



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Darlington High School
 Darlington County
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,045
 Principal: Dr. Greg Harrson
 Superintendent: Dr. Rainey H. Knight
 Board Chair: Warren Jeffords

PERFORMANCE

Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2012	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	D	N/A
2011	Good	Average	Silver	Gold	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	7	20	2	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. 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	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
Passed 2 subtests (%)	70.8%	83.6%	69.9%	72.4%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	16.0%	9.0%	16.6%	15.8%
Passed no subtests (%)	13.2%	7.4%	13.5%	12.6%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2013

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	96.0%	87.5%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

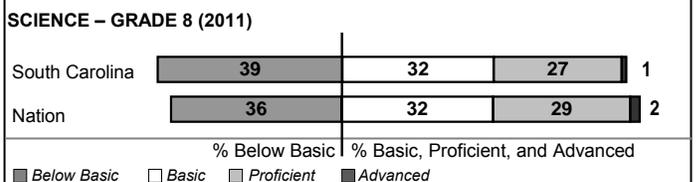
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	235	165
Number of Diplomas	217	125
Rate (%)	92.3%	72.3%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2013

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	79.0	67.2
English 1	54.1	58.4
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	67.9	66.5
US History and the Constitution	46.5	40.4
All Tests	62.7	57.9

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.

Abbreviations Key

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,045)				
Retention rate	5.1%	Down from 7.9%	3.7%	2.9%
Attendance rate	93.3%	Up from 92.9%	94.7%	95.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	5.5%	N/A	10.9%	17.5%
With disabilities	18.8%	N/A	13.9%	11.9%
Older than usual for grade	13.9%	N/A	10.2%	7.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.9%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.5%	Up from 0.0%	5.9%	15.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	22.7%	51.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.6%	Down from 28.7%	30.0%	30.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.5%	Up from 0.4%	2.3%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Teachers (n=74)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	47.3%	Down from 50.0%	61.7%	63.4%
Continuing contract teachers	82.4%	Up from 75.0%	71.4%	78.8%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.0%	Up from 80.9%	82.6%	86.2%
Teacher attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 94.7%	94.8%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$43,791	Up 1.0%	\$46,645	\$48,699
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	1.9%	2.5%
Professional development days/teacher	16.7 days	Down from 16.9 days	10.7 days	9.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.2 to 1	Down from 23.8 to 1	23.1 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.8%	Up from 86.4%	87.9%	89.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,734	Up 7.0%	\$9,321	\$7,919
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.0%	Up from 57.6%	55.0%	57.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.0%	Up from 61.6%	58.0%	60.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 96.4%	97.4%	97.7%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	89.0	Up from 68.0	67.0	77.4

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	59	143	40
Percent satisfied with learning environment	76.3%	73.5%	90%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	83.4%	78.4%	71.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	58.3%	82.6%	80%

*Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Darlington High School has experienced a banner year academically and athletically. We are truly "in the pursuit of excellence." Our school strives to meld academic and technical studies while ensuring that every course is challenging and engaging.

Darlington High School boasts among its many accomplishments, Palmetto Gold and Silver awards in recognition of our 93% graduation rate and our success closing the achievement gap through academic excellence, SAT Magna cum Laude Award for rapid improvement in SAT scores, and the ACT Magna Cum Laude Award for rapid improvement in ACT scores. Our graduating class, the class of 2013, received more than \$2,000,000.00 in scholarships, 64 graduates received the Life Scholarship, 9 graduates received the Hope Scholarship, and 20 members of the class received up to 33 hours transferrable college credit from our Honors College Magnet Program. As well as excelling academically, Darlington High School has also made great strides outside of the classroom. The Track team won Region 6AAA championship for the 5th consecutive year. The Cross Country team won the region for the 3rd straight year. Darlington High School had multiple all-state and all-region athletes, numerous region championships, a Lower-State Championship in softball, and many student athletes sign to play collegiate sports next year.

Darlington High School Falcons were also committed to serving their community through service learning projects. The 32nd annual Christmas food drive raised \$7,000 and served 53 families. The National Honor Society collected over 328 Toys for Tots during Christmas, and purchased 100 teddy bears for McLeod's Children's Hospital. Our Key Club held the 2nd annual "Darlington Day of Service" project where hundreds of students volunteered at various businesses, parks, and schools. Key Club also implemented a recycling program to educate the student body on ways to help the environment. In addition, the Student Government fundraised for Breast Cancer Awareness, Hospice Care, and hosted 3 Red Cross Blood Drives. 55 graduates were recognized for donating on three separate occasions during their tenure at Darlington High. Our JAG program participated in a national leadership conference in Washington.

Darlington High School makes a concerted effort to recognize and celebrate student excellence through our school-wide incentive programs. The Triple Crown Award, which honors students who are successful on their first attempt at HSAP, recognized 200 students this year. The Falcon Pride Awards celebrated students who demonstrated Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, and Excellence. Through this program, over 1500 students were recognized by faculty members. From these, a student was chosen each month to serve as Student of the Month. More than 200 students were honored each quarter for perfect attendance and academic achievement.

The success of Darlington High School students is directly correlated to the high standards set by the Falcon Faculty. Six of our teachers hold National Board Certification, and over half of the faculty hold advanced degrees. Ms. Jane Lloyd, SIC Chairperson

Dr. Greg Harrison, Principal

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NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status