

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Lamar High
Darlington
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 310
Principal: Kathy B. Gainey
Superintendent: Dr. Rainey H. Knight
Board Chair: Connell Delaine

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		
2009	Good	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	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
3	5	10	4	7

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/23/2010. 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	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Passed 2 subtests (%)	75.9%	83.5%	73.0%	63.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	8.9%	6.3%	14.5%	17.5%
Passed no subtests (%)	15.2%	10.1%	12.5%	18.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	92.3%	90.5%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

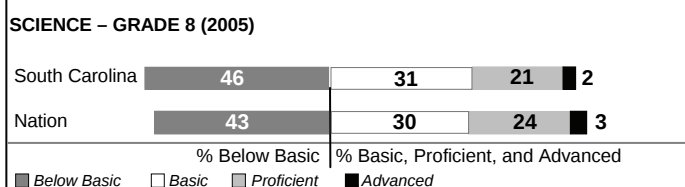
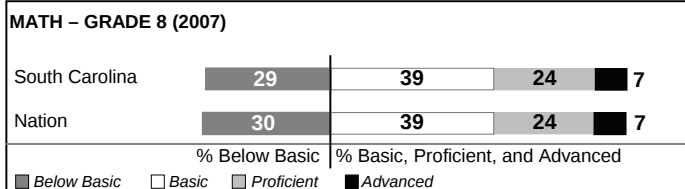
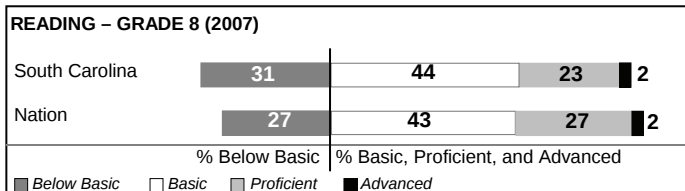
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	74	190
Number of Diplomas	62	135
Rate (%)	83.8%	69.7%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	90.4%	57.9%
English 1	69.4%	50.1%
Physical Science	51.0%	38.5%
US History and the Constitution	31.0%	23.7%
All Tests	59.7%	41.7%

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=310)				
Retention rate	2.7%	Down from 6.1%	6.3%	4.8%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 95.6%	94.7%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	5.5%	Down from 8.0%	7.1%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	12.3%	Down from 16.3%	14.1%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	5.5%	Down from 7.8%	11.3%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	1.5%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	5.9%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	31.5%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.8%	Up from 25.3%	28.0%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	0.3%	Down from 3.6%	4.1%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	Down from 10.2%	4.3%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	129	Down from 172	470	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	95.2%	Up from 90.3%	75.5%	79.3%
Teachers (n=28)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.3%	No Change	52.5%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	64.3%	Down from 78.6%	66.2%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	10.7%	Down from 11.5%	14.8%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.3%	Up from 84.1%	79.9%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 94.6%	95.3%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,964	Up 4.1%	\$46,493	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	10.4%	Up from 7.2%	8.8%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	11.3 days	Down from 16.6 days	11.0 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.7 to 1	Down from 19.7 to 1	24.2 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6%	Up from 87.5%	88.7%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$11,227	Up 17.1%	\$8,713	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	49.8%	Up from 49.7%	53.1%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.7%	Up from 50.5%	59.5%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.8%	Up from 94.2%	86.8%	95.8%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	76.9%	Down from 100.0%	53.8%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	33	69	40
Percent satisfied with learning environment	75.8%	81.2%	79.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.9%	76.5%	74.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	69.7%	74.6%	74.4%

*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 an enrollment of 326 students in grades 9-12. Its academic program consists of a comprehensive curriculum of tech prep, college prep, and honors level courses, as well as dual credit opportunities (courses for high school and college credit) in which students may enroll.

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. The extracurricular programs at Lamar High School add the finishing touch needed to provide a well-rounded educational experience for our students.

The numerous academic accomplishments of the Lamar High Silver Foxes during the 2008-09 school year include the following: 35% of our students made the honor roll each quarter, 47% received awards at the annual academic banquet, 25% of the graduating class were vocational completers, 33% of the graduating class met the grade point average and class rank requirements for the Life Scholarship, and over \$1,124,000.00 in scholarship money was offered to members of the class of 2009.

Lamar Silver Foxes had many extracurricular successes in the 2008-09 school year. LHS was Region Champion in Football and Baseball. Boys and Girls basketball and softball made it to the playoffs. Boys and Girls track competed at the State Track meet.

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

Lamar High was a proud recipient of the Palmetto Gold Award in 2008 and met AYP in 2008.

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Linda Helms, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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