



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

LAMAR HIGH
Darlington
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 303**
Principal: Kathy B. Gainey
Superintendent: Dr. Rainey 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		
2010	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Good	Below Average	N/A	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	5	16	5	6

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. 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	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Passed 2 subtests (%)	83.5%	82.6%	63.7%	68.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	6.3%	13.0%	17.5%	16.7%
Passed no subtests (%)	10.1%	4.3%	18.8%	15.6%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.0%	85.8%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

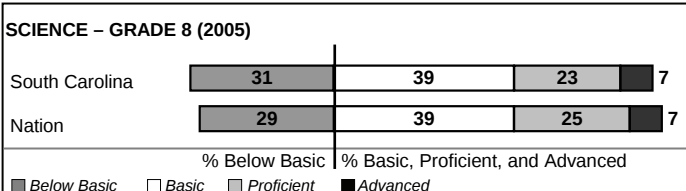
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	73	199
Number of Diplomas	70	136
Rate (%)	95.9%	69.2%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	62.0	63.1
English 1	66.1	57.5
Physical Science	49.3	41.7
US History and the Constitution	18.2	28.7
All Tests	48.5	47.3

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=303)				
Retention rate	3.7%	Up from 2.7%	4.5%	3.7%
Attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 95.9%	94.1%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	4.3%	Down from 5.5%	7.0%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	12.9%	Up from 12.3%	14.1%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	6.9%	Up from 5.5%	12.3%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.7%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	7.6%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	25.0%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	27.0%	Down from 28.8%	27.8%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.7%	Up from 0.3%	3.0%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	5.0%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	104	Down from 129	320	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	94.7%	Down from 95.2%	72.2%	78.7%
Teachers (n=21)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.1%	Down from 64.3%	57.4%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	81.0%	Up from 64.3%	68.0%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.0%	Down from 10.7%	12.0%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.6%	Up from 87.3%	82.8%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	97.5%	Up from 95.5%	95.9%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$47,042	Down 1.9%	\$46,036	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 10.4%	3.9%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	11.3 days	No Change	9.9 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.6 to 1	Up from 17.7 to 1	23.0 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.3%	Up from 90.6%	88.3%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$13,084	Up 16.5%	\$8,879	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	49.6%	Down from 49.8%	53.6%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	54.8%	Up from 54.7%	59.1%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.8%	96.0%	96.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	92.3%	Up from 76.9%	63.2%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	32	0	0
Percent satisfied with learning environment	84.4%	N/R	N/R
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	N/R	N/R
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	71.9%	N/R	N/R

*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 312 students in grades 9-12. Our academic program consists of a comprehensive curriculum of college prep, honor level courses, dual credit courses (courses for high school and college credit), and AP courses in which students may enroll.

Course offerings in visual and performing arts, as well as vocational completer programs, available through the Darlington County Institute for 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 2009-10 school year include the following: 35% of our students made the honor roll each quarter, 41% received awards at the annual academic awards ceremony, 25% of the graduating class were vocational completers, 30% of the graduating class met the grade point average and class rank requirements for the Life Scholarship, and over \$928,000 in scholarship money was offered to members of the class of 2010.

Lamar Silver Foxes had many extracurricular successes in the 2009-10 school year. LHS played in the 1A State title game in football. LHS made it to the playoffs in boys basketball, baseball, and softball. Boys and girls track competed at the State Track meet.

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

Lamar High School was a proud recipient of the Palmetto Gold Award for Closing the Gap in 2009. LHS was also a Bronze winner in US News and World Report Best Schools in the Nation.

Kathy B. Gainey, Principal
Linda Helms, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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