

ANNUAL SCHOOL EVALUATION
Wallace Middle School
2011-2012

The 2011-2012 school improvement goals for Wallace Middle School were to implement block scheduling, implement a school wide student advisory program and continue with another book study with all faculty.

Block scheduling was incorporated successfully in the middle school schedule after training had occurred in the prior year. The SOL scores for Geography improved by 10 percent in the blocked class so it seems by this indication it was successful. Students were also pleased with the student advisory program that was initiated, giving them an opportunity to participate in collaborative discussions with the administration and fellow students. Additionally, the faculty enjoyed the book read and discussions were held at faculty meetings.

Wallace Middle School met its goals for the school year but their mathematics scores, especially in seventh grade were terrible, scoring a 13% pass rate. Due to this decline one of the new goals for 2012-2013 is to improve those scores to an 80% pass rate. The school will continue to stress community involvement and a major emphasis will be to train the teachers in the use of the new evaluation system for the county.

Wallace has shown steady improvement in student achievement in some areas and is commended for its outreach programs in the community. It has been a great example of a service learning school in the community. Goals have been set based on the disaggregation of achievement data and the administration provides the leadership to move the school forward and improve the academic achievement in all areas.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Wallace Middle School

2011-2012

- Wallace Middle School is a Fully Accredited School & met AMO requirements
- Professional development was provided to faculty members on talents and giftedness versus deliberate practice as during monthly faculty meetings. Teachers read *Talent is Overrated* by Geoff Colvin
- Full inclusion in mathematics and English Language Arts at all three grade levels
- Algebra Readiness instruction (daily tutoring provided for struggling math students)
- Remediation in all subject areas prior to SOL testing
- SOL Tracking Notebooks
- Smart Block—novel studies and SOL remediation
- Writing prompts throughout the school year
- Use of Achieve 3000 by all three grade levels as a means of intervention
- Two-Week SOL Countdown—remediation provided to students in need during school and after school in all subject areas
- School-Wide Read—*Wonderstruck* by Brian Selznick
- Student participation in the Varsity Letter in Reading Program (147 students earned a letter this year)
- Teachers posted assignments and homework on Quia and Moodle sites
- Every G.A.T.E. student has a Gifted Educational Plan (GEP)
- Every student at Wallace Middle School participates in physical education and library classes
- Sixth grade students participate in a nine-week health course
- Tutoring is provided before, during, and after school
- Eighth grade students have the opportunity to earn up to three high school credits before leaving middle school (World Geography, Algebra I, and Spanish I)
- Teachers use interactive websites to enhance student learning
- Wallace Middle School offers three career and technical exploratory programs—Computer Solutions, Technology, and Agri-Science
- *STAR* testing is done a minimum of three times per year to help chart progress of reading comprehension
- More computer access with new lab set-ups
- IXL Math was introduced to seventh grade students
- *Learning Earnings* incentive program was implemented in the seventh and eighth grade

Wallace Middle School – SOL Test Scores

SIXTH GRADE

SOL Test	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Reading	87%	84%	96%	87%	92%
Mathematics	67%	73%	75%	77%	80%
US History	98%	98%	96%	91%	95%

SEVENTH GRADE

SOL Test	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Reading	90%	93%	88%	92%	88%
Civics	91%	86%	90%	88%	78%
Mathematics 7	71%	72%	73%	80%	13%
Pre-Algebra	100%	100%	100%	98%	59%

EIGHTH GRADE

SOL Test	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Reading	84%	88%	92%	93%	97%
Writing	85%	94%	94%	89%	85%
Algebra I	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Pre-Algebra	88%	92%	85%	91%	48%
Science 8	89%	93%	95%	92%	96%
World Geography	82%	91%	85%	87%	97%

2011-2012 Federal Annual Measurable Objectives Results
Wallace Middle School

Reading AMO

Subgroups	Passing Requirements Percentage	WMS Passing Percentage
All Students	85%	92.13%
Proficiency Gap Group 1	76%	87.55%
Proficiency Gap Group 2	76%	TS
Proficiency Gap Group 3	80%	TS
Asian Students	92%	TS
Economically Disadvantage	76%	87.66%
ESL Students	76%	TS
Special Education Students	59%	74.19%
White Students	90%	91.78%

Mathematics AMO

Subgroups	Passing Requirements Percentage	WMS Passing Percentage
All Students	61%	75.26% (3-Yr. Avg.)
Proficiency Gap Group 1	47%	50.21%
Proficiency Gap Group 2	45%	TS
Proficiency Gap Group 3	52%	TS
Asian Students	82%	TS
Economically Disadvantage	47%	51.13%
ESL Students	39%	TS
Special Education Students	33%	49.36% (3-Yr. Avg.)
White Students	68%	75.09% (3-Yr. Avg.)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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- Teachers participated in a school-wide read – *Talent is Overrated* by Geoff Colvin. Teachers presented and discussed the book at monthly faculty meetings
- The faculty developed a “Best Instructional Practices” list to guide good teaching on a daily basis
- Collaborative Team Meetings – grade level teachers would meet monthly to discuss curriculum and issues regarding students
- Our ITRT held workshops throughout the year on a variety of topics
- Professional Development was provided for staff members on block scheduling
- Educational articles were distributed monthly to staff on current events
- Teachers presented on instructional strategies at monthly faculty meetings
- Team leader and faculty meetings were held monthly
- In-service opportunities were provided by the school division throughout the summer and school year
- Several teachers and administrators attended conferences and workshops (this included the VASSP Conference, Technology Festival, AMLE Conference, Region VII Middle School Association Mini-Conference, Model Schools Annual Conference, M.S. Agriculture Conference, SWVTM Conference, NCOT of English, Virginia Math Conference, etc.)

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Wallace Middle School

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- Distribution of annual school division handbook/calendar
- Wallace Middle School Student Handbook
- Submissions to *Uniting the Division*
- Articles posted on county website
- Community Events - PTA Programs, Service Learning Opportunities, College & Career Night at WMS, Athletic Competitions, G.A.T.E. Programs
- Band & Chorus Performances
- Parent Portals
- Positive Performance Letters were sent home to recognize student accomplishments
- Maintained a parent e-mail list with weekly announcements
- School Messenger was used to place calls regarding events and/or other important school information
- Sixth Grade Orientation
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Eighth Grade Class Night
- School website that is kept current
- Marquee updated weekly with school events
- Sixth & seventh grade awards program
- Veteran's Day Program
- Special student recognition (character traits, academic, attendance, and organizational skills)
- WMS *Relay for Life* Team
- Community Service Projects (school-wide)
- Seasonal cafeteria activities
- In-house competitions (Penny Wars, Attendance, Etc.)
- Red Ribbon Week
- Observation of National Day of Prayer
- 9/11 Tribute by 8th grade students
- PTA sponsored "See You at the Pole" in September

OPERATIONS & FACILITIES

Wallace Middle School

2011-2012

- GaGa Pits were built
- Old computer lab was updated with new computers
- Office area and hallways were painted
- New roof installed
- New furniture for the sixth grade computer lab
- Flowers were donated and planted around the building
- Mulch was added to the playground and landscaping
- Restrooms were painted
- New basketball goals were purchased in the gym
- New wall mats were installed in the gym
- New science tables were purchased
- A handicap ramp was built outside the gym
- New cabinets were installed in the Spanish room
- Student chairs (75) were purchased

STUDENT ACTIVITIES
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- Optimist Club's Outstanding Youth Appreciation Award
- Calendar Cover Art Contest
- Principal's Spirit Award
- Jr. Washington County Community Scholars Program
- "Student of the Month" recognition
- Fabulous Friday events – "Back to School Bash", Dances, Talent Show, etc.
- PTA Programs – "Meet the Trojans" Night, G.A.T.E. Play Performance, Band & Chorus Performances, Internet Safety Parent Seminar
- Homeroom Attendance Challenge
- Before, during, and after school tutoring
- SOL Remediation – Two weeks prior to testing
- Student Advisories met monthly
- Intramurals each Friday
- School Dances
- Hat Day
- Eighth Grade Athletics
- After-School Clubs met monthly
- Sixth Grade Orientation
- National Jr. Honors Society
- Girls on Track (after school program to encourage middle school girls to be active)
- Field Trips
- Student Representative of Character Traits
- Veteran's Day Program
- SCA
- Canned Food Drive
- Miss Wallace Middle School
- Community Service Learning Day
- Red Ribbon Week
- Penny War for Ronald McDonald House
- School Book Fair
- Spanish Culture Festivities
- Black History Month Activities
- Educational Talent Search (VHCC)
- Field Day
- Science Bowl Competition

- PTA Reflections' Contest
- PTA Citizenship Essay Contest
- SCA
- Transition Programs – College & Career Night, Career Carnival at VHCC, Neff Center & Technical School Tour, High School Orientation at John Battle High School
- DAR Essay Contest
- “Relay for Life” activities held throughout the spring

SECURITY & SAFETY
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- All medications are secured with students' photo
- Full-time nurse employed
- Designated area for bus loading & car riders
- Emergency bus drills
- Emergency floor plans located in each classroom
- Security system are operational and in use in the evenings & weekends
- Intercom system is available in every room
- Installation of a new roof
- Students participated in a school lock down drill
- Mats in the gaga pits were added
- A handicap ramp was built outside the gym
- Brochures relating to bullying, suicide, peer pressure in the front lobby
- Monthly advisory program which discuss topics about bullying, etc.
- Practiced tornado drills in the spring
- New wall mats were purchased for the gym
- Office staff and other school personnel have been trained in CPR and first aid
- School Crisis Team has been established