Mission

With the support of our parents and community, the mission of Williston-Elko Middle School is to develop respectful and productive citizens by providing challenging and enriching experiences in a safe environment.

Vision

The vision of Williston-Elko Middle School is to work as a unified faculty and community to develop exceptional citizens who possess the world-class skills necessary to compete in the global workforce.

Purpose of the Report

This report is issued by the Williston-Elko Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of SIC, and other accomplishments during the year.

SIC Members

Chair: Karisma Young, Parent
Ashley Corbett, Parent
Lisa Howard, Teacher
Vanassa Robinson, Teacher
Vanassa Stroman, Community Member
Nancy Brady Wood, Ex-Officio
Catherine Branch, Student Rep.
Andrea Castellanos, Student Rep
Kyree Hammond, Student Rep
Faith Hilton, Student Rep.

Purpose of SIC

- Provide input and feedback during the development of the school's five-year renewal plan and annual updates.
- 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.
- 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).
- Serve as the liaison between the school, community, and local school board by collecting and disseminating information.
- Assist in implementation of school improvement programs and activities.
- Monitor and report on progress toward improvement goals in the annual SIC Report to the Parents and with the principal in the narrative to the SC School Report Card.
- Provide other assistance as requested by the principal.

Williston-Elko Middle School

Annual School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents"

Patricia Y. Ulmer, Principal

Emilie Mallett, Assistant Principal

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School Demographics

Total Enrollment 154

- African American: 102
- Caucasian: 41
- Hispanic/Latino: 4
- Two or More Races: 7

Goals For 2025-2026

Goals

Goal 1. Student Achievement; To increase the percentage of students who Meet or Exceed on SC Ready assessments in grades 6-8.

Goal 2. Teacher/Administer Quality; Recruit and retain highly qualified and effective teachers.

Goal 3: To improve parent and community involvement to support student achievement in academics.

Action Planned

WEMS is committed to creating a safe learning environment where all of our scholars can grow & thrive academically. The school will continue to customize instructional practices to best fit the needs of all students with a focus on high engagement. The school will continue to engage teachers in meaningful professional learning that promote educator growth. The school will continue to make progress with building relationships between community and school.

Innovative School Programs

- High School credits are offered in English 1, Geometry, and CTE
- Math , STEAM Night, and Literacy Night give families a chance to participate in academic activities.
- Students have the opportunity to take Career Exploration, Digital Learning, and World Languages online courses through SC Virtual.
- Teachers have worked enthusiastically to implement project based learning this school year through the AWAKE STEM BPL Program.
- Student-Interest Clubs are held two days a week.

Community Partners

- Dreams Imagination & Gift Development Program (DIG)
- Healthy Learners
- First Baptist Church of Williston
- JR Farms
- Cumbee Center
- Take Action SC
- STARS Network
- JA Inspire
- AXIS I

Blue Devil Pride

We are proud that ...

- One of our teachers was chosen as one of eight educators from across South Carolina to participate in the Spring 2026 Strategies for Teacher Advancement and Renewal Seminar (STAR).
- Two 8th grade students participated in SRS STEM Like a Girl.
- Our media specialist is a recipient of the SRNS Mini Grant.
- Two students were selected to compete at the National Beta Club Convention.
- Four 8th graders qualified as Junior Scholars.
- Twelve 7th and 8th grade students placed 1st or 2nd and the district Science Fair.
- One 8th grade student is the recipient of the "Class of 1987" Essay Contest
- Forty two of our 6th,7th, & 8th grade students received Certificates of Merit from the Young Writers Competition.
- One 8th grade student was selected as a finalist in the Spring 2026 Young Writers Competition.

2025-2026

Teacher of the Year
Katina Brown

Staff of the Year
Benita Wiggins