

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

LAURENS DISTRICT 55 HIGH

Laurens 55

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1,491

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		
2010	Good	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	10	25	3	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 (%)	76.7%	76.8%	73.7%	77.1%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.7%	11.7%	13.9%	12.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	10.6%	11.5%	12.4%	11.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	87.1%	89.3%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

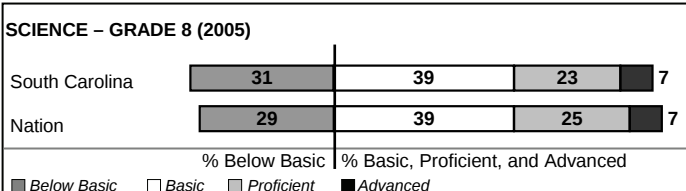
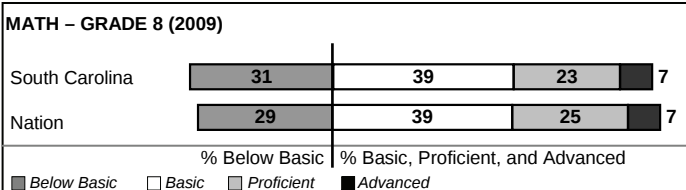
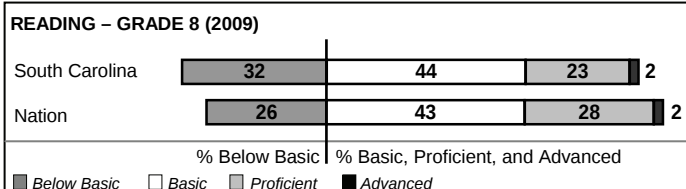
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	409	263
Number of Diplomas	263	182
Rate (%)	64.3%	70.6%

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	85.5	74.1
English 1	75.7	65.0
Physical Science	53.6	51.7
US History and the Constitution	51.8	38.6
All Tests	66.5	56.4

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=1,491)				
Retention rate	4.8%	Up from 3.9%	3.7%	3.7%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 99.7%	95.3%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	6.3%	Up from 0.0%	10.7%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	12.2%	Down from 13.2%	13.7%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	13.3%	Up from 8.7%	10.0%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Down from 0.3%	0.3%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	13.2%	Up from 11.4%	12.1%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	28.8%	Down from 34.2%	42.1%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.2%	Up from 25.4%	30.9%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	9.8%	Up from 5.4%	3.5%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	5.7%	Down from 6.2%	1.4%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1120	Down from 1127	385	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	74.6%	Up from 74.5%	78.1%	78.7%
Teachers (n=94)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.8%	Up from 58.5%	59.4%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	81.9%	Down from 86.2%	78.4%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.5%	Down from 9.0%	5.4%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.3%	Up from 83.5%	87.3%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 94.3%	95.4%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,226	Up 0.6%	\$47,012	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.1%	Down from 6.4%	1.7%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	12.4 days	Down from 15.9 days	10.4 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	32.4 to 1	Up from 32.3 to 1	26.0 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.0%	Down from 92.4%	89.3%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,588	Up 18.6%	\$7,949	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.4%	Down from 55.9%	55.4%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.8%	Up from 57.9%	60.5%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.9%	Up from 70.4%	95.5%	96.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	61.9%	Down from 85.7%	70.6%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	79	296	26
Percent satisfied with learning environment	83.3%	70.3%	84.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	87.3%	79.6%	80.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	59.5%	83.6%	84.6%

*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 one of introspection and growth for students and faculty at Laurens District 55 High School. Mr. Wayne McIntosh leads with many years of experience and wisdom in his role as principal of LDHS. We are delighted to have been named a South Carolina Palmetto Silver Award Winner for improvement in student achievement and for closing the achievement gap. Our chief initiative this year centered around Professional Learning Communities within our school community where we examined and disaggregated data. Extreme detail was considered in determining where classroom instruction would better support student achievement. All faculty members began work on departmental pacing guides to help ensure equity in instruction. Also, the Freshmen Academy began work on benchmarking in addition to the pacing guides. All faculty members were trained in and incorporated in the use of Tests for Higher Standards software. The Class of 2009 finished their high school careers in a stellar manner. Two hundred and sixty-nine seniors earned South Carolina Diplomas. Collectively, this class was offered more than \$2,000,000.00 in scholarship funds. Four seniors received the South Carolina Academic Honors Award this year. Betsy Washam, a member of the Math Department, was the 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year for LDHS. We hold deep respect for Mrs. Washam 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 lifelong thinkers and problem solvers who are equipped to meet the challenges of the 21st century work force.

Wayne McIntosh, Principal
Susan Corley, School Improvement Chair

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