

ANNUAL SCHOOL EVALUATION
Watauga Elementary School
2011-2012

Ms. Marie Stanley, Principal, presented a Comprehensive Plan for school improvement as it relates to Washington County Schools Comprehensive Plan. Watauga established goals for the 2011-2012 school year which included the following: (1) to increase student participation and achievement in writing; (2) improvements in public relations; (3) to provide professional development to strengthen teacher quality and teaching techniques; and (4) to meet all local, state, regional, and federal accreditation standards.

Watauga successfully met the goal of increasing student participation and achievement in writing. Professional development was provided on the Four-Square Writing Model and the model was implemented school-wide. Watauga Elementary School also improved public relations including utilization of articles on the County Web Page, Uniting the Division, use of a newsletter, and a successful community Thanksgiving Dinner. Professional development, including book discussion groups, faculty meetings and completion of workshops and trainings was provided to strengthen teacher quality and teaching techniques. Watauga is to be commended for being fully accredited and meeting all federal Annual Measurable Objectives.

The goals for the 2012-2013 school year are the following: (1) to increase student participation and achievement in Mathematics; (2) to provide a safe and nurturing environment; (3) to participate in professional development to improve explicit reading comprehension and fluency strategies and (4) to meet all local, state, regional, and federal accreditation standards.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Watauga Elementary School

2011-2012

- Full accreditation with Watauga Elementary earning full accreditation since 2001
- Success in English, math, science, and social science (Scores from spring 2012)

Reading (Grade 3)	94%
Reading (Grade 4)	94%
Reading (Grade 5)	96%

Mathematics (Grade 3)	71%
Mathematics (Grade 4)	86%
Mathematics (Grade 5)	81%

History (Grade 3)	93%
History (Grade 4)	100%
History (grade 5)	95%

Science (Grade 3)	98%
Science (Grade 5)	95%

- To increase student participation and achievement in writing with emphasis on vocabulary development and higher level thinking skills
 - Word study/word usage as part of instruction
 - Use of word sorts, especially in primary classrooms
 - Continued use of journals
 - Emphasis on the three writing styles: narrative, expository, and persuasive
 - School-wide Literacy Project with emphasis on vocabulary and writing skills
 - Writing tutoring in fifth grade
 - First Place County, State and Honorable Mention DAR winners
 - First, Second and Third Place County Cultural Arts winners in both primary and intermediate categories
 - Increased progress monitoring of RTI students in the area of writing
 - Use of Four Square Model in the content areas of math, science, and social studies
 - Opportunities to compare and contrast
 - Critical thinking unit continued in fifth grade rotation
 - Four Square Writing Model implemented school-wide
- Commitment to Career and Technical Education
 - Guidance classes focusing on careers
 - Visitation of community professionals to kindergarten, second, third and fourth grade classrooms
 - Hover Cams and SMART boards in all classrooms
 - Technology workshops offered after-school
 - Keyboarding instruction implemented in fifth grade rotation and fourth grade classrooms

- Commitment to Fine Arts and physical well-being of every child
 - Continued participation in the PTA Cultural Arts program
 - Fourth/fifth grade choir performing at school and community events
 - Nutrition/fitness unit continued in fifth grade rotation
 - Intentional preparation for physical fitness testing
 - Nutrition program added to kindergarten classrooms
 - GATE after-school programs that focused on music

- Provide challenging educational programs for students with special needs
 - Monitoring of student reading by reading specialist and classroom teachers
 - Planning meetings to coordinate services for special needs services
 - Enrichment program after-school for students with special needs
 - Reassignment of classrooms providing better environment for resource classes
 - Tutoring provided to students who need additional assistance
 - Planning and collaboration between special education and regular education teachers

- Professional development to support goal of increasing student participation and achievement in writing:
 - After-school workshop on the Four Square Writing Model
 - Technology training with emphasis on vocabulary, spelling, and thinking skills
 - After-school workshop on Four Square Writing Model
 - Read and Discussed *What Great Teachers Do Differently* by Todd Whitaker
 - Discussion of and practice with writing model in grades K-5.

DATA ASSESSMENT
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- Staff development of analyzing collected data
 - SOL data shared and discussed
 - Benchmark results compared and discussed
 - STAR report evaluated and discussed
 - Data compiled to identify at-risk students
 - Data compiled to evaluate REACH students
 - PALS used to determine intervention groups
 - Fluency data collected on RTI students
 - STAR, PALS Quick Checks, Power Reading data
 - Training/implementation of iStation data collection and analysis

- Utilizing data to develop, revise, and modify school improvement
 - SOL and benchmark scores analyzed for planning instruction
 - STAR and PALS scores used to target instruction
 - Individual reading assessments administered to students as needed
 - Project Graduation tutors used with flexible groups
 - PALS used to identify RTI students
 - PALS administered three times a year in K-3

- Use data to assess and revise
 - Data from previous year collected and shared with current teachers
 - Collaboration by resource and classroom teachers
 - Increase in tracking of specific skills

OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES

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- Annual request for improvements and renovations are submitted
 - New carpet in the forum
 - Landscaping of school grounds
 - K-3 Hallways painted

- Handicapped parking
 - Handicapped parking remains unchanged
 - General parking continues to be a problem due to limited space

- Facilities Plan
 - Changes in classroom assignments
 - Increased awareness of energy savings
 - Continue to use security system added to the front door
 - Security system utilized at the front door

SECURITY AND SAFETY
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- Providing a safe and secure environment to enhance learning
 - School crisis plan reviewed each semester
 - Washington County Sheriff's Department supervises evening events
 - Unscheduled visits from local and state law enforcement
 - Regular fire drills and other safety drills
 - Fire doors closed in third grade hallway during school hours
 - Security system added at the front door

- Safety of building and grounds and land adjacent to school
 - Annual safety audit conducted
 - Additional staff unloading cars in the morning and loading buses/cars in afternoon

- Involvement of staff in safety
 - Discussion of safety issues in faculty meetings
 - Custodians watchful for needed repairs and adequacy of lighting
 - Revision of exit patterns during fire drills
 - Revision of lock down procedures
 - Opportunities for faculty/staff to make suggestions and express concerns
 - All staff views the Bloodborne Pathogen Video Annually

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Enhancing communication
 - Revision of student handbooks
 - Weekly folders
 - Daily booklets sent home in kindergarten
 - Important correspondence translated for ESL students
 - PTA newsletter published monthly
 - Submission of articles to county webpage and Uniting the Division
 - Parent email listserv used for communication
 - Student Planners in grades third through fifth
 - Marquee sign in front of school listing important dates
 - Monthly calendars sent home to parents of important dates

- Communication, interaction, and collaboration between the school and community
 - Active PTA
 - Monthly PTA program involving students
 - School-wide literacy project, One School, One Book
 - Family Movie Night as a follow-up to the literacy project
 - Science lessons provided by Emory & Henry College students
 - Observers from all area colleges
 - Volunteer choir performs for community events
 - Relay for Life Team
 - Community Christmas projects at each grade level
 - Santa Saturday
 - Family members invited to Thanksgiving Dinner with over 375 visitors in attendance
 - Veterans involved in Veteran's Day PTA program
 - Kindergarten Orientation
 - DARE class and graduation offered by Washington County Sheriff's Office

STUDENT ACTIVITIES
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- Development of the whole child
 - Every child has opportunity to participate in a PTA program
 - Every child participates in school literacy project, Read Across America, Read for the Record
 - Every child has a journal
 - School-wide literacy project with student projects by grade level
 - Volunteer choir offers opportunities within school and community
 - Participation in History Bowl, Spelling Bee, Mental Math Bee, Cultural Arts,
 - Calendar Art Contest, Washington County Fair, Science Fair, DAR Essays competitions, and yearly activity day
 - Summer School and Summer Writing Camp
 - Field Day

- Character Education
 - Character Education song used throughout the year
 - Monthly recognition for students who display specific character traits
 - Citizenship awards each spring
 - Life Skills classes

- Multi-cultural activities
 - ESL students targeted for Writing Camp and Summer School
 - A welcoming climate for students and parents of other cultures
 - ESL teacher who works closely with families

- Entertaining and school-spirited activities used at events throughout the year
 - “Welcome to Watauga” used at events throughout the year
 - Participation in county competitions
 - Purchase of school t-shirts
 - School-wide literacy project culminated with family movie night
 - Participation in Spirit Week for AHS Homecoming
 - Mega Party Day in the spring
 - Relay for Life school wide activities