

Liberty High School

124 Red Devil Dr.
Liberty, SC 29657



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	9-12 High	Principal:	Lori Gwinn
Enrollment:	689 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Daniel B. Merck
School Phone:	864-397-2600	Board Chair:	Dr. Brian Swords
School Website:	http://www.pickens.k12.sc.us/lhs		



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

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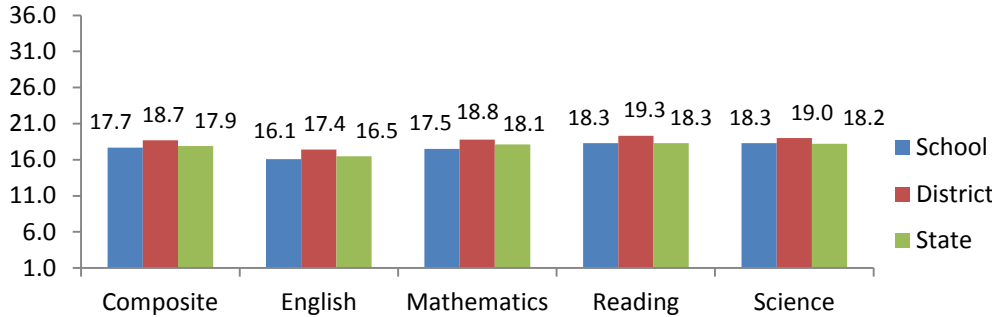
Liberty High School is a AA high school in a rural setting in the upstate of South Carolina. LHS is helping all students develop the world class skills of life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by offering students a wide variety of strong programs in academics, arts, and athletics. Students can take AP Calculus, AP Literature, AP Biology, and AP US History along with dual enrollment courses with Tri-County Technical College. Students can participate in clubs like Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Beta Club, and Student Government Association. The LHS Band is growing and finished with commendable evaluations at Concert Festival. LHS has students compete and achieve at All State in Chorus, Band, and Athletics. LHS has opportunities in 14 sports with all athletic facilities on the school site. This year a soccer club was added to expand the interest in soccer at LHS. Competition Cheer, Wrestling, and Volleyball were runners-up at State. Several athletes advanced to Upper State and State in individual sports. One wrestler took an individual state medal in his respective sport.

In the classroom, students have instruction that engages them in active learning opportunities. Students in Environmental Science partnered with Vulcan Materials to develop a nature trail, complete with learning stations. The Career Prep class completed an environmental grant through the SC Soil and Water Conservation group and planted raised beds and partnered with Environmental Science with a focus on recycling at LHS. Several teachers in math, English, social studies, science, and PE embraced the use of Edmodo and other Web 2.0 tools for use with student communication and course assignments. Some teachers used flipped instruction to engage students further with technology in the learning process. Others implemented Bring Your Own Device activities in the classroom to expand student opportunities to use technology for learning. Every student has an advisor, a guidance counselor, and an assistant principal assigned to them who remains with that student for all four years of high school. We have a graduation coach to help with struggling and at-risk learners. LHS hosts College Application Day and assists seniors and their parents with the college application process. LHS continues to develop strategies to further engage parents and community members in the learning process. Liberty High School continues its mission to prepare students to be college and career ready for the twenty-first century.

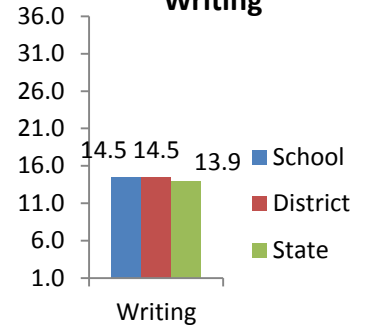
Lori Gwinn, Principal
Bill Horton, SIC Chair

KNOWLEDGE

Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing

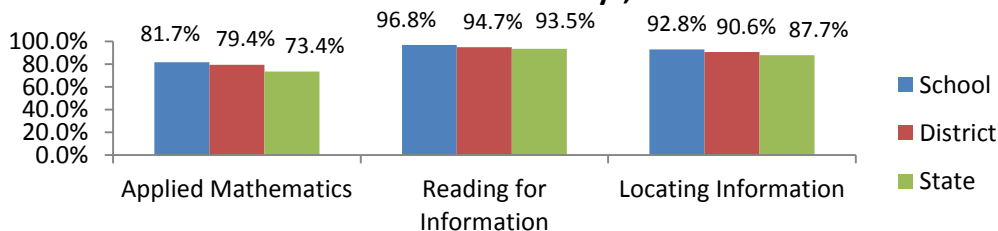


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

Percent of Students Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015				
English Benchmark Score: 18	Math Benchmark Score: 22	Reading Benchmark Score: 22	Science Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
38.3	14.9	22.1	13.6	5.8

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

Percent of Students Meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver Threshold on WorkKeys, 2015



ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.

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SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
36.9	476	493	461	1430

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	High Schools with Students Like Ours	State
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	72.6	82.8	85.7
English 1	66.4	70.1	75.1
Biology 1	88.3	78.8	77.8
US History and the Constitution	69.2	67.8	69.1
All Subjects	74.9	74.3	77.3

High Schools with Students Like Ours are high schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

OUTCOMES

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	Five-Year
80.3	82.0

School Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
73.0	70.2	74.3	71.1

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
71.4	76.7	71.9	66.3

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
59.2	60.9	42.2

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014		
Our School	District	State
60.5	64.3	70.3

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OPPORTUNITIES**For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 689)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	64.1	Down from 70.3%	N/A
Attendance Rate	93.6	Down from 94.7%	94.0
With disabilities	14.8	Up from 14.5%	12.1
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.9	Up from 0.4%	1.1
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	16.1	Down from 16.5%	19.4
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	16.4	Up from 10.2%	19.0
Successful in AP/IB programs	40.0	Down from 50.0%	49.6
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	0.0	No change	3.1
Enrollment in career/technology courses	654	Up from 318	948
Students participating in work-based experiences	32.0	Down from 95.0%	12.4
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	71	N/A	222
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	51.1	N/A	67.8
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	31	N/A	64
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	97.0	N/A	94.5
Annual dropout rate	4.5	Down from 5.4%	2.5
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	6.6
Percentage of students retained	3.2	Down from 6.1%	2.5
Teachers (n = 42)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	57.1	Up from 56.1%	67.3
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	76.2	Up from 75.6%	84.0
Teachers returning from previous year	88.5	Up from 88.4%	88.2
Teacher attendance rate	96.5	Down from 98.9%	95.2
Average teacher salary*	\$45,481	Down 0.7%	\$50,085
Professional development days / teacher	8.3 days	Down from 12.0 days	11.1 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0	No change	1.6
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.4

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	45	144	24
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.1	79.2	91.7
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.3	86.1	91.3
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75.6	93.0	73.9

* Only students in grade 11 and their parents were included.

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School			
Principal's years at school	4.5	Up from 3.5	4.5
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	31.1 to 1	Up from 30.5 to 1	28.3 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.7	Down from 92.9%	87.9
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	10.0	N/A	10.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	Up from 78.0%	99.4
Character development program	Good	Up from Fair	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	10.0	N/A	14.0
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	9.4	N/A	19.4
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.8	N/C	1.8
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.4	N/C	0.7
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,868	Down 5.0%	\$8,120
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.5	Up from 60.2%	57.2
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	63.0	Up from 60.5%	59.1

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Good	Below Average
2013	Good	Average
2012	Good	Average

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
[Report Card Data Files](#)
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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