



State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	9-12 High	Principal:	Joseph C. Keenan
Enrollment:	1,374 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Richard E. Moore
School Phone:	803-283-2001	Board Chair:	Robert Parker
School Website:	http://lhs.lancastercsd.com		



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

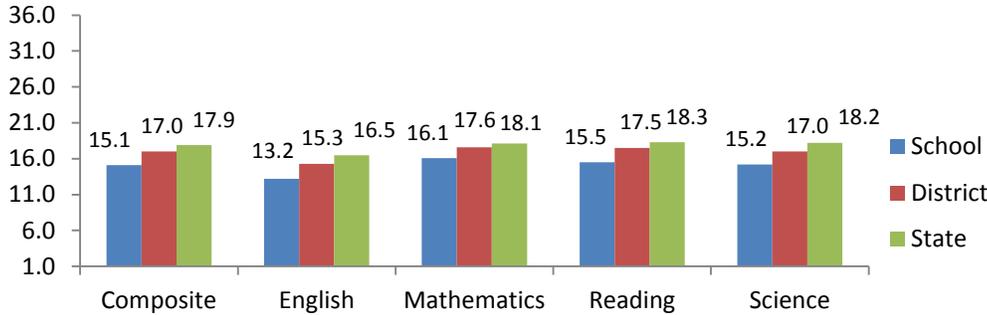
Lancaster High School offers a variety of courses to meet the South Carolina standards for ELA and math. In addition, a number of CATE courses provide classroom instruction with internships available where students learn and apply world class knowledge. Our community/business partners provide resources within and outside the classroom. Child Development, Engineering, Cosmetology, Building Construction, and Culinary Arts classes provide services to our community and enhance learning opportunities for students. Students are capable of obtaining state certification prepared to enter the workforce through several courses. Our students requiring remediation/enrichment may participate in our Read Right Program which develops and enhances reading skills. These efforts and more, support a student's quest for world class knowledge. In developing world class skills, our ninth grade students are introduced to technology and applied research skills via our media center and classrooms. Our Academic Challenge Team, Honors Day participation, speaking and writing competitions, journalism publications, and LearnTV develop world class skills in areas such as creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and knowing how to learn on a daily basis. Programs such as Bear FACTS (advisory) and school wide participation in SAT testing support the requisition and application of the aforementioned skills. Life and career characteristics are a true focus of Lancaster High as embraced by our mission statement. Lancaster High School aims to prepare our students for a responsible and productive future by providing challenging and relevant experiences in a positive environment supported by the community. Opportunities for developing personal life and career goals are provided through Junior Civitans/Civinettes, ROTC, HS 101, Athletic Teams, SC Finance Challenge, and a focus on Individual Graduation Plans beginning prior to high school. Support for students in developing these skills is strengthened through 9th grade orientation, Power House Program, Bear FACTS, Jobs for America's Graduates program and an onsite mental health counselor. Our students face many challenges and have countless opportunities to grow and develop to succeed and fulfill the profile of the SC graduate. We welcome and solicit your input and involvement as we continue this journey.

_____, SIC Chairperson
Joe Keenan, Principal

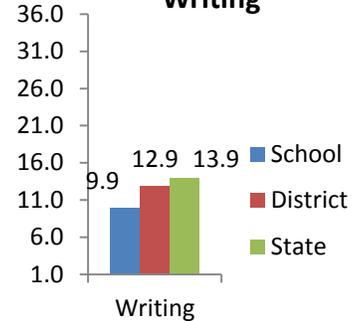
* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

KNOWLEDGE

Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing

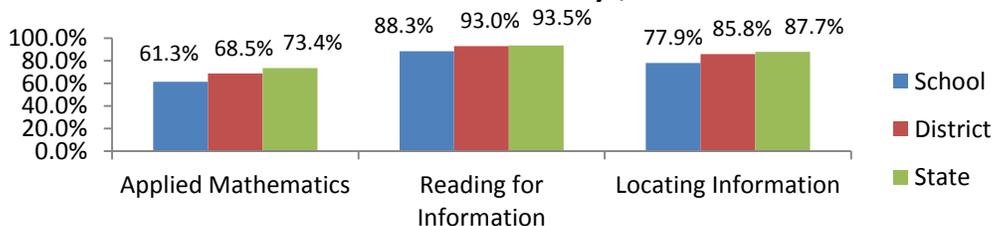


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

Percent of Students Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015				
English Benchmark Score: 18	Math Benchmark Score: 22	Reading Benchmark Score: 22	Science Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
17.9	11.2	11.9	6	3.5

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

Percent of Students Meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver Threshold on WorkKeys, 2015



ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.

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SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
55.8	435	439	408	1282

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	High Schools with Students Like Ours	State
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	59.1	79.2	85.7
English 1	57.6	61.4	75.1
Biology 1	55.1	72.9	77.8
US History and the Constitution	50.2	61.3	69.1
All Subjects	55.8	68.8	77.3

High Schools with Students Like Ours are high schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

OUTCOMES

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	Five-Year
80.3	82.0

School Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
79.3	76.1	75.7	74.4

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
77.7	76.7	76.9	77.5

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
63.7	47.4	42.2

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014		
Our School	District	State
71.9	73.2	70.3

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OPPORTUNITIES**For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 1,374)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	75.6	Down from 79.4%	N/A
Attendance Rate	93.8	Down from 94.3%	94.1
With disabilities	14.9	Up from 14.7%	12.7
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4	Up from 0.3%	0.9
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	3.1	Down from 11.3%	16.3
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	16.7	Down from 17.4%	11.6
Successful in AP/IB programs	36.2	Up from 28.3%	36.7
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	2.0	Up from 1.6%	8.6
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1323	Up from 1090	644
Students participating in work-based experiences	96.5	Down from 100.0%	9.1
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	176	N/A	144
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	100.0	N/A	75.7
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	77	N/A	55
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	99.0	N/A	99.1
Annual dropout rate	3.1	Up from 2.1%	2.4
Dropout recovery rate	2.3	N/A	4.0
Percentage of students retained	1.7	Down from 3.9%	3.0
Teachers (n = 103)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	53.4	Down from 54.4%	59.3
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	81.6	No change	77.8
Teachers returning from previous year	93.6	Down from 94.2%	84.8
Teacher attendance rate	96.0	Down from 96.2%	95.5
Average teacher salary*	\$51,192	Up 1.7%	\$47,740
Professional development days / teacher	14.0 days	Down from 14.7 days	11.2 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	7.4	Down from 18.4%	3.4
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.4

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	88	288	140
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.3	69.5	91.4
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.6	61.1	84.7
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	68.2	80.5	76.3

* Only students in grade 11 and their parents were included.

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	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
School			
Principal's years at school	19.0	Up from 18.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.4 to 1	Up from 24.7 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.0	Down from 89.6%	88.0
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	2.0	N/A	10.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	No change	99.9
Character development program	Good	No change	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	17.0	N/A	15.0
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	18.9	N/A	24.9
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.2	N/C	1.9
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.7	N/C	0.9
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$9,041	Up 6.8%	\$8,986
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.7	Up from 66.5%	56.5
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	68.0	Up from 66.9%	57.9

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Average	At-Risk
2013	Average	Average
2012	Average	Below Average

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
[Report Card Data Files](#)
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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