



Wando High School

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Wando named Capturing Kids' Heart National Showcase School

Mount Pleasant, SC – Wando High School is a 2023 Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School. Principal Kim Wilson made the surprise announcement to his staff Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Wando is the only high school in South Carolina to receive this designation this year.

"To be one of 468 schools in the United States for building strong positive relationships with all stakeholders is an amazing honor," said Interim Principal Kim Wilson. "Our faculty and staff are to be commended for their commitment in creating a culture where all students feel valued and safe."

Capturing Kids' Hearts® National Showcase Schools are recognized for their excellence in creating safe and welcoming environments where students are relationally connected and eager to learn. The award celebrates schools producing exemplary outcomes using the Capturing Kids' Hearts® Process. Award winners demonstrate a high level of performance and a positive culture and climate for learning.

Because of the rigor of the evaluation process, the Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools® Award is both a high aspiration and an exemplary acknowledgement of excellence.

"Being a CKH National Showcase School would not have been possible without the support of our parents, community members and district leadership," added Wilson.

In 1990, a small group of educators first experienced Capturing Kids' Hearts® at founder Flip Flippen's home in College Station, TX. Flip's vision has since grown,

and today the Capturing Kids' Hearts team serves more than 50,000 educators each year nationwide.

Capturing Kids' Hearts® is the premier source of professional development for educators across the country. Through experiential training, expert coaching, a character-based curriculum for students, and personalized support Capturing Kids' Hearts® equips professionals in K-12 education to implement a transformational process focused on fostering student connectedness and growing a relationship-driven culture.

The Capturing Kids' Hearts® Process equips educators with the skills they need to change the trajectory of students' lives. Campuses implementing the Capturing Kids' Hearts® Process consistently report improvements in academic, behavioral, and cultural outcomes.

"We are so proud of our students for their contribution to making Wando a place where all students are important," said Wilson. "They have placed a high priority on building relational capacity with their peers this year."

For more information, call Kim Wilson at (843) 881-8200.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), music and other creative and performing arts, career and technical preparation programs, and military.