



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

DARLINGTON HIGH
Darlington
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 1,244**
Principal: Pearl Jeffords
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	Average	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Good	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	5	17	3	4

* 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 (%)	60.5%	62.6%	64.0%	69.4%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	20.5%	16.6%	17.7%	16.4%
Passed no subtests (%)	19.0%	20.9%	18.2%	14.3%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	89.2%	86.1%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

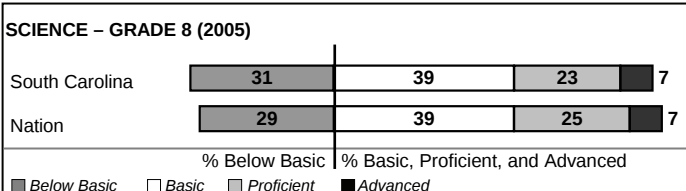
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	239	200
Number of Diplomas	203	138
Rate (%)	84.9%	70.0%

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	66.8	62.4
English 1	58.3	59.0
Physical Science	46.1	43.2
US History and the Constitution	37.7	29.8
All Tests	52.3	48.1

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.

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
 NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,244)				
Retention rate	10.2%	Down from 13.1%	3.7%	3.7%
Attendance rate	92.6%	Down from 94.0%	94.6%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	5.1%	Down from 5.9%	7.0%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	22.4%	Up from 22.3%	14.5%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	18.2%	Up from 14.7%	11.1%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.2%	Up from 0.1%	0.9%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	9.7%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	24.8%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	22.2%	Down from 26.9%	27.6%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	2.4%	No Change	2.8%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	4.7%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	569	Down from 756	337	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	68.9%	Down from 70.3%	72.3%	78.7%
Teachers (n=80)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.3%	Up from 51.1%	58.0%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	76.3%	Up from 68.2%	67.3%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	16.7%	Up from 15.6%	12.0%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	80.3%	Up from 77.4%	83.3%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 96.2%	95.6%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,850	Up 1.4%	\$46,841	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.9%	Down from 10.8%	4.0%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	11.6 days	Down from 17.0 days	10.2 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.9 to 1	Up from 27.4 to 1	23.0 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.3%	Down from 89.2%	88.5%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,546	Down 0.0%	\$8,853	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.8%	Up from 55.4%	53.7%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.9%	Down from 62.7%	59.8%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Up from Fair	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	90.5%	Down from 96.0%	95.9%	96.0%
Character development program	Average	Down from Good	Average	Good
% of AYP objectives met	57.1%	Up from 52.4%	63.2%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	77	175	112
Percent satisfied with learning environment	79.2%	65.7%	78.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	85.5%	69.9%	64.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	51.9%	74.3%	74.1%

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Darlington High School, known as the “Home of the Falcons,” continues to provide an excellent academic program for each student who enters its doors. We are proud of our diverse student population of approximately 1,200 students who reside in primarily rural areas of Darlington County. Some students live substantial distances from the school, necessitating lengthy bus travel to and from school. They also represent a number of different communities throughout Darlington County. These distances, however, do not affect the spirit of unity that is obvious on our campus, even to the most casual observer. Our new “Falcon’s Nest” football stadium, new track, and beautifully renovated gym also add to the spirit of school pride. Our school athletic programs have experienced a highly successful year with all sports making it to the state playoffs. The Darlington High JROTC program is ranked among the highest in the state and has repeatedly received the highest scores possible in competitions. Members of the Rifle Team have been recognized nationally on the college level for skills they acquired during their time in JROTC. We have numerous clubs and extracurricular activities that address a wide range of students’ interest. No matter what the students’ individual interests are, their needs can be met on the campus of Darlington High School.

Darlington High students are also known for their altruistic contributions to the local community and throughout different areas of the world. Each year, the entire school is involved in the “Old People’s Food Drive” at Christmas time. Numerous needy families receive food for Christmas based solely on the work of the Darlington High students and faculty members. Students have assisted the Red Cross with blood drives, sent water to Haiti, served as tutors, worked with beautification projects, and collected funds for various youth homes. One student received the “key to the city” from the city of Darlington for all of his humanitarian work. Our students are not only scholars, but good citizens as well.

On the academic front, Darlington High is truly “In Pursuit of Educational Excellence.” We have a dedicated ninth grade academy that subscribes to the High Schools That Work philosophy of the small learning community. By providing a transition through the ninth grade academy, students are provided the tools for success in a rigorous learning environment. Through our Honors College Magnet program, students are earning college credit while enrolled in high school. This is a county-wide magnet program with students selected through an application process that addresses the applicants’ potential for success in a rigorous academic setting. The number of Darlington High graduates who go on to college has increased in recent years, due in part to the success of the Honors College Magnet. This year’s class of graduates received nearly \$1.5 million in scholarship monies, with 49 students meeting the LIFE scholarship criteria. A high number of students attend four-year colleges, technical schools, join the military while others go directly into the world of work. Our goal at Darlington High School is to prepare students to be successful in all their post-high school endeavors.

Our mission at Darlington High School is to create not only lifelong learners, but also capable and willing citizens of the world. This is achieved through high expectations, challenging and relevant academics, and the philosophy that continual growth is the key to success.

Robbie Smith, SIC Chairperson
Pearl Jeffords, Principal