



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Lancaster High School  
 Lancaster County  
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,413  
 Principal: Joseph C. Keenan  
 Superintendent: Dr. Richard E. Moore  
 Board Chair: Mr. Robert Parker

## 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
2013	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	F	N/A
2012	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2011	Average	Good	Silver	Silver	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
12	11	10	0	2

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. 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	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
Passed 2 subtests (%)	69.9%	71.6%	75.1%	77.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	14.3%	16.0%	15.1%	13.9%
Passed no subtests (%)	15.8%	12.4%	12.2%	9.6%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2013

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	90.1%	90.2%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

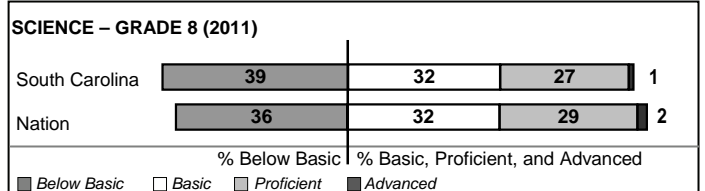
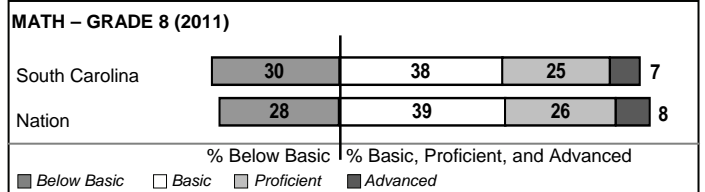
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	399	229
Number of Diplomas	302	160
Rate (%)	75.7%	74.5%

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2013

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	55.6	73.5
English 1	66.3	66.4
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	58.3	71.9
US History and the Constitution	39.4	48.7
All Tests	55.4	62.7

## 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.*

### Abbreviations Key

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# Lancaster High School [Lancaster County]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=1,413)</b>				
Retention rate	1.9%	Down from 3.0%	3.6%	2.9%
Attendance rate	93.9%	No Change	95.5%	95.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	15.8%	N/A	15.7%	17.5%
With disabilities	14.7%	N/A	12.9%	11.9%
Older than usual for grade	7.2%	N/A	9.5%	7.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Down from 0.4%	1.1%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	30.7%	Up from 18.6%	8.3%	15.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	30.0%	Up from 26.3%	43.0%	51.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	57.6%	Up from 47.8%	30.7%	30.6%
Annual dropout rate	4.3%	Down from 5.6%	2.6%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Teachers (n=108)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	52.8%	Up from 51.4%	61.4%	63.4%
Continuing contract teachers	81.5%	Up from 78.5%	81.1%	78.8%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.0%	Up from 90.5%	84.8%	86.2%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 96.8%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,126	Up 4.0%	\$48,614	\$48,699
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.4%	Up from 4.0%	3.3%	2.5%
Professional development days/teacher	13.8 days	Up from 13.4 days	9.8 days	9.8 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	17.0	Up from 16.0	2.5	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.5 to 1	Up from 23.8 to 1	26.9 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.7%	Down from 90.0%	89.0%	89.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,950	Up 4.9%	\$8,018	\$7,919
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.0%	Up from 65.0%	57.0%	57.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.0%	Up from 66.9%	59.0%	60.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.7%	Down from 98.2%	98.4%	97.7%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	51.3	Down from 64.2	68.0	77.4

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The mission of Lancaster High School is to assist students in becoming successful, well adjusted, contributing members of society by providing an atmosphere which encourages academic, vocational, and personal growth through a challenging curriculum in partnership with home and community. This mission supports our District mission of "Putting Our Children First". The 2012 – 2013 school year was a productive one for the students and staff members of Lancaster High School. The class of 2013 distinguished themselves in numerous areas. Fifty nine percent of the seniors qualified for Life Scholarships. Over \$5,154,542 in scholarships were awarded to the senior class. Eighty one percent of the senior class planned to further their education through college, technical education, or specialized training. Four percent of the seniors committed to a branch of the US military. Our students continued to demonstrate empathy and interest in helping others. We are tremendously proud of the time, energy, and funds our students shared in helping others in our community, state, and country. Our students collected food, clothing, money and even "blood" to assist others in need. Our Jr. Civitans, once again, collected many accolades, but it is the "service" and not the recognition which identifies these students. The Jr. Civitan distributed 175 backpacks of food to students in all of the "Lancaster County" elementary and middle schools. These backpacks allowed many students and their families to have meals for the weekends. In addition, the Jr. Civitans received grants to conduct a campus beautification project. After a lot of work our courtyard is now much more inviting with new benches and plants. Our ninth grade academy continues to be a focal point of LHS. This year 90% of our ninth graders received enough academic units to progress to the 10th grade. We need these students to continue to move toward the goal of graduation. Our athletic teams were competitive and represented our school with good sportsmanship. Twelve of our twenty Varsity teams qualified for the S.C. High School League Playoffs. In addition, our athletic director was recognized as the 4A Athletic Director of the year and our principal was recognized as the 4A Principal of the year for the state of S.C. by the South Carolina High School League. Our staff participated in professional development activities focusing on instructional delivery, Common Core Standards, and emergency/safety planning and response. While these represent some of our successes we must focus on areas for improvement. Our student attendance can be better and we must help students grasp the responsibility of being present and on time. We also lose too many students to discipline issues and too many students disappear and drop-out. What do you do in today's world without a high school diploma? We need to stand fast to pointing our students to take the most challenging course. Our challenges are numerous, but we together can help our students achieve and progress. They need us as high school students as much as ever. Let's all work together to make next year an even better one for our students. Joe Keenan – Principal, John Smyre – School Improvement Council Chair

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	94	203	82
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.4%	76.8%	100%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.9%	68.9%	98.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	63.3%	80.4%	98.8%

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

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