

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION  
Wallace Middle School  
2013-2014

- Wallace Middle School is a Fully Accredited School
- Professional development was provided throughout the school year to faculty members on best practices and assessment for learning
- Team leaders also provided enrichment by providing resources in connection to Todd Whitaker's *The 17 Things That Great Teachers Do Differently*
- The faculty and administration continued using a Best Practices binder so that every educator in the building had access to a teacher-tested and teacher-made resource
- Full inclusion in mathematics and English Language Arts at all three grade levels
- Algebra Readiness instruction (daily intervention 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 TeenBiz (Achieve 3000) by sixth grade students as a means of intervention
- School-Wide Read – *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt
- Student participation in the Varsity Letter in Reading Program (182 students have earned a letter this year)
- Teachers posted assignments and homework on Quia and Moodle sites
- All GATE students have a Gifted Educational Plan (GEP)
- Every student at Wallace Middle School participates in physical education and library classes
- 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 a minimum of twice per year to help chart progress of reading comprehension
- More computer access with three classroom labs and three laptop portable labs on wheels
- iXL Math used for remediation and Algebra Readiness in all three grades
- Sixth grade girls participated in STEM program
- Guest speakers visited classrooms throughout the school year
- Career exploratory activities in seventh and eighth grades; eighth grade took field trips to area colleges, Neff Center, etc.)
- DARE program in seventh grade
- Life Skills program in sixth grade (15 weeks) and eighth grade (5 weeks)
- ITSI-SU models used for seventh grade science classes.
- Flocabulary was used to help students with content and vocabulary.

Wallace Middle School – SOL Test Scores

**SIXTH GRADE**

<b>SOL Test</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Reading	96%	87%	92%	67%	79%
Mathematics	75%	77%	80%	75%	78%
US History	96%	91%	95%	86%	90%

**SEVENTH GRADE**

<b>SOL Test</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Reading	88%	92%	89%	75%	71%
Civics	90%	88%	79%	80%	76%
Mathematics 7	73%	80%	14%	40%	58%
Pre-Algebra	100%	98%	59%	76%	95%

**EIGHTH GRADE**

<b>SOL Test</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Reading	92%	93%	97%	71%	76%
Writing	94%	89%	85%	65%	67%
Algebra I	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Pre-Algebra	85%	91%	48%	59%	76%
Science 8	95%	92%	96%	85%	80%
World Geography	85%	87%	97%	90%	91%

## 2013-2014 Federal Annual Measurable Objectives Results

### Reading AMO

Subgroups	Passing Requirements Percentage	WMS Passing Percentage
All Students	69%	74%
Proficiency Gap Group 1	59%	65%
Proficiency Gap Group 2	57%	TS
Proficiency Gap Group 3	60%	TS
Asian Students	80%	TS
Economically Disadvantage	59%	66%
Special Education Students	42%	33% (met on 3-yr. avg.)
White Students	75%	75%

### Mathematics AMO

Subgroups	Passing Requirements Percentage	WMS Passing Percentage
All Students	66%	74%
Proficiency Gap Group 1	57%	64%
Proficiency Gap Group 2	56%	TS
Proficiency Gap Group 3	60%	TS
Asian Students	82%	TS
Economically Disadvantage	57%	67%
Limited English Proficient	53%	TS
Special Education Students	49%	27% (Did Not Meet)
White Students	70%	74%

**OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES**  
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- New laptops were purchased for teachers
- Several classrooms were painted
- Ceiling tiles replaced in several classrooms and a main hallway
- Several lockers repaired in various classrooms
- New sink in eighth grade wet area
- Fresh mulch added to landscaping
- Front entrance door was repaired
- Additional two-way radios were purchased for teachers
- Mural was added to the auditorium
- Divider in the seventh grade wet area was painted
- Four tablets were purchased
- The hallways were numbered
- Wireless internet service upgrade
- Outside of building was painted
- New locks on doors with universal keys
- New furniture was purchased for the conference room and the main office
- New tables were purchased for the Algebra Readiness classroom

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
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- The faculty completed a book study on “What Great Teachers Do Differently” by Todd Whitaker. Teachers presented on chapters in the book during faculty meetings throughout the school year.
- Collaborative Teacher-Administrator Meetings – Each team and the administrators met monthly to discuss academics and issues regarding students.
- The ITRT held technology workshops throughout the year on a variety of topics including a training session on the new laptops.
- CPR workshops were held throughout the school year to meet new teacher licensure requirements.
- Educational articles were distributed monthly to staff on current events.
- 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 conference and workshops. These workshops included: Technology Festival, VMSA Conference, Holston Language Association Conference, Schools to Watch National Conference, B.G. Raines Education Forum, Virginia Regional Science Bowl, GED training sessions, a math meeting with Dr. Kreye from Virginia Tech, etc.
- Several teachers were enrolled in college/graduate courses throughout the school year.
- School division collaboration in content area at the beginning of the school year
- Association Heartsaver Curriculum and Training in First Aid
- CPR Training
- Southwest Virginia Reading Conference
- B.G. Raines Education Forum
- Virginia Regional Science Bowl
- Moodle for the Beginner
- Ready, Set, Test, and Moodle
- Washington County Career Center Tour
- What’s in Your Toolbox?
- Collaborating in the Content Areas to Teach the Research SOLs
- Math Technology Training
- Self Defense Class at the Washington County Sheriff’s Office
- Book Studies
  - “Hero”
  - “What Great Teachers Do Differently”
- After School Technology Training
- Technology Madness Festival
- North Carolina Technology in Education Conference
- Cyber Crimes Conference

- Tech Focus In-service
- Lee Hartman & Sons Expo
- Speaking for the Gifted Conference
- Industry tours of DSJ Industries and Electro Mechanical Corp
- Percussive Arts Society International Conference
- Summer Symposium
- WCS Comprehensive Plan Committee
- Computer Solutions Curriculum Review
- National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform Virginia Schools To Watch Committee
- WCS Professional Development Plan Committee
- Conversations about School Improvement Conference
- Creating and writing books during library classes
- Teenbiz Training
- VDOE English SOL Institute 2013
- VMSA Conference

#### Holston Language Association Conference Courses

- HIUS 6036 “Methods Course in Teaching History”
- HIUS 6038 “The Executive Branch and National Policy”
- “World Geography Connects 1500 to Present”
- EDU 295 “The Crooked Road”
- Recertification Courses through UVA-Wise CTE
- MATH C406: “Thinking Algebraically”
- Mathematics: Hands-on Learning Institute

**PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**  
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- The Junior Washington County Community Scholars Program recognizes those students that maintain a “B” average throughout the school year, have an attendance record of 95%, demonstrate good citizenship during the year, and perform at least 8 hours of community service. WMS had 77 students in 2011, 86 students in 2012, and 83 students in the 2013-2014 School year.
- Each November, Wallace Middle School honors area veterans by hosting a Veteran’s Day Program. The WMS students recognize members of each branch and recognize the veteran with the most service and the oldest veteran. The veterans are invited to stay for lunch and visit with the students.
- The WMS Science Bowl team participates yearly in the state science competition. The team won 2nd in the division and placed in the top 8 at the 2013 state science competition. The competition was held at the Jefferson Lab in Newport News, Virginia. The Jefferson Lab is a national laboratory for nuclear physics research.
- Last year, three WMS students won the first annual science fair and were eligible to attend the Regional Science Fair in Radford, Virginia. WMS’s first place winner won an engineering award called the Broadcom Masters. This year four of our winners advanced to the regional competition and all received an award.
- The WMS music department works throughout the year to prepare our students for a variety of performances and competitions. Both the choral and band students have the opportunity to audition for All-County and All-District Chorus and Band. Selected students spend a weekend with other students across the county and district rehearsing with guest conductors, which culminates in a public performance.
- In the fall of 2012, WMS launched a new program called “No Child Goes Unfed”. This program is designed to assist families in providing food for their child on the weekends and on extended breaks. Each bag contains such items as peanut butter, crackers, soup, cereal, vegetable cups, juice, and fruit. PTA officers and members of the SCA assist in filling the bags.
- A student advisory program has been implemented at Wallace Middle School. Each school year, students are placed in small advisory groups and the goal is to promote a positive school environment by improving relationships, academics, behaviors, attendance, and leadership. A variety of topics are discussed each month such as diversity, tolerance, goal setting, self-respect, and respecting others. The students at WMS look forward to meeting with their groups each month to discuss a specific character-building topic.
- Community Service Day is an annual event at WMS. Students and staff make a difference in their community by partnering with local charities and organizations to complete some type of community service. This year, we participated as a school in the Relay for Life Fundraiser. Everyone is proud to be a part of this collaborative effort to give back to the community and make a difference in the lives of others.
- WMS students also contribute to numerous charities each year: food banks, the American Heart Association, Special Olympics, and Relay for Life.

- Wallace Middle School partnered with local business leaders in an effort to build a strong school community and to promote career opportunities at our school.
- Local law enforcement personnel are visiting our campus daily as part of the collaborative effort with the Washington County Sheriff's Department to make our school a safer place. The Sheriff's Department also coordinates our DARE Program and Officer Sexton educates our students about the dangers of Drugs.
- Implementation of our Watch D.O.G.S. Program through the PTA.
- School news and articles are submitted to the 'Uniting the Division' and to the county's web page.
- School principal sends weekly e-mails out to parents regarding important dates and events.
- School marque is used to promote school activities.



SECURITY AND SAFETY  
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- All medications are secured with students' photo.
- Implementation of the Watch D.O.G.S Program.
- 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.
- Students participated in a school lock down drill.
- 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.
- Monthly fire drills are practiced.
- Additional two-way radios were purchased (entire safe has a radio).
- Additional security cameras were purchased & installed on the outside of the building – the monitor is located in the main office (we now have 16 total cameras).
- Daily visits from the sheriff's department & state police.
- Office staff and other school personnel have been trained in CPR and first aid.
- School Crisis Team has been established.
- School-wide program on bullying.
- All sixth grade students attended a "Cyber Bullying" Workshop conducted by Denise Dew.
- Life Skill and D.A.R.E. classes taught at all three grade levels.
- School division's tip line.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES  
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- After-School Clubs meet monthly
- Awards Day
- Before and After School Tutoring & SOL Remediation
- Black History Month Activities
- Calendar Art Contest County-Wide
- Canned Food Drive
- Christmas Card Contest
- Cindy Roberts Music Award
- Civitan Citizenship Award (8<sup>th</sup> Grade only)
- Class Night
- Community Service Projects
- Dances were held (3)
- DAR Essay Contest
- Eighth Grade Athletics
- Field Day (end of school year)
- Field Trips
- Girls on Track (after school program to encourage middle school girls to be active)
- Hat Day/Gum Day/Sunglasses Day
- Monthly Perfect Attendance Recognition
- Intramurals each Friday
- Jr. Washington County Community Scholars
- Kickball Tournament
- Miss Wallace Middle School
- Motivational Speaker (Bullying)
- Mr. and Miss Trojan Award (8<sup>th</sup> Grade only)
- National Jr. Honors Society
- Optimist Club Award
- Penny Wars for Relay for Life
- PTA Citizenship Essay Contest
- PTA Programs – “Meet the Trojans” GATE Play Performance, Band & Chorus Performances, Internet Safety Parent Seminar
- PTA Reflections’ Contest
- Red Ribbon Week
- Relay for Life Events
- SCA
- School Book Fair
- Science Bowl Competition
- Science Fair
- Sixth Grade Orientation

- SOL 600 Wall
- Spanish Culture Festivities
- Spring Fling
- Storytelling Program – Read Across America “Dr. Seuss”
- Student Advisory Program
- Student of the Month recognition
- Talent Search (through VHCC)
- Talent Show
- Transition Programs – College & Career Night, Career Fair at VHCC, Neff Center Tour, High School Orientation at JSB
- Veteran’s Day Program
- WMS Spirit/Principal’s Award (8<sup>th</sup> Grade only)