WEST ASHLEY HIGH SCHOOL

2025-2026

SCHOOL INFORMATION & UPDATES

FOR THE WILDACT COMMUNITY

WE ARE WEST ASHLEY

As the proud neighborhood high school for over 2,000 students in Grades 9-12, West Ashley High School embodies the diverse spirit of our West Ashley community. We stand on the rich traditions of Middleton and Saint Andrews High Schools, carrying forward a legacy of academic excellence and strong community ties.

Our mission is to equip every student with the world-class skills and career characteristics needed for success after graduation. We empower our students through diverse curricula and a wealth of extracurricular opportunities, providing pathways for growth. Our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to maximizing student achievement, ensuring every child becomes an adaptable global learner, ready to thrive in a dynamically changing world.

We strive to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment where our Wildcats find their place and a strong sense of belonging within our building. We believe diversity is one of our core strengths and our greatest asset, enriching our community daily. Our focus on fostering well-rounded individuals shines through a comprehensive educational experience that extends far beyond the classroom walls.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of West Ashley High School is to encourage, educate, and empower every student to become a confident, self-directed, lifelong learner who values diversity and possesses the tools for academic, social, and personal achievement.

WHAT WE OFFER

RIGOROUS ACADEMICS

We provide a robust and diverse academic experience, with rigorous programs preparing students for higher education and the professional world. Our dedicated faculty and staff, extensive course offerings, and collaboration with the West Ashley Center for Advanced Studies (CAS) ensure every student is well-prepared for their chosen path upon graduation.

- **Extensive Course Catalog:** Over 200 course offerings to meet varied student interests and needs.
- **Advanced Academics:** 30+ AP and Dual-Enrollment courses, along with honors and college preparatory options.
- **Career & Technical Education (CTE):** 14+ CTE majors providing practical skills and pathways.
- **Vibrant Arts Programs:** 6 distinct Fine and Performing Arts program offerings.
- **Global Language Opportunities:** Numerous World Language program offerings.
- **Industry Certifications (in partnership with CAS):** Offerings ranging from Mechatronics and Auto Tech to Welding.

COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS

Our AAAAA athletic program is a source of pride, featuring competitive teams and dedicated student-athletes. Our program cultivates essential skills like collaboration, leadership, and time management, fostering self-esteem and discipline. With a history of multiple state and region championships, the Wildcats are committed to continuing their legacy of excellence.

More than just a school. It's where students discover their potential, build lasting relationships, and prepare for a successful future.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITY GROUPS

Students have the opportunity to explore a wide array of clubs and activity groups. With over 25+ options available, ranging from Speech and Debate to Robotics, Art, Bass Fishing, DECA, FCCLA, French Club, Junior Civitans, National Honor Society, Pep Squad, Music, and beyond - there's something for everyone!

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

At West Ashley, our "Flex Mod" (flexible modular) schedule revolutionizes the learning experience. This innovative system allows for personalized learning paths, fosters collaborative projects, provides targeted teacher support, and offers greater daily flexibility. As we complete our second year of implementation at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, Flex Mod continues to empower students to develop essential skills for college and career success within a supportive and structured environment.

WHAT IS FLEX MOD?

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL REPORT CARD RATING: EXCELLENT
STUDENT ENROLLMENT: 2043+
GRADUATION RATE: 91.2%
COLLEGE OR CAREER READY STUDENTS: 79.6%
COLLEGE AND CAREER READY STUDENTS: 42.4%
SCHOLARSHIP MONEY EARNED: $4,772,940.00

STUDENT ENROLLMENT ETHNICITY
AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK: 35%
HISPANIC/LATINO: 9%
WHITE: 48%
OTHER: 8%

ADMINISTRATION

PRINCIPAL
Andy Brandt

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL
Joshua Sherman

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS
Monique Cunin
Danielle Dates
Mikkail Jenkins
Nate Pearson
Tristan Robinson
Shannon Turner

Director of School Counseling
Kristan Willis

Athletic Director
Doug O'Donald

Campus Security Director
Clyde King

NOTABLE SCHOOL & STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- West Ashley High School earned an "Excellent" rating on the SC School Report Card for the first time in school history.
- WAHS was named to the AP School Honor Roll this year, recognizing the delivery of strong AP results while expanding student access and participation.
- Dr. Brandt was named the CCSD "Rookie Principal of the Year" for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Over 120 students are currently enrolled in the College of Charleston Scholars Academy; last year's graduating cohort completed 216 college classes on the College of Charleston campus during their senior year.
- More than 140 members of the Class of 2025 earned CTE Completer status, demonstrating mastery in technical career pathways.
- The Class of 2025 National Honor Society seniors maintained a 4.35 GPA and logged over 3,000 community service hours during their two-year membership.
- Senior PACKs completed "Passion Projects" during the 2024-2025 school year, including one group that raised over $1,200 for Lowcountry Orphan Relief.
- Ms. Megan Kee (2024-2025 WAHS Teacher of the Year) was selected as a Top 5 Finalist for CCSD Teacher of the Year.
- West Ashley DECA and NJROTC members volunteered to support the community at the 48th Annual Cooper River Bridge Run.
- The West Ashley Orchestra received an "Excellent" rating at the 2025 SC Concert Performance Assessment.
- Thousands of community members attended both our annual "Wildcat Trunk-or-Treat" and our inaugural "Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony & Holiday Market," which featured over 40 local vendors.
- At the end of the 2024-2025 school year, our athletics department celebrated a powerhouse year with 10 swimming titles (1 State, 9 Region), 52 All-State/Region honors, and 17 college commits; success was school-wide, with multiple teams advancing to the regional playoffs.

KEY INITIATIVES AND STRATEGIC APPROACHES FOR IMPROVEMENT

IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- **Targeted Interventions:** Every 4.5 weeks, we monitor student progress to identify those needing SLT enrollment. These students receive targeted assistance in lieu of ILT until they reach academic milestones.
- **Academic Support:** We provide consistent interventions, including content and credit recovery, alongside strategic SLT individualized support.
- **Graduation Acceleration Program (GAP):** Our GAP team provides specialized counseling and weekly monitoring for students who require a non-traditional framework to meet requirements and reach the graduation stage.
- **Staff Development:** We prioritize high expectations and collaborative, data-driven professional learning to refine instructional strategies.
- **AP & Dual Enrollment Pathways:** We have expanded access to advanced coursework through curriculum interest fairs and focused promotion within classes and PACKs. We provide robust counseling supports and unique summer opportunities for students to continue developing their pathways and ensuring academic success.

INCREASE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- **Student Dialogue Circles:** Throughout the school year, we host student dialogue circles. These sessions allow diverse groups of students to share their thoughts and experiences, providing the school with valuable feedback, direction, and student voice regarding our mission.
- **Expanded Involvement Opportunities:** We continue to grow our extracurricular offerings based on student interest. We also make a concerted effort to promote our clubs and activities at key events, such as Freshmen Orientation, Fall Open House, club fairs, block parties, PACK games, Spikeball tournaments, and our "West Ashley Spotlight" event.
- **Cultivating Peer Mentorship:** Grade-level PACK (credit-bearing course) groups participate in a peer mentorship program that spans across grade levels. By collaborating with other PACKs, this program fosters a supportive environment where students share valuable insights and experiences throughout their collective journeys as Wildcats.
- **Broadening Student Recognition:** We recognize student achievements beyond academics by celebrating qualities such as preparedness, advocacy, collaboration, and kindness. This is achieved through school-wide recognition programs and social media spotlights.
- **Promoting a Positive Environment:** Utilizing our PBIS framework, we highlight positive behavior and student achievement through school-wide shout-outs and various recognition opportunities. Students also earn "Cat Coins," which can be used for rewards and incentive purchases at our school store and throughout the building.

STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY & FAMILY RELATIONS

- **Enhanced Communication:** We have streamlined our school-to-home communication to better engage families. This includes regular newsletters, frequent updates to our school website, and a highly active social media presence.
- **Community Partnership Development:** We continue to build new partnerships with local businesses, non-profits, and higher education institutions. These collaborations —including those through the district's LOCAL program and our PTSO—provide valuable resources and opportunities for our students, families, and faculty.
- **Family Engagement Events:** We host numerous school-wide and community events to bring families and community members to campus. Highlights include our Fact & Fee event, Fall Open House, Hispanic Heritage Night, "Trunk or Treat," our annual "Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Market," numerous athletic community nights, and our "West Ashley Spotlight" night.
- **PTSO Growth:** We have reinvigorated and grown our PTSO, working closely with them to improve school involvement and connection. The PTSO actively supports teachers and students and serves as a key participant and sponsor for all our community events.

CONNECT WITH THE WILDCATS

Here at West Ashley, we're more than just a school- we're a community. Our school is a place where a legacy of tradition meets the strength of our diverse community.

Whether you're a prospective student, a proud parent, an engaged alumni, a faculty member, or just a curious member of our community, there are plenty of ways to connect with the Wildcat family!

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