



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Laurens District 55 High School
 Laurens School District 55
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,517
 Principal: K. 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		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Good	Below Average	TBD	TBD	C	N/A
2011	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	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
9	15	17	0	3

*Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. 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	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
Passed 2 subtests (%)	79.0%	77.4%	74.3%	75.4%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.5%	15.0%	15.5%	14.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	8.5%	7.6%	10.8%	11.9%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2012

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	88.6%	90.3%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

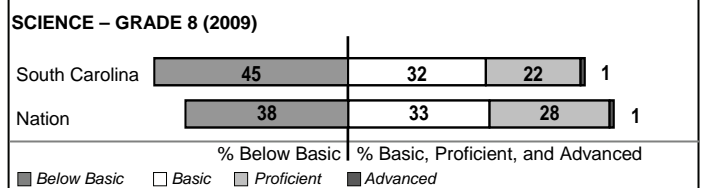
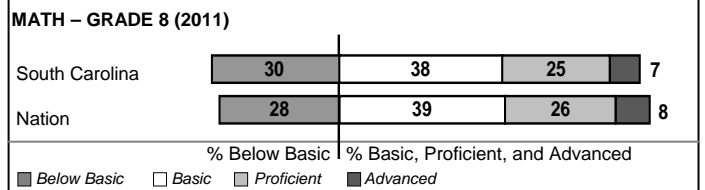
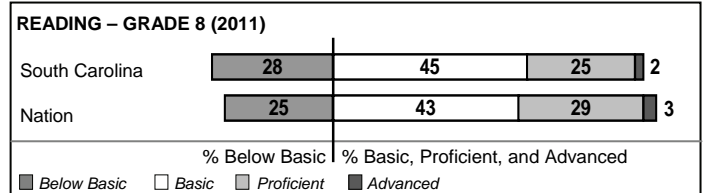
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	383	244
Number of Diplomas	274	166
Rate (%)	71.5%	72.3%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	80.0	75.0
English 1	65.0	64.0
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	68.0	73.3
US History and the Constitution	61.6	46.0
All Tests	68.8	64.2

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.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,517)				
Retention rate	3.8%	Down from 4.4%	3.8%	3.0%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 96.2%	95.5%	95.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Down from 1.1%	0.5%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	13.9%	Down from 18.2%	11.3%	13.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	33.3%	Up from 29.6%	39.8%	50.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	25.6%	Down from 29.7%	30.5%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	4.7%	Down from 6.9%	2.8%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	3.0%	Up from 2.0%	3.2%	2.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1135	Up from 1072	308	395
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	81.6%	Up from 2.0%	82.0%	84.0%
Teachers (n=79)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.8%	Down from 66.7%	60.9%	63.2%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	88.4%	Down from 90.0%	87.3%	86.6%
Teacher attendance rate	93.6%	Down from 94.2%	95.8%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,039	Down 1.7%	\$47,016	\$47,326
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.3%	No Change	3.6%	3.6%
Professional development days/teacher	15.7 days	Up from 13.2 days	10.1 days	9.7 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.8 to 1	Down from 30.3 to 1	26.7 to 1	27.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.1%	Down from 88.9%	90.0%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,318	Up 2.5%	\$8,108	\$7,761
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.4%	Down from 61.0%	57.3%	57.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.4%	Down from 62.8%	59.5%	59.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	95.6%	Down from 96.1%	98.6%	97.8%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	75.6	N/A	79.2	78.2

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2011-2012 school year was an extremely productive one at Laurens District 55 High School. Mr. Wayne McIntosh, in his fourth year as principal, continued leading the faculty through intense data analysis in order to positively affect student achievement by using the data to guide classroom instruction and individual student remediation plans. The professional development offered to the faculty this year centered around benchmark testing, instructional strategies for the standards-based classroom and communal planning. Teachers worked in departmental teams to develop more effective assessments that increased rigor for students. Willa Johnson served as Teacher of the Year for our school this year and represented the faculty in an extremely professional manner. Mrs. Johnson was also named Laurens School District 55 Teacher of the Year. LDHS received two grants to help at-risk students find success. Teachers also held homework study sessions for all core subject areas for ninth grade students after school. In addition to numerous sporting and extracurricular recognitions this year, LDHS was named an AP Honor Roll School by the College Board. It was also an excellent year for scholarship recipients. The Class of 2012 earned in excess of two million dollars in scholarship funds. While much progress was made this year, we look forward to the challenges ahead as we continue to strive for higher student achievement.

Wayne McIntosh, Principal
 Lisa Crisp, SIC Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	50	183	4
Percent satisfied with learning environment	77.6%	70.9%	I/S
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	83.7%	75.7%	I/S
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	57.1%	84.7%	I/S

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

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