



Wando High School



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As one of the highest performing high schools in South Carolina, Wando consistently proves that a large, public, non-magnet high school serving a diverse population can produce outstanding results. We are committed to continuous improvement and use research-based best practices as our guide.

Educators from across the United States and from foreign countries come to Wando to learn more about how a large school maintains a sense of community and helps students remain "connected" to school through the smaller learning communities concept.

Wando High School is a comprehensive school for grades nine through twelve with a diverse student body of approximately 2,600 students. More than 25% of our students excel in the visual and performing arts. Ninety-three percent of the Class of 2025 plan to enroll in either a two or four year college or university. Wando offers over 200 course selections including Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, Honors, College Preparatory, Applied Technology, and Exceptional Education.

The Wando High School Advanced Placement and Dual Credit passage rates continue to be among the highest in the state of South Carolina.

We consider high school graduation an important step for students but not the final goal. Each graduate is expected to leave Wando with a viable plan for his or her future education and career goals. Our students are strongly encouraged to continue their education at the next level.

Our career-related Schools of Study and Ninth Grade Academy provide opportunities for personal connections and help our students see the purpose and relevance of their work here. Through our Schools of Study, students are provided incredible opportunities to explore their skills and talents and refine their college and career goals. Members of the class of 2025 completed 745 majors, four or more elective courses in an area of concentration, and received special recognition at graduation.

Our Ninth Grade Academy provides students an effective transition to high school which begins with a first day experience prior to the start of school for the rest of the student body.

Throughout the ninth grade year, our students are

supported as they learn responsibility and make decisions about future plans.

We constantly seek ways to improve instruction and to increase learning opportunities for our students. Our focus areas have been active student engagement, differentiated instruction, personalized learning, technology implementation, and standards-based instruction and assessment. Raising the academic bar for all students and providing academic support for those who struggle are crucial to the success of our school.

Our dedicated faculty and staff have spent many hours participating in professional development. Teachers share instructional best practices and work in curriculum teams ensuring quality instruction and assessment in all courses. Faculty collaboration and teamwork are the norm.

We are blessed with a high level of parental and community involvement. Our School Improvement Council and our PTSO provide outstanding leadership and support as well as helping provide the future direction of our school. Improving communication with parents and the community is a common goal. Our various booster clubs and advisory boards are also vital to our school's success. We appreciate their support and continued involvement.

STUDENTS ARE
THE HEART

OF OUR WORK!

Wando High School Mission Statement

The mission of Wando High School, in partnership with parents and community, is to educate all students by providing a challenging program of study, to encourage lifelong academic and applied learning, and to graduate students prepared to meet the challenge of a rapidly changing and diverse global society.

School Highlights: Academics

- Wando High School's Class of 2025 earned more than \$21.2 million in scholarships.
- We now have 503 members in grades 10 - 12 in the AP Academy. Forty-six seniors in the Class of 2025 received special Advanced Studies recognition at graduation due to earning at least six AP credits.
- The average GPA of the Class of 2025 was 3.906.
- The State of South Carolina requires students to earn 24 credits in order to graduate from high school. Wando seniors earned on average 29.84 credits.
- There were 56 Early Awards recipients for the South Carolina Palmetto Fellows Scholarship.
- Two hundred forty-seven seniors in the Class of 2025 were named Charleston County School District Board Scholars having earned a GPA of 4.25 or higher as calculated at the end of the third nine weeks.
- Students took 716 dual credit courses with an 88% passage rate.
- 1,662 Advanced Placement courses were taken by 973 students.
- 147 Wando students received the Seal of Biliteracy. The Seal of Biliteracy was developed to honor students who have attained high level skills and proficiency in both English and another language. The Seal of Biliteracy is a credential awarded by CCSD in recognition of students who have attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation.
- Wando High School earned Silver Recognition on the 2024 AP School Honor Roll.
- Two Wando students were 2025 National Merit Semifinalists.

School Highlights: Communications

- Wando High School Media had an outstanding showing at the 2025 Southern Interscholastic Press Association (SIPA) surpassing totals from the previous year. *Legend*, Wando's yearbook, and *Tribal Tribune*, the student news magazine each received the Scroggins Award, designating them as two of the best publications in the South.
- In addition, *Legend* was named the Best in Show Yearbook among all attendees at the Fall NSPA conference. Overall, Wando received a total of 83 individual awards, more than any other school.
- In Quill and Scroll's Annual Yearbook Excellence Contest for schools with more than 1,000 students, *Legend* received the 2024 Blue and Gold Yearbook
- Staff Excellence Award, the highest honor given by the organization.
- The South Carolina Scholastic Press Association named *Legend* the Best Yearbook in South Carolina for the fourth year in a row.
- The new Wando Photography Department received more photography awards than all competing schools combined at the SIPA Annual Conference.

School Highlights: Fine Arts

- All three of Wando's Orchestras earned Superior with Distinction honors at the SCMEA Concert Performance Assessment. Thirty students were named to the All Region Orchestra. At Festival Disney, Orchestra students received first place, superior rating, and the top scoring high school instrumental ensemble. The Orchestra Program earned the "Outstanding
- Performance Award - Gold" for its success in Region, All-State, Concert Performance Assessment, and Solo and Ensemble.
- Visual Arts students had four ribbon winners in the Youth Art Show at the Coastal Carolina Fair. Additionally, there was one Gold Key in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.
- Wando's Theatre Department performed two productions this year, *Beetlejuice Jr.* and *Hadestown*. Six students were selected to participate in All-State.
- Wando's Chorus had thirty-one students selected for the 2025 S. C. All-State Chorus.



School Highlights: Athletics

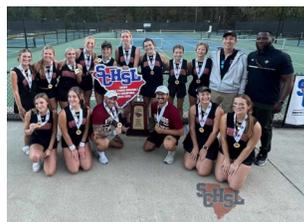


The Wando High School Athletic Program had another outstanding year.

- Four State Championships was won in:
 - Girls Cross Country
 - Boys Lacrosse
 - Girls Swimming
 - Girls Tennis
- Eleven Region Championships were won in:
 - Boys Cross Country
 - Girls Cross Country
 - Girls Golf
 - Boys Lacrosse
 - Boys Soccer
 - Girls Soccer
 - Boys Tennis
 - Boys Track
 - Girls Track
 - Boys Volleyball
 - Girls Volleyball



- Fifty-three senior athletes were recognized as Scholar Athletes by the South Carolina High School League.
- Ninety-four Wando athletes were named to All Region Teams.
- Eight students were recognized as Region Players of the Year in their sport.
- Twenty-seven student athletes committed to play at the college level.
- Fifty-five athletes were South Carolina High School League Multi-Sport athletes.
- Sixteen athletes were named to All Star teams.
- Congratulations to the following coaches who were named Region Coach of the Year:
 - Jeff Emory - Girls Golf
 - Alexis Glover - Girls Volleyball
 - Jared Goodman - Boys Track
 - Bob Lang - Boys and Girls Tennis
 - Kevin Shiver - Girls Track
 - Bradley Ross - Girls Cross Country
 - Shilo Tisdale - Boys Soccer
- Congratulations to Bradley Ross!!! Coach Ross was named State Coach of the Year for Girls Cross Country.



School Highlights: Faculty and Staff Honors

- Eric Wilkinson was named Wando High School's Teacher of the Year. On March 31, 2025, he was named one of the five finalists for Charleston County Teacher of the Year.



- Brittany McPherson was named Rookie Teacher of the Year.

- Jasimine Dyson was named the Classified Employee of the Year.
- Robbie Binnicker, Astronomy and Chemistry teacher, was awarded the Order of the Palmetto. He earned South Carolina's highest civilian award for his dedication to serving students and families in Anderson One for more than three decades, including six years as the district's superintendent.
- Molly Gordon, Culinary Instructor received the 2024-2025 FCCLA Alumni Achievement Award.



Seven senior students made the commitment to enlist and serve in one of the branches of the United States Armed Forces following graduation. For your dedication and willingness to serve, we salute and thank you!

Wandothon had a successful event in March raising over \$19,000 for the Children's Miracle Network to benefit the Shawn Jenkins MUSC Children's Hospital.

Wando's Culinary Teams received the following awards:

- *ProStart 2025 First Place State Champions in Restaurant Management
- *ProStart 2025 Fifth Place National Restaurant Management Champions
- *First Place SC FCCLA Hospitality and Tourism Gold Medalist
- *First Place National FCCLA Instructional Video Design Champions - Gold Medal
- *National FCCLA Culinary Silver Medalist

Additionally, Wando students are the 2025 State FCCLA President and the 2025 State Vice President of Membership.

One Senior Wando student has been awarded a Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange scholarship to spend a gap year in Germany next year. This student secured one of only 50 spots for students in the Southeast.

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The Wando School Improvement Council meets monthly to plan, monitor, and evaluate improvements at the school level. Their work includes school planning as well as communication between students, teachers, parents, and the school administration.

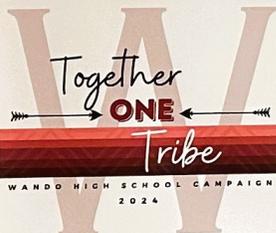
Our PTSO serves as our primary fundraising group for school-wide projects and is the group that organizes and assigns volunteers, works on beautification, supports school celebrations and recognitions, and provides activities for faculty and staff appreciation and support. Our PTSO is a 501.c(3) charitable organization.

The Wando Family would like to salute our SIC, PTSO, Booster Clubs, parent volunteers, community supporters, and the Town of Mount Pleasant for their continuing support. We would also like to thank the Charleston County School District Board of Trustees, the Charleston County School District staff, the St. James-Santee District 1 Constituent Board and the Moultrie District 2 Constituent Board for their assistance.

We are Wando!

Thank you Sponsors!

Thanks to the generosity of our amazing Wando families and community, we raised over \$45,000 for Wando High School!



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