

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Laurens District 55 High
 Laurens 55
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,510
 Principal: Wayne McIntosh
 Superintendent: Dr. 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		
2009	Average	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	8	24	4	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/23/2010. 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	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Passed 2 subtests (%)	74.3%	76.7%	78.8%	73.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	11.6%	12.7%	11.4%	13.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	14.1%	10.6%	9.8%	12.4%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.6%	93.4%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

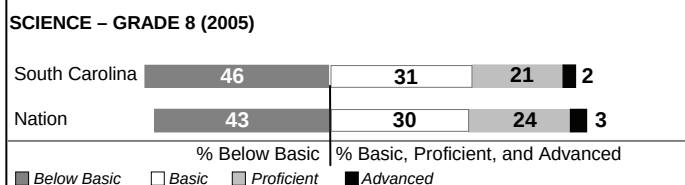
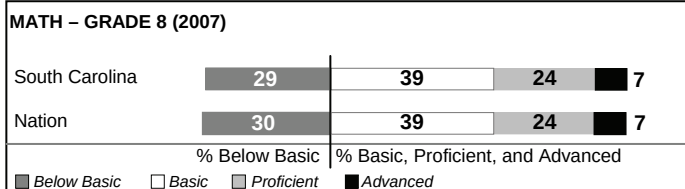
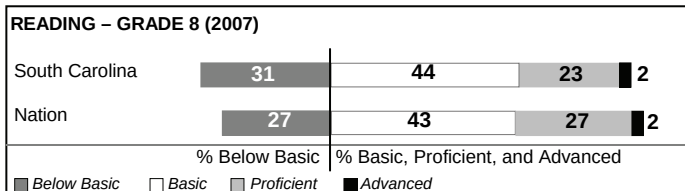
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	392	251
Number of Diplomas	269	183
Rate (%)	68.6%	74.7%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	70.6%	70.3%
English 1	69.2%	58.7%
Physical Science	55.1%	48.2%
US History and the Constitution	51.0%	36.0%
All Tests	61.2%	52.3%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 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=1,510)				
Retention rate	3.9%	Down from 5.2%	4.8%	4.8%
Attendance rate	99.7%	No Change	94.9%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	No Change	10.0%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	13.2%	Down from 14.0%	13.7%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	8.7%	Down from 10.8%	9.1%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Up from 0.1%	0.7%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	11.4%	Down from 11.6%	11.6%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	34.2%	Down from 36.4%	51.2%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	25.4%	Down from 26.4%	29.4%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	5.4%	Down from 7.5%	4.4%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	6.2%	Up from 5.5%	3.0%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1127	Up from 1073	445	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	74.5%	Up from 74.1%	78.3%	79.3%
Teachers (n=94)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	58.5%	Up from 53.1%	57.6%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	86.2%	Up from 77.1%	76.1%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	9.0%	Down from 14.3%	6.4%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.5%	Up from 80.4%	86.9%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.3%	Down from 96.1%	95.5%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,920	Up 6.8%	\$47,839	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	6.4%	Up from 4.5%	3.9%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	15.9 days	Down from 18.5 days	12.4 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 3.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	32.3 to 1	Up from 29.3 to 1	26.2 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.4%	Down from 93.8%	89.7%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,556	Down 13.2%	\$7,641	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.9%	Down from 57.7%	54.1%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.9%	Down from 61.2%	59.2%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	70.4%	Down from 74.4%	96.4%	95.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	85.7%	Up from 71.4%	65.7%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	91	243	11
Percent satisfied with learning environment	80.0%	71.5%	100.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	86.7%	71.0%	72.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	62.2%	85.1%	90.0%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2008-2009 school year was one of transition and growth for students and faculty at Laurens District 55 High School. Mr. Wayne McIntosh brings many years of experience and wisdom to his role of principal of LDHS. We are delighted to have been named a South Carolina Palmetto Silver Award Winner for improvement in student achievement. Our chief initiative this year centered around Professional Learning Communities within our school community. These small groups of teachers met to examine student work and review professional literature in a collegial setting. The single purpose within these groups was to refine and perfect instruction to better impact student achievement. All faculty members were trained in structured protocols to guide the work of the groups. English, Mathematics, and Science teachers participated in departmental studies where the focus was using literacy-rich instructional strategies in the classroom. Mathematics teachers spent much time this year developing and implementing benchmark tests and common assessments as they worked to improve student achievement in mathematics classes. The Class of 2009 finished their high school careers in a stellar manner. 276 seniors earned South Carolina Diplomas. Collectively this class was offered more than \$2,500,000.00 in scholarship funds. Two seniors received the South Carolina Academic Honors Award this year. Debbie Simpson, a member of the English Department, was the 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year for LDHS and for Laurens County School District 55. We hold deep respect for Mrs. Simpson and the work she does for our students at LDHS. We are proud of the education students at Laurens District 55 High School receive as we work to develop life-long thinkers and problem solvers who are equipped to meet the challenges of the 21st century work force. Wayne McIntosh, Principal; Jonathan Schwalbe, School Improvement Chair

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