



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

LAURENS DISTRICT 55 HIGH
Laurens 55
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,490
Principal: Wayne McIntosh
Superintendent: Billy R. Strickland
Board Chair: Rev. Charlie Short

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
9	7	23	0	2

*Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Passed 2 subtests (%)	76.8%	79.0%	77.1%	74.3%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	11.7%	12.5%	12.0%	15.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	11.5%	8.5%	11.8%	10.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.0%	89.9%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

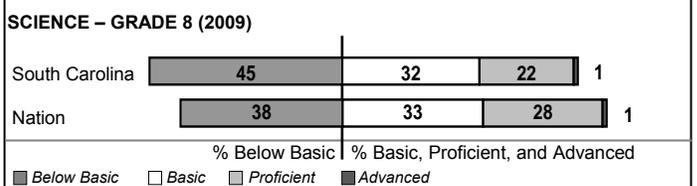
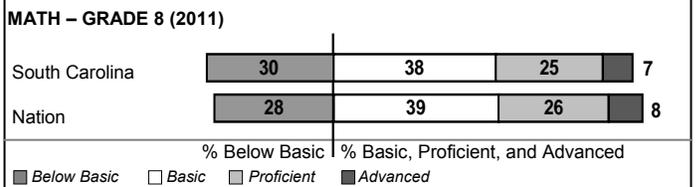
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	443	258
Number of Diplomas	305	175
Rate (%)	68.8%	71.1%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	86.1	73.4
English 1	73.5	60.7
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	76.5	62.1
Physical Science	62.0	52.2
US History and the Constitution	46.3	42.1
All Tests	69.1	58.2

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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LAURENS DISTRICT 55 HIGH [Laurens 55]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,490)				
Retention rate	4.4%	Down from 4.8%	3.8%	3.4%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.9%	95.0%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	11.8%	Up from 6.3%	12.3%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	9.3%	Down from 12.2%	10.6%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	10.2%	Down from 13.3%	7.8%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.1%	Up from 0.1%	0.5%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	18.2%	Up from 13.2%	11.0%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	29.6%	Up from 28.8%	44.3%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	29.7%	Up from 28.2%	30.0%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	6.9%	Down from 9.8%	2.9%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	2.0%	Down from 5.7%	3.0%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1072	Down from 1120	373	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	2.0%	Down from 74.6%	82.9%	83.0%
Teachers (n=87)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Up from 63.8%	59.8%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	81.6%	Down from 81.9%	80.4%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.0%	Up from 87.3%	86.3%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	94.2%	Down from 95.9%	95.5%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,844	Down 0.8%	\$46,880	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.3%	Down from 4.1%	2.0%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	13.2 days	Up from 12.4 days	10.2 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.3 to 1	Down from 32.4 to 1	26.5 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.9%	Down from 91.0%	89.2%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,166	Down 6.4%	\$7,940	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.0%	Up from 55.4%	57.8%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.8%	Up from 58.8%	61.1%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.1%	Up from 95.9%	97.3%	97.3%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	52.4%	Down from 61.9%	61.9%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2010-2011 school year was an exceptional one at Laurens District 55 High School. Mr. Wayne McIntosh, in his third year as principal, continued leading the faculty through intense data analysis in order to positively affect student achievement by using the data to guide classroom instruction and individual student remediation plans. The professional development offered to the faculty this year centered around benchmark testing, instructional strategies for the standards-based classroom and communal planning.

This year at LDHS, we were fortunate to have the opportunity of learning and growing via visits from several outside review teams. We were visited and received very positive feedback from the following teams: AdvancED, High Schools That Work, and National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation.

Rick McCloud served as Teacher of the Year for our school this year and represented the faculty in an extremely professional manner. Mr. Andy Entekin, LDHS Band Director, was also named a WYFF4 Golden Apple Award winner.

Much effort was spent this year in assisting students to perform at grade level standards. Through funding received for at risk students, we were able to offer credit recovery and attendance recovery sessions targeted for only ninth grade students in addition to the school-wide programs funded by the district. Teachers also held homework study sessions for all core subject areas for ninth grade students after school.

In addition to numerous sporting and extracurricular recognitions this year, it was a banner year for scholarship recipients as well. The Class of 2011 earned in excess of four million dollars.

This was a year of growing and learning for all at LDHS. We look forward to discovering where knowledge gained this year will lead us in the future.

Wayne McIntosh, Principal
Rick McCloud, SIC Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	66	219	19
Percent satisfied with learning environment	71.2%	69.4%	88.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	81.8%	73.7%	61.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	57.6%	84.3%	64.7%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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