather, plenty of great food, and a few new games and prizes for all ages. Bingo and the Silent Auction Themed baskets continued as popular favorites. Polar Express Pajama Day, Dr. Seuss Week, Spring Egg Hunts and Water Days are annual traditions. Play is serious business and is the avenue of learning for Wakulla Pre-K's baby Eaglets.





COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY

In 1991, the School Improvement and Accountability Act established School Advisory Councils in Florida comprised of parents, teachers, community members, school staff and students. The groups at each school work cooperatively to develop a School Improvement Plan every year for their schools. With increased standards and accountability for schools, students were assessed by the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA, including End of Course Exams). Students were also assessed by FCAT 2.0 Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) End of Course Exams. Along with survey information and other data, these test results pinpointed where a school needed to focus in order to help its students achieve for 2015-2016.

VOLUNTEERS LEND A HELPING HAND

Successful volunteer programs are critical to the vitality of the school system and the continued success of our students. Volunteers provide extra hands and loving hearts that assist and support our students, teachers, and staff throughout the district.

Volunteers are involved at every level of the educational process in Wakulla. Each year volunteers break new ground as they discover more ways to serve our students and build our community. During the 2015-2016 school year, over 1373 volunteers logged 17,914 hours in service to our schools. Five of these volunteers served as mentors to individual students. The time and effort of these dedicated volunteers served to sustain and enhance the academic achievement of all of our students.

Across the district, volunteers worked in classrooms and hallways helping individual or small groups of students with their studies. Some served by shelving books in media centers, assisting students in school clinics, speaking to classes, demonstrating career skills, mentoring students, or helping with clerical tasks. Still others helped supervise field trips and participated in fund-raising events. The impact of these enthusiastic volunteers was immeasurable.

Our need for volunteers and mentors is ever present. If you are interested in volunteering or in becoming a mentor, please call a school, contact the district office or visit www.wakullaschooldistrict.org and click on Volunteer/Mentor at the top to find ways that you can help.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD SPONSORS

TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Student Leaders Endowment
- Follett Book Gift Card(3)
- Russi/Recovery
- TCC Peer Ambassador(3)
- Brandon King Memorial
- Nathan E. Rodgers
- Roy Jaeger Endowed
- Tallahassee Civitan Jimmy and Sherrill Ragan
- TCC District
- Helios First Generation
- Jenkins Brick
- TSMUN

COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

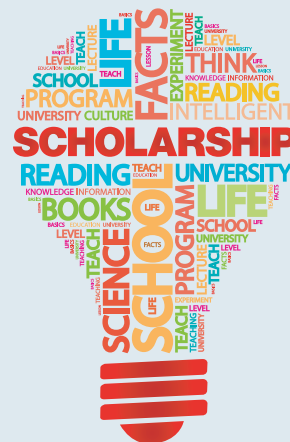
- St. Marks Powder(2)
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Rotary Interact Academic – David Miller Rotary Service
- Rotary Interact Academic – Rotary Service(5)
- Education Enrichment Council
- Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
- National Honor Society
- Wakulla County Recreation Board Scholarship
- Rufus Williams Memorial Scholarship(2)
- Brian Parsons Memorial
- Crawfordville Elementary School Scholarship
- Riversprings Middle School Scholarship
- Crawfordville Women's Club Scholarship(2)
- Wakulla County Christian Coalition(2)

WAKULLA COUNTY ACADEMIC BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

- Henry Vause Vocational Scholarship(4)
- Guy Harold Hudson Scholarship
- Grady F. McKenzie Scholarship
- G.F. McKenzie Vocational Scholarship
- McKenzie Star Scholarship
- Frank Snyder Memorial Scholarship
- Wakulla Men's Association Scholarship
- Kieser Memorial Scholarship
- Gilbert Memorial Scholarship
- Distler Golf Scholarship
- Anita Townsend Nursing Scholarship
- C.L. Townsend Vocational Scholarship
- Bonner Vocational Scholarship
- Brann Vocational Scholarship
- Wakulla Men's Golf Scholarship
- Paul Dubay Memorial Scholarship
- Alexander/Pearce Memorial Scholarship
- A.L. Porter Memorial Scholarship
- Wakulla Cattlemen's Scholarship
- Wakulla County Elected Officials Scholarship
- Veasman Star Scholarship
- Optimist Club Star Scholarship
- W.C. Dodson Scholarship
- Koelliker Memorial Scholarship
- Roger Stokley Memorial Scholarship
- Don White Memorial Scholarship
- WCABA Headstart Scholarships
- Walter C. Dotson
- B.K. Roberts
- Harry Morrison
- Mary L. Roberts
- Robert G. Carter
- Pat Nobles
- St. Marks Powder
- Wakulla Men's Association
- Coastal Optimist Club
- Wakulla Academic Boosters Scholarship
- Optimist Club Annual Scholarship
- Wakulla Men's Club Annual Scholarship
- Elsie Schulte Scholarship
- Pee Wee Vause Annual Scholarship
- Wakulla County Realtors Association Scholarship(2)
- Crawfordville Lion's Club Annual Scholarship

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTORS

- Wakulla County Art's Coalition(2)
- Joshua Douin Memorial Scholarship
- Noah Posey NJROTC Scholarship
- WHS AVID Academic Scholarship
- WHS AVID Student of the Year Scholarship(2)
- WHS AVID Ambassador Award(2)
- WHS AVID Service to Others



GENERAL INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

Florida school law requires each parent of a child from six to sixteen years of age to be responsible for the child's school attendance. The law allows absences for illness and certain other special circumstances. During the 2015-2016 school year, average student attendance was 92.10percent district wide.

Every effort is made by the schools to encourage student attendance. Incentives for attendance include special activities and awards. It is the responsibility of the parents to notify the school when their child will not be in attendance.

INSTRUCTIONAL AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF COUNT FOR DISTRICT

	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16
Administrative	26	26	25	26	28	28
Certified Employees, Instructional	350	346	344	346	357	348
Paraprofessionals	102	96	90	90	96	90
Clerical/Secretarial	54	52	52	51	53	53
Service Workers	140	138	138	138	136	139
Other Professional	4	4	10	11	11	11
Total Full Time	676	662	659	662	681	669

NON DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The following policy applies to students, applicants for admission, employees, and applicants for employment:

The School Board of Wakulla County, Florida does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, marital status, disability, genetic information for applicants and employees, or any other reason prohibited by Federal and State law regarding non-discrimination. See 34 C.F.R. 100.6(d); 34 C.F.R. 106.9; 34 C.F.R. 110.25.

In addition, the School Board provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities. See 34 C.F.R. 108.9.

Disabled individuals needing reasonable accommodations to participate in and enjoy the benefits of services, programs, and activities of the School Board are required to notify the administrator at the school/center at which the event or service is offered to request reasonable accommodation in advance.

The designated Title IX and Section 504 Compliance Coordinator as required by 34 C.F.R. 100.6 (d) is Karen J. Wells, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327; 850.926.0065; karen.wells@wcsb.us.

Wakulla County Schools
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Wakulla

SCHOOL/PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FOR DISTRICT

	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16
Crawfordville Elementary	602	595	562	569	612	554
Riversink Elementary	456	446	456	475	460	462
Shadeville Elementary	690	674	607	583	580	559
Medart Elementary	570	546	510	498	502	479
Riversprings Middle School	515	548	558	566	499	497
Wakulla Middle School	577	585	600	603	568	605
Wakulla High School	1206	1176	1229	1221	1300	1370
District Drop-Out Prevention Prog.	45	53	32	62	45	36
District Pre-K Program	319	297	310	317	389	384
Total	4980	4920	4864	4894	4910	4946

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & SERVICES

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

The Wakulla County School System provided a continuum of specialized instruction and related services to students with disabilities from three years of age through age twenty-one. Teachers were trained in Access Points, allowing all students to participate in Florida Standards at an appropriate level. The Legacy Café was open to the community two days per week and provided hands on vocation training experience for high school students in all facets of restaurant operations. The Legacy Boutique featured handmade cards, crafts and gifts created by the students in the Adults with Disabilities program.

Special Olympics continued to involve students in community based instruction through bowling, and participation at district, regional and state games. Project Unify grew, matching athletes from general education with students with disabilities to compete side by side in a variety of sports, including basketball and cheerleading.

STUDENT SERVICES

The school district continued a leadership role with the Wakulla County Coalition for Youth (WCCY), which has a mission of providing services for youth across the district. Through collaboration with youth related agencies, such as Capital City Youth Services (WCCYS) Early Learning Coalition, DISC Village, Wakulla County Health Department, Apalachee Mental Health, The Wakulla One Stop Community Center and Wakulla County Sheriff's Department, counseling and programs were made available to youth both inside and outside the school day. Focus was on programs assisting both individuals and groups with making data based decisions through counseling, activities and role play.

The district continued to identify and provide additional support to students identified as homeless under the McKinney Vento Act, and students who speak English as a second language.

HEALTH SERVICES

Though a collaborative partnership with the Wakulla County Health Department, nurses or health aides staffed the clinics at each school. Flu immunizations were offered to all students and staff and dental services were provided to qualifying students at school sites. Each school had wellness coaches who encouraged healthy lifestyles for students and staff and coordinated events such as wellness fairs, color runs and nutrition classes through the Wakulla County Extension Office. Prevention specialists, provided through a partnership with DISC Village, were at both middle schools and Wakulla High, providing counseling and group support in areas of conflict resolution, making healthy choices and development of social skills.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

With a growing emphasis on the need for an educated workforce in all areas, the tie-in of academic skills needed on the job continued. Elementary students explored career awareness through school-based enterprises, guest speakers, career days, and field trips. Middle school students participated in career exploration and interest inventories through guidance and had more extensive career days. Career and Technical Education program completers in the 12th grade worked at jobs in the areas for which they were trained, earning high school and also college credits. Career and Technical Education programs included Accounting, Culinary Arts, Web Design, Carpentry, Digital Design, TV Production, health care through the Wakulla High School Medical Academy, the Engineering Academy, Automotive Technology and our Welding partnership with Lively Technical Center. Those programs helped students earn over 500 industry certifications grades 8 through 12 for 2015-2016. Exceptional Education students had a comprehensive career preparation curriculum with all special diploma students receiving on-the-job training.

DROP OUT PREVENTION

During the school year, the school district continued to operate prevention programs for students at risk of dropping out of school. The Early Head Start Program provided pregnant teens and teen parents with childcare to help them stay in school. The intervention program at Sopchoppy Education Center gave students in grades 6-12 an alternative to suspension and/or expulsion and helped students with a Credit Recovery program to earn back failed classes. In addition, an alternative high school setting let students who fell behind their peers earn a regular diploma on time through the Performance-Based Exit Option Diploma program.

GUIDANCE/PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Each school had an Intervention Support Team (IST) in place to help each teacher create a "watch list" of students in need of instructional and behavioral supports. Tiered Plans were written to provide interventions at varying levels of intensity and frequency based on individual student needs. Training was provided to teachers on behavioral interventions and developing appropriate plans through Automatic RtI. The Florida State Multidisciplinary Center continued to provide psychological and mental health services and school counselors at each site provided group and individual guidance in areas such as career education, social skill development, assessment, transition, new student orientation, conflict resolution, and students and families were also referred to community agencies for additional services.

TITLE I

Title I is a federally funded program designed to provide supplemental services to improve the achievement at schools with a high percentage of students eligible for free and reduced lunches. Title I initiatives are closely aligned with School Improvement Plans. In 2015-2016 instructional equipment and materials were purchased to motivate students and provide opportunities for students to learn through the use of technology.

Title I recognized the importance of parental involvement and provided opportunities for parents to participate in school activities. This program also provided opportunities for teachers and paraprofessionals to participate in research-based staff development activities based on the needs of the students.

TESTING

Testing/evaluation is an important aspect of the students' academic program in the Wakulla County School System. It provides administrators, teachers, and parents an opportunity to assess how the students compare to other students in Florida and the nation. The results are used to revise curriculum to better meet the needs of the students.

FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT TEST (FSA)

The Florida Standards in Mathematics and English Language Arts were approved by the Florida State Board of Education in February 2014 and were implemented in grades K-12 in the 2015-2016 school year. The Florida Standards Assessments include; grades 3-10 English Language Arts (Writing component in grades 4-10), grades 3 -8 Mathematics, and Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry end-of-course-exams (EOC).

	ELA		MATH		SCIENCE	
PERCENT SCORING PROFICIENT	WAKULLA	STATE	WAKULLA	STATE	WAKULLA	STATE
Grade 3	54	54	60	61		
Grade 4	58	52	63	59		
Grade 5	60	52	65	55	61	51
Grade 6	59	52	59	50		
Grade 7	52	49	55	52		
Grade 8	66	57	35	48	54	48
Grade 9	59	51				
Grade 10	54	50				

END-OF-COURSE-EXAMS (EOC)

All students enrolled in an Algebra 1, Algebra II, Geometry, and Biology, US History, and Civics are required to take an assessment in the spring of each year. Students must score a Level 3 or above to be considered proficient on an EOC.

2016 NGSSS EOC ASSESSMENT

PERCENT SCORING PROFICIENT	WAKULLA	STATE
Biology 1	78	64
U.S. History	78	66
Civics	74	67

2016 FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT EOC

PERCENT SCORING PROFICIENT	WAKULLA	STATE
Algebra 1	61	55
Algebra 2	50	40
Geometry	59	51

AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST 2014-2015

The American College Test (ACT) is one major test used for college admission.

	WAKULLA	STATE
English	20.4	18.9
Math	20.6	19.5
Reading	22.3	21.1
Science	20.9	19.5
Composite	21.2	19.9

2015 GRADUATION RATE

Wakulla High School: 83%
State: 77.9%