



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

LIBERTY HIGH
Pickens
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 663**
Principal: Lori P. Gwinn
Superintendent: Henry H. Hunt, Ph.D.
Board Chair: Alex Saitta

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	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	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
10	10	17	1	1

*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 (%)	79.5%	79.7%	79.6%	77.9%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	7.8%	10.1%	10.9%	12.7%
Passed no subtests (%)	12.7%	10.1%	9.7%	9.4%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	92.6%	91.3%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

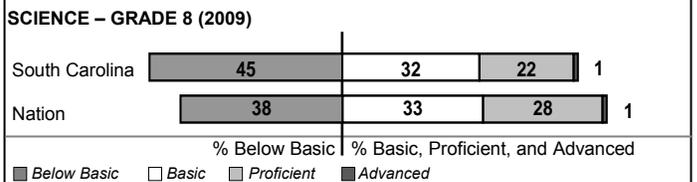
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	175	293
Number of Diplomas	109	209
Rate (%)	62.3%	71.9%

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	72.6	76.9
English 1	61.5	66.3
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	62.7	69.2
Physical Science	50.0	57.2
US History and the Constitution	40.3	47.6
All Tests	56.9	63.0

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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=663)				
Retention rate	3.6%	Up from 2.1%	3.8%	3.4%
Attendance rate	92.8%	Down from 93.8%	94.3%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	12.9%	Up from 6.8%	16.5%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	12.3%	Down from 13.7%	11.0%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	7.1%	Down from 9.4%	7.1%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.2%	Down from 1.4%	0.7%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	10.0%	Down from 15.7%	14.6%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	50.0%	Up from 32.2%	50.5%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.0%	Down from 62.1%	32.8%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	6.6%	Up from 4.6%	3.2%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	2.1%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	266	Down from 302	489	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	76.3%	Down from 82.0%	81.4%	83.0%
Teachers (n=39)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.0%	Down from 61.5%	61.1%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	84.6%	Up from 82.1%	86.3%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.9%	Up from 86.7%	87.8%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	98.0%	Up from 96.3%	95.6%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,320	Down 2.1%	\$47,126	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	1.5%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	18.8 days	Up from 8.4 days	10.9 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	0.5	Down from 14.0	3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.8 to 1	Down from 30.6 to 1	29.6 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Up from 89.0%	89.1%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,892	Down 1.3%	\$7,291	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.2%	Up from 54.3%	56.7%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.7%	Up from 57.4%	59.4%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	89.6%	Up from 61.6%	97.0%	97.3%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	46.2%	Down from 69.2%	65.2%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	44	91	12
Percent satisfied with learning environment	83.3%	76.7%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.7%	75.6%	75.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	65.9%	82.2%	83.3%

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Founded in 1897, Liberty High School is a 9-12 school, serving a diverse population of students. We believe that we are to prepare all students to be adaptive and productive citizens through emphasis on academic excellence, career preparation, and life-long learning in a safe and caring environment. Liberty High School offers college prep, honors, dual enrollment, and Advance Placement courses and continues to be a model school in implementing the state of South Carolina's new Education Economic Development Act (EEDA). We have been the leader in our district for using the new Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) system to advise students on career pathways. Club One is now part of the culture here at LHS. This is a comprehensive teacher/student advisory system that exposes students to career, social, character, and academic skills. LHS is fully involved with the HSTW system. HSTW is a major network of middle and high schools that provide support for school improvement initiatives.

Our accomplishments for the 2010-2011 school year are the following:

- Class of 2011 partners with Habitat for Humanity to build a house in Liberty
- Full implementation of Club One (advisory system)
- Service learning opportunities through English 4, Civic Responsibility, Beta Club and Youth in Government, Life Force, JROTC, Athletic Teams, and Student Government
- Teacher Training Program for the students district-wide that are interested in the teaching profession
- Competitive Cheer Team won a 5th consecutive State Championship
- Increase in number of students and course opportunities in dual-enrollment with Tri-County Tech
- After-school HSAP tutoring available prior to both fall and spring HSAP
- HEAT (extra help) program established for students in all subjects
- Club One Olympics
- Use of virtual/online learning tools in many LHS classes (blogs, online quizzes, document submissions, etc.)
- Santa Cause raised funds (\$5,000+) to support over 10 LHS families during the Christmas season.
- Many LHS athletic teams advanced to the playoffs. Cheer, Volleyball, Boys Cross Country, and Boys Track won conference titles. Wrestling won the All County title.

Roy Costner, SIC Chairperson
Lori Gwinn, Interim Principal

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