

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

LANCASTER HIGH
Lancaster County
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 1,656**
Principal: Joseph C. Keenan
Superintendent: Dr. Gene Moore
Board Chair: Bobby Parker

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		
2010	Average	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	7	22	2	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. 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	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Passed 2 subtests (%)	70.6%	61.5%	74.2%	76.1%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	14.8%	21.2%	13.5%	12.7%
Passed no subtests (%)	14.6%	17.3%	12.3%	12.4%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	84.7%	88.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

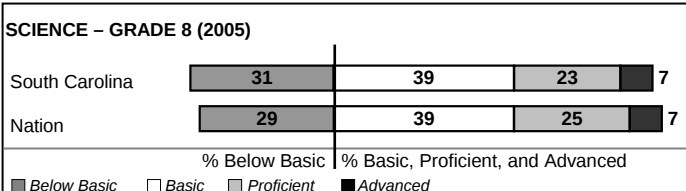
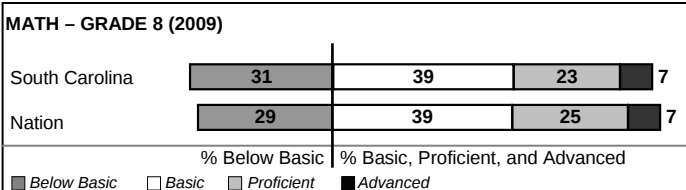
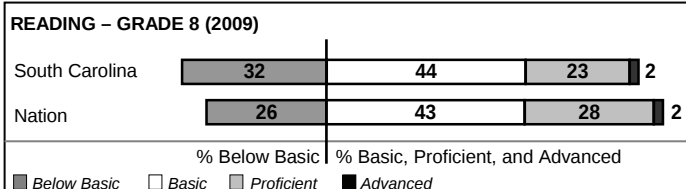
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	486	240
Number of Diplomas	346	169
Rate (%)	71.2%	71.5%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	54.8	71.5
English 1	66.3	62.4
Physical Science	40.7	46.7
US History and the Constitution	27.8	35.4
All Tests	47.2	52.5

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=1,656)				
Retention rate	4.1%	Up from 3.4%	4.1%	3.7%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 99.7%	95.2%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	No Change	9.7%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	14.4%	Up from 12.1%	13.9%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	7.9%	Up from 6.9%	10.3%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 0.3%	0.6%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	17.1%	Down from 21.0%	10.6%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	35.7%	Up from 29.8%	47.9%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	50.3%	Down from 51.4%	31.4%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	3.5%	Down from 4.5%	3.2%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	1.4%	Down from 1.9%	5.6%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1229	Down from 1331	484	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	83.2%	Up from 78.3%	81.3%	78.7%
Teachers (n=120)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	52.5%	Down from 52.8%	59.0%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	68.3%	Up from 56.0%	76.8%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	12.3%	Down from 14.2%	7.3%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.8%	Up from 85.5%	86.8%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.9%	95.5%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,077	Down 1.0%	\$46,758	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.3%	Down from 4.1%	1.9%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	13.3 days	Down from 14.0 days	9.0 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	15.0	Up from 14.0	4.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.5 to 1	Up from 24.7 to 1	25.9 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.1%	Down from 94.5%	89.2%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,508	Down 1.4%	\$8,118	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.4%	Up from 64.3%	55.7%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.9%	Up from 68.8%	60.6%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.5%	Up from 91.9%	94.6%	96.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	42.9%	No Change	61.9%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	109	302	207
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.0%	67.8%	85.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.9%	64.9%	76.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	65.4%	76.7%	88.6%

*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 2009 – 2010 school year was a positive and productive experience at LHS. The Class of 2010 has distinguished itself on the playing fields, in the classroom, and in the community through an endless list of service activities. Forty-five percent of the class achieved a GPA of 3.0 or higher. A total of 358 students received diplomas and 180 qualified for Life Scholarships to continue their education. Eighty-nine percent of the class planned to further their education through college, technical education, or specialized training. Four percent entered directly into the workforce and seven percent enlisted into military service. Members of the class received over \$6.8 Million in scholarship offers.

Our ninth grade academy continued to provide a strong beginning for our high school students. Ninth graders produced double digits gain in EOC tests for algebra, physical science, and English. Ninety-one percent of our first time ninth graders were promoted to the tenth grade with five or more academic units. Our students contributed countless hours of community service by collecting food for the needy, raising money for cancer research, and providing Christmas meals and toys for families. Our Back Pack Feeding Project received over \$27,000 and provided over 14,000 meals to elementary and middle school students on the weekends. Our Junior Civitan, Civinettes, HOSA, Band and ROTC organizations continue to serve as a source of pride for their state and national recognition and their service to our community.

Our teachers were busy inside and outside the classroom. One third of our staff completed training in Instructional Strategies and all teachers were introduced to the Professional Teaching-Learning Cycle as part of our professional development.

We continued our focus with the HSTW philosophy by utilizing learning leadership teams, continuing our DEAR program for reading, and continuing our BEAR Facts advisory program. Students continued to benefit from our YES program, GEAR-UP, JAG, Character Education, and Renaissance credit recovery.

The LHS media center continues to serve our student body by sponsoring LunchTime Reads for both semesters. The media center was instrumental in supporting our technology efforts and now over ninety percent of our classrooms are equipped with SmartBoards. Our students excelled on the playing field with eight teams qualifying for the playoffs. Lancaster was also recognized with the "Excellence in Sportsmanship Award" by the SCHSL for sportsmanship, ethics and integrity.

With budget shortages for the 2010 – 2011 school year, we will face more than the usual challenges. However, if we all work together in the best interest of our students we can turn these challenges into opportunities. We need and welcome your support and involvement. Please feel free to drop by the school or give us a call at 803-283-2001.

Joseph C. Keenan, Ed.D., Principal
Blondean Funderburk, School Improvement Council Chair

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