

# WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (WCPSS)

Departmental Internet and Intranet Web Sites:  
An Evolving Process

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## BACKGROUND

The mission of the Evaluation and Research Department (E&R) is to improve the effectiveness of WCPSS for all students.

In 2003 the Wake County Board of Education adopted a challenging goal that:

*By 2008, 95% of students in grades 3 through 12 will be at or above grade level as measured by NC EOG or EOC tests, and all student groups will demonstrate high growth.*

### Internet Site

The design and construction of the E&R departmental website began in the late 1990s and improvements have continued to be made since then. In 2004 the navigation to the E&R Web site was enhanced to include a “Students Results” link from the main WCPSS Web page. Changes were also made to the E&R main Web page adding a link to our Mission Statement, Frequently Asked Questions and School Report Cards. With our mission and the Board goal in mind, the E&R Department has strived to provide timely and accurate information to help attain goal 2008. Our Internet Web site was redesigned to:

- Speed up dissemination of reports,
- Broaden report dissemination in and outside WCPSS,
- Inform and educate our constituents,
- Provide general information about the department, and
- Archive departmental reports.

### Intranet Site

The E&R intranet Web site (for staff only) was also redesigned with goal 2008 and our mission in mind to provide WCPSS staff:

- Faster and broader dissemination of internal reports,
- Easily accessible electronic information instead of paper copies
- Links to pertinent internal and external Web sites, and
- Archives of interest to WCPSS staff.



[www.wcpss.net/evaluation-research/](http://www.wcpss.net/evaluation-research/)

## INTERNET DESIGN

From the WCPSS main site, there are two prominent links to the E&R Internet page: directly through “Student Results” and under “Departments”. (See Attachment 1.)

The E&R Web site was designed to be user friendly to accommodate our diverse audience. Reports are grouped by topic and by date of publication. We maintain our site, which speeds up the posting process and is less error prone.

### Main E&R Page

For ease of navigation, the E&R departmental main page is divided into 3 columns (see attachment 2):

Reports	Information for Parents	Other Information
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#### 1. Reports column

- Reports by Topic:  
This link is useful to viewers who already know the category they are looking for or who want to view all the reports on a particular topic. The link goes to a page with all E&R reports divided into four main categories. (Attachment 3)

The four sub-categories under Reports by Topic are as follows. Every category has an “Other Reports” link for reports that fall under a category but which are not listed.

*Survey Results:* All reports with district-wide survey results are on a page where they can be viewed quickly and efficiently by year of survey.

*Test Results:* All test results reports (End of Course, End of Grade, SAT, ITBS, etc). Viewers can compare several years at the same time.

*Program Evaluations:* Results of evaluations of WCPSS programs, e.g. Accelerated Learning Program (ALP), Class Size Reduction, and Safe Schools/Healthy Students.

#### *Policy Evaluations/Demographic Reports/Other Reports*

This category was selected to encompass all reports evaluating Federal or State programs, e.g., grants applications, No Child Left Behind and other reports. Short demographic reports of interest to the community are also included here.

- Reports by date:  
This link is for regular viewers to our Web site, viewers looking for the most up-to-date reports and viewers looking for reports but are not sure of the category or report name. (Attachment 4)

#### 2. Information for Parents column

- Testing Calendars:  
This link helps our visitors to check timing of different tests referred to in our reports.

- School Performance:  
With the elimination of the School Profiles in 2003, we added a link to the School Report Cards produced by NC Department of Public Instruction. A page with links to where all the other school profile information can be found was added under “School Performance.”

### 3. Other Information

- Helpful links on “how to” and E&R E-mail contact are included here.

**Other Features:** Descriptions of each office within the department help distinguish the functions of each section for our readers. A Frequently Asked Questions link and a link to our departmental mission are also prominently displayed.

## INTRANET DESIGN

In support of the 2008 Board goal, we redesigned our Intranet page to match our easy to navigate Internet Web site and to be helpful to staff and students.

### Main E&R Intranet Page

From the main WCPSS Intranet page the E&R Web site can be reached through the “Departments” tab. For ease of navigation, the E&R departmental main page is divided into 3 main columns (see attachment 2):

Reports	For Employees	Links/Other Information
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#### 1. Reports column

In this column we have links to both E&R Intranet and Internet Reports by Date and by Topic. This helps employees to navigate from Intranet and Internet and view various reports with ease.

#### 2. For Employees column

Employees can find frequently requested information/links here. The Grant Writing link is a resource for school staff to quickly find information on applying for grants. This helps support Goal 2008’s strategy *to identify and seek resources necessary to support student success*. E&R phone contact list is also provided.

A link to the archives of WCPSS School Profiles from 1998 – 2003 was added as a source of longitudinal data on schools (for many purposes).

#### 3. Links/Other Information column

We have links to our Mission Statement and to Frequently Asked Questions. A new feature this year is the “Other Research Sites” link, which leads to important sources of research findings. WCPSS administrators and teachers use this information to help support school improvement and other efforts to improve instruction and achievement systemwide.

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2004 Principal of the Year  
Stephen Mares  
Joyner Elementary

2004 Assistant Principal of the Year  
Martha Ramsey  
Middle Creek High

TV: *The School Connection*

- Student Registration ▶
- School Calendars ▶
- Download Forms
- Magnet Programs
- Board of Education
- Coming Events ▶
- Lunch Menus ▶
- Student Results**
- Resource Centers ▶
- Stay Informed ▶
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**SAT Rescheduled for Feb. 5**

The SAT administration scheduled for Jan. 22 at Broughton, Enloe and Millbrook high schools has been rescheduled for Feb. 5.

**Bus Drivers And Teachers Keep Children Safe During Icy Gridlock**

Jan. 25, 2005 - Winter weather and difficult traveling conditions Wednesday, an exhausting day for students and their parents. It was a heroic effort to provide for the safety and comfort of Wake County Public School System students.

**2005-06 Growth Management Proposal Fills New Elementary Schools**

January 21, 2005 - The 2005-06 growth management proposal, one of the smallest assignment plans in the last 10 years, was published today for a two-week comment period.

[List of Affected Schools and Nodes](#)

Links to E&R Dept. Site.

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<b>Reports</b>	<b>Information for Parents</b>	<b>Other Information</b>
<a href="#">Reports by Topic</a> <a href="#">Reports by Date</a>	<a href="#">Testing Calendars</a> <a href="#">School Performance</a> <a href="#">NC DPI School Report Cards (cautions and link)</a>	<a href="#">Permission for Research</a> <a href="#">Developing Grants</a> <a href="#">Related Links</a> <a href="#">Award Winning Reports</a> <a href="#">EBN</a> <a href="#">Contact E&amp;R</a>

To read our reports, please download the [free Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) version 4.0 or higher


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### Published Reports by Topic

Survey Results	Test Results	Program Evaluations	Policy Evaluations/ Demographic/Other Reports
<a href="#">General Information</a>  <a href="#">Parent</a>  <a href="#">Student</a>  <a href="#">Staff</a>  <a href="#">Graduate Intentions</a>  <a href="#">Other Surveys</a>	<a href="#">End-of-Course</a>  <a href="#">End-of-Grade</a>  <a href="#">Writing</a>  <a href="#">SAT</a>  <a href="#">AP</a>  <a href="#">ITBS</a>  <a href="#">K-5</a>  <a href="#">Computer Skills</a>  <a href="#">Competency</a>	<a href="#">Safe Schools/Healthy Students</a>  <a href="#">Magnet Schools Assistance Program Grant</a>  <a href="#">Accelerated Learning Programs</a>  <a href="#">Summer Academy</a>  <a href="#">Class Size Reduction</a>  <a href="#">Student Support Services</a>  <a href="#">Other Evaluations/Reports</a>	<a href="#">ABCs</a>  <a href="#">Goal 2008</a>  <a href="#">No Child Left Behind/AYP</a>  <a href="#">Promotion / Intervention</a>  <a href="#">Dropouts/Graduation Rates</a>  <a href="#">Achievement Gaps</a>  <a href="#">School Performance</a>  <a href="#">Demographic</a>

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Evaluation & Research Reports by Date

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To read our reports, you'll need the free [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#).

Note: Clicking on a report opens a new window. Close or minimize the new window to return.

Date	Title
<b>2004 Reports</b>	
December 2004	<a href="#">Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Results: 2003-04</a> (298 KB Acrobat file)
November 2004	<a href="#">Fast Forward Evaluation: 2003-04</a> (498 KB Acrobat file)
November 2004	<a href="#">North Carolina Writing Assessment Results 2003-04</a> (381 KB Acrobat file)
October 2004	<a href="#">WCPSS Outcomes Summary for 2003-04 with an Emphasis on Achievement Gap Status</a> (270 KB Acrobat file)
September 2004	<a href="#">Wake County Public School System Graduates as UNC Freshmen: College Admissions and Performance Trends Compilation of 1990-2003</a> (213 KB Acrobat file)
September 2004	<a href="#">Preliminary Results on Advanced Placement Tests Given During the 2003-04 School Year</a> (119 KB Acrobat file)
November 2004	<a href="#">Advanced Placement Exam Results 2002-03</a> (306 KB Acrobat file)
October 2004	<a href="#">Magnet Schools Assistance Program Grant APR 2003-04</a> (1.88 MB Acrobat file)

In Reports by date the most recent report is always at the top


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