SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Lamar High
Darlington
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 347**
Principal: Kathy B. Gainey
Superintendent: Dr. Rainey H. Knight
Board Chair: Dr. Allem McCutcheon

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
5	3	14	0	1

** Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. 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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	72.3%	75.9%	69.7%	73.0%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	15.7%	8.9%	17.4%	14.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	12.0%	15.2%	13.6%	12.5%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
94.4%	91.8%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

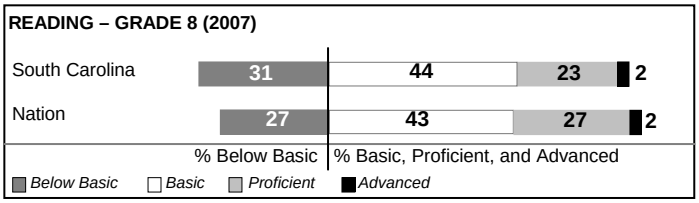
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	84	182
Number of Diplomas	75	133
Rate (%)	89.3%	76.9%

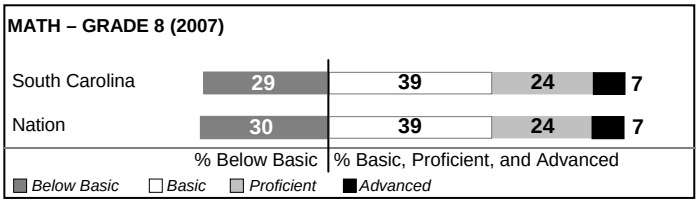
END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

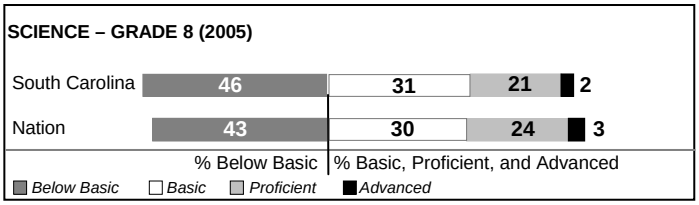
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	83.3%	66.8%
English 1	51.1%	53.5%
Physical Science	43.6%	40.8%
All Tests	57.0%	52.5%

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 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=347)				
Retention rate	6.1%	Up from 5.4%	5.2%	6.1%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 94.9%	94.5%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	8.0%	Down from 9.4%	7.2%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	16.3%	Down from 16.8%	14.2%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	1.4%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	5.5%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	29.2%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	25.3%	Up from 23.7%	29.3%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	3.6%	Up from 2.0%	4.5%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.2%	Down from 11.6%	7.2%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	172	Up from 93	519	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	90.3%	Down from 92.3%	78.5%	79.6%
Teachers (n=28)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.3%	Up from 60.0%	54.5%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	78.6%	Up from 68.0%	64.7%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	11.5%	Up from 9.1%	11.8%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.1%	Up from 82.5%	83.8%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.6%	Down from 96.4%	95.7%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	$46,070	Up 6.4%	$45,709	$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	7.2%	Down from 24.2%	6.8%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.7 to 1	Up from 19.3 to 1	24.7 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.5%	Down from 89.8%	88.9%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	$9,587	Up 2.5%	$7,706	$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	49.7%	Down from 52.3%	52.7%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	50.5%	Down from 53.6%	60.5%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Average	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	N/A	Average
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		87.0%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	35	62	38
Percent satisfied with learning environment	68.6%	75.8%	78.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	91.4%	82.3%	78.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	65.7%	82.3%	76.3%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Lamar High School, a Class A high school in the southern region of Darlington County, has a population of 345 students in grades 9-12. Its academic program consists of comprehensive curriculum prep and honors courses, as well as dual credit opportunities (courses for high school and college credit) for students.

Course offerings in visual and performing arts, as well as vocational completer programs, available through the Darlington County Institute of Technology, enhance the academic program at Lamar High School. Extracurricular programs at Lamar High School add the finishing touch needed to provide a well rounded educational experience for our students.

Among the numerous academic accomplishments of the Lamar High School Silver Foxes during the 2007-08 school year were the following: 35% of our students made the honor roll each quarter, 51% received awards at the annual academic awards banquet, 20% of the graduating class were vocational completers, 25% of the graduating class met the grade point average for class rank requirements for the Life Scholarship, and over $2,276,214.00 in scholarship money was offered to members of the class of 2008.

Among the extracurricular successes experienced by the Lamar Silver Foxes during the 2007-08 school year were 2nd place finishes in the Class A State Championship in girls' and boys' track and field. Beyond the numerous team accomplishments, many individual honors and awards were presented to student athletes at the school, district and state levels.

Lamar High School continues to strive for improved student performance on the HSAP, PSAT, PLAN, SAT, ACT, EOCEP and in all academic areas.

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Linda Helms, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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