



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Laurens District 55 High School
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 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,542
 Principal: Sonya M. Bryant
 Superintendent: Dr. Billy R. Strickland
 Board Chair: Mrs. Susan Calhoun-Ware

PERFORMANCE

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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	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	F	N/A
2012	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2011	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
13	13	10	0	2

* 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 (%)	77.4%	76.3%	75.4%	78.1%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	15.0%	12.2%	14.9%	13.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	7.6%	11.5%	11.9%	9.3%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2013

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.4%	90.4%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

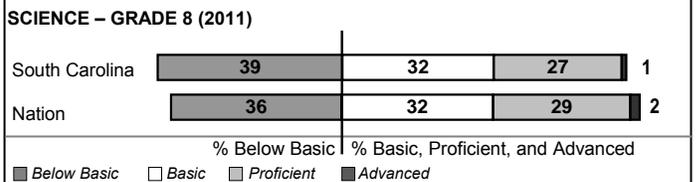
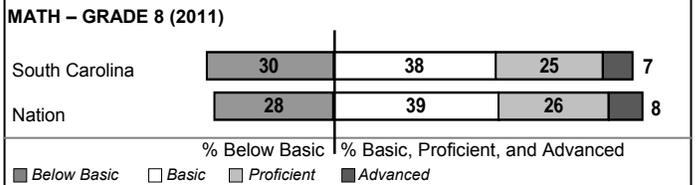
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	363	232
Number of Diplomas	268	165
Rate (%)	73.8%	74.9%

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	84.2	74.1
English 1	75.0	66.6
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	79.1	72.5
US History and the Constitution	61.3	48.5
All Tests	75.2	63.1

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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Laurens District 55 High School [Laurens 55]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,542)				
Retention rate	3.8%	No Change	3.5%	2.9%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.9%	95.5%	95.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	15.3%	N/A	15.8%	17.5%
With disabilities	12.7%	N/A	12.9%	11.9%
Older than usual for grade	12.7%	N/A	9.3%	7.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Up from 0.1%	1.1%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	15.1%	Up from 13.9%	8.3%	15.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	37.0%	Up from 33.3%	47.0%	51.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.3%	Up from 25.6%	30.8%	30.6%
Annual dropout rate	4.2%	Down from 4.7%	2.7%	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=77)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.4%	Down from 65.8%	61.5%	63.4%
Continuing contract teachers	84.4%	Up from 79.7%	81.1%	78.8%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.3%	Up from 88.4%	85.7%	86.2%
Teacher attendance rate	92.8%	Down from 93.6%	95.1%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,012	Up 2.1%	\$48,262	\$48,699
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	3.3%	2.5%
Professional development days/teacher	16.7 days	Up from 15.7 days	9.7 days	9.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 4.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	35.8 to 1	Up from 25.8 to 1	26.9 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.8%	Down from 87.1%	89.1%	89.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,983	Down 5.3%	\$8,018	\$7,919
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.0%	Down from 56.4%	57.0%	57.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.0%	Down from 58.4%	59.0%	60.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.6%	Up from 95.6%	98.3%	97.7%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	50.1	Down from 75.6	68.8	77.4

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2012-2013 school year was one of transition and growth for students and faculty at Laurens District 55 High School. Mrs. Sonya Bryant, former assistant principal, began the year as interim principal and was fully instated as principal during the month of March 2013. The faculty and staff of LDHS spent much time analyzing existing programs to determine the effectiveness as it relates to student achievement.

This year the entire faculty completed intensive training in Cultural Responsiveness. In addition, all faculty members completed a minimum of six hours technology training to enhance classroom instruction. All departments at LDHS also worked to transition from the teaching of South Carolina State Standards to the Common Core State Standards. Much professional development time was allotted for that purpose.

Mr. Robert Sheffield served as teacher of the year for Laurens District High School and Laurens School District 55. He represented the educators in our district in an exceptional manner.

Through funding received for working with At-Risk Students and Climate Improvement emphasis was placed on ensuring students are not retained and successfully move through high school in a four-year time frame.

In addition to numerous sporting and extracurricular recognitions this year, one group earned national recognition. Our inaugural Robotics Team partnered with corporate sponsors to earn awards at two regional meets and the world championships.

The Class of 2013 earned in excess of 2.8 million dollars in scholarship funds.

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

Sonya M. Bryant, Principal
Billy Dunlap, School Improvement Chair

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	82	286	36
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.4%	70%	80.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	87.7%	73.8%	80.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	69.9%	82.5%	79.4%

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

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