



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Liberty High School
PICKENS COUNTY

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 688

Principal: Lori Gwinn

Superintendent: Dr. Daniel Merck, Ed. D.

Board Chair: Alex Saitta

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
2014	Good	Below Average	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2013	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	A	N/A
2012	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATING OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
27	11	3	1	4

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

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

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
Passed 2 subtests (%)	82.8%	77.5%	80.3%	74.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	11.8%	16.3%	12.4%	16.7%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.3%	6.2%	7.3%	9.0%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2014

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.2%	90.4%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	161	255
Number of diplomas	113	192
Rate (%)	70.2%	75.0%

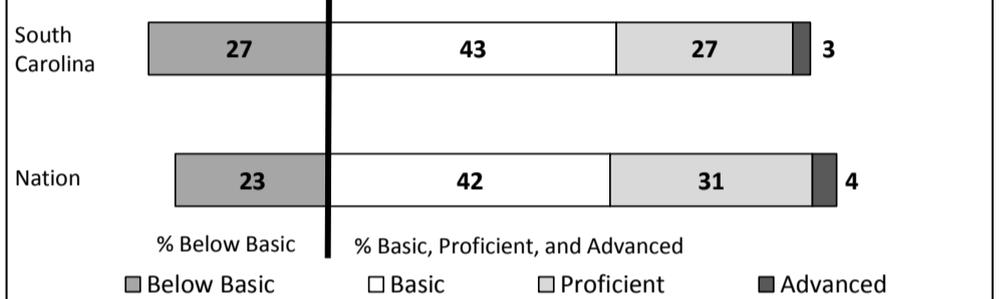
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	73.6%	80.7%
English 1	72.6%	71.6%
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	85.3%	76.8%
US History and the Constitution	67.1%	60.2%
All Tests	75.4%	70.8%

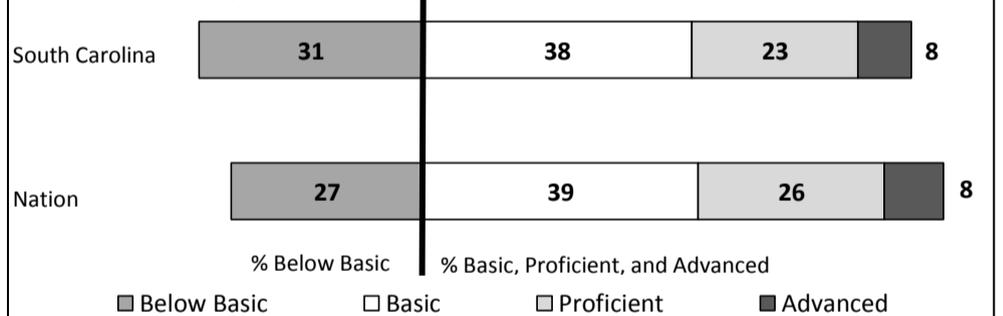
NAEP*

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

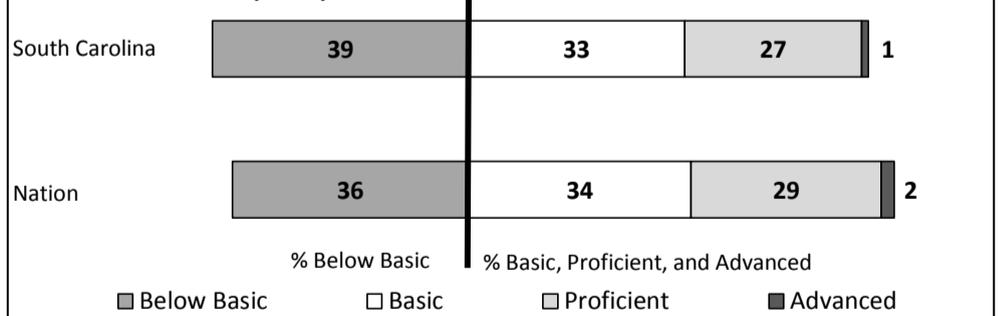
READING - GRADE 8 (2013)



MATH - GRADE 8 (2013)



SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2011)



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 = 688)				
Retention Rate	6.1%	Up from 4.4%	3.2%	3.0%
Attendance Rate	94.7%	Down from 94.8%	96.3%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	16.5%	Up from 15.2%	16.5%	17.7%
With disabilities	14.5%	Up from 13.0%	11.7%	11.5%
Older than usual for grade	11.5%	Up from 11.2%	7.1%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Down from 1.3%	1.1%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	10.2%	Down from 12.3%	15.6%	15.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	50.0%	Down from 51.0%	55.6%	52.8%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	61.0%	Up from 59.6%	30.9%	30.6%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No change	2.9%	5.3%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	318	Down from 319	418	423
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	83.5%	Up from 75.2%	82.7%	84.5%
Annual dropout rate	5.4%	Up from 4.0%	2.8%	2.1%

Teachers (n = 41)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.1%	Up from 51.3%	67.2%	64.3%
Continuing contract teachers	75.6%	Down from 76.9%	83.9%	77.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.4%	No change	88.2%	85.5%
Teacher attendance rate	98.9%	Up from 96.1%	95.5%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,809	Down 2.3%	\$49,158	\$48,414
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	1.8%	3.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.0 days	Up from 11.0 days	10.5 days	10.0 days

School				
Principal's years at school	3.5	Up from 2.5	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.5 to 1	Down from 31.4 to 1	27.6 to 1	26.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.9%	Up from 89.8%	90.5%	90.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,285	Up 0.5%	\$7,683	\$8,238
Percent expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.2%	Up from 60.0%	57.1%	56.9%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.5%	Down from 61.0%	58.3%	58.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	78.0%	Down from 90.9%	98.5%	98.7%
Character development program	Average	No change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	80.1	Down from 91.3	85.1	84.1

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	39	75	22
Percent satisfied with learning environment	92.3%	76.0%	86.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	97.4%	79.7%	85.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	74.4%	90.6%	85.7%

* 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

Liberty High School is a AA high school in a rural setting in the upstate of South Carolina. We offer students a wide variety of strong programs in academics, arts, and athletics. Students can take AP Human Geography, AP Literature, AP Biology, and AP US History along with dual enrollment courses with Tri-County Technical College: English 101/102, Economics, Math 120, Political Science. Additional courses are offered to students on their campus sites. Students have opportunities to achieve membership in the International Thespian Society and National Beta Club. Students can participate in clubs like Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Student Government Association. We offer unique classes that include Ultimate Frisbee, Special Olympics preparation, Theatre Design, and 3D Art. The LHS Band is growing and finished with commendable evaluations at Concert Festival. LHS has students compete and achieve at All State in Chorus, Band, and Athletics. LHS has opportunities in 14 sports with all athletic facilities on the school site. This year a tennis club was added to expand the interest in tennis at LHS. Competition Cheer and Wrestling were both runners up at State. Several athletes advanced to Upper State and State in individual sports. Two wrestlers and one track athlete took individual state medals in their respective sports.

In the classroom, students have instruction that engages them in active learning opportunities. Classes begin with activators and end with summarizers to help introduce, reinforce, and reteach material. Students in Environmental Science partnered with Vulcan Materials to develop a nature trail, complete with learning stations. The Career Prep class completed an environmental grant through the SC Soil and Water Conservation group and planted raised beds and partnered with Environmental Science with a focus on recycling at LHS. Several teachers in math, English, social studies, science, and PE embraced the use of Edmodo and other Web 2.0 tools for use with student communication and course assignments. Some teachers used flipped instruction to engage students further with technology in the learning process. Others implemented Bring Your Own Technology activities in the classroom to expand student opportunities to use technology for learning.

LHS continues to address school needs and challenges. Every student has an advisor, a guidance counselor, and an assistant principal assigned to him or her who remains with that student for all four years of high school. We have a graduation coach to help with struggling and at risk learners. Our freshmen start with an orientation to high school. LHS hosts College Application Day and assists seniors and their parents with the college application process. Over ¾ of the senior class enroll in a college or university on this day. LHS holds a college, career, and community fair. LHS continues to develop strategies to further engage parents and community members in the learning process. LHS has a high population of students who are on free and reduced lunch, who have learning challenges, and who are first time high school graduates and/or college students; therefore, we believe that our students deserve every opportunity to succeed and have the preparation necessary to succeed.

Liberty High School continues on its mission to prepare students to be college and career ready for the twenty-first century.

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