

LHS Communications Efforts

Students, Parents, Teachers, Community

- Lakewood Web Page available through <http://lhs.sumterschools.net>
- “Gator Bytes” announcements read to students and e-mailed to parents/guardians weekly.
- Parent meetings and Open House events.
- Parent-Teacher conferences scheduled by guidance at request of parents or teachers.
- Parent Connector
- *Gator Tales* Newsletter to every parent/guardian.
- Detailed interim reports sent home every three weeks.
- Lakewood School Improvement Council
- Involved SIC Committee
- Power-school Parent Portal
- Marquee Announcements—outside and in the Main Office

Purpose of the Report

This Report is issued by the Lakewood High School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

Dear Parent/Guardians:

First and foremost, I am very proud of our community of students, parents, teachers, staff and our stakeholders. Our school is a diverse learning community committed to excellence in academics, ingenuity, and personal character. In my annual parent letter, I am honored to share with you some of the outstanding attributes that make Lakewood High School a special place to attend. We stand by Lakewood High School's Mission: “*All students will graduate College and Career Ready*” in preparing and making our students productive citizens for the 21st Century in this global and technological world.

In spite of the economic challenges of the last few years, the first and foremost priority of Lakewood High School is and has always been to meet the needs of ALL of our students. The School Improvement Council is instrumental in identifying those needs by analyzing available data such as the EOC test scores, teacher/parent surveys, the school report card, the strategic plan and observations on an ongoing basis. Through ENRICH, all teachers have access to their students' standardized test scores from elementary school through high school. Based on this information they reinforce specific skills in the classroom by incorporating activities like Academic Enrichment, Word of the Day, daily math problems and writing in all of their classes. Even though these activities are designed to address identified weaknesses in certain students, all students can benefit from them. To achieve better scores, we have set up programs to help our at-risk students and we have implemented a literacy program in all classes.

At this time, we have approximately 76 juniors and seniors enrolled in Dual Enrollment at Central Carolina Technical College as well as 6 juniors enrolled in the Early College programs at USC Sumter. Our senior students were awarded \$6.1 million in scholarships for 2015-2016 school year. From the senior class, 49 students entered a 2-year college, 173 students entered a 4-year college, 9 students entered the military with a large portion of our students entering directly into the workforce.

Students who excel academically are invited to join the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society or specialized honor societies such as Mu Alpha Theta National Honor Society.

At Lakewood High School, we provide certified teachers and a safe school environment; high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective manner to help our students achieve their academic goals; parent-teacher conferences as needed during the school year; hold quarterly Open Houses; give parents the opportunity to volunteer and observe classroom activities; provide an open line of communication between the home and school to include phone calls, emails, Parent Connector, newsletters, Gator Cards, website, etc.; ensure that Parent Portal is up-to-date for parent viewing; provide a variety of clubs and activities for student involvement; and provide reasonable access to staff.

The teacher provides academic reports to parents every three weeks, conduct parent-teacher conferences, provide instruction with interesting and challenging curriculum that promotes student achievement and motivates students to learn, set high expectations for learning and academic achievement in an effort to promote a Culture of Caring, recognize students with pins who go above and beyond expectations and recognize students weekly for exemplary behavior and academic excellence.

Attendance is very important to the success of students. I encourage all of our students to keep their attendance at school a priority and to work with their teachers to make up any work they missed. As a reminder, students are only allowed 7 unexcused absences per semester because they may be denied credit for a course if they go beyond seven. In that case, an FA will be issued if the student exceeds seven and will need to do additional work the second semester for that class in order to receive credit. Letters have been sent out to the churches in the community to assist and help our students understand the value of attendance in getting a good education.

On behalf of the Lakewood Team, we would like to thank you for your continued support in making our students successful and productive citizens in preparing them for the 21st Century in a technological and global society.

Sincerely,

John Michalik

Additional Improvement Initiatives

- **Special Incentives for student Academic Achievement**
- **Gator Flair Pin Program**
 - Principal
 - Excellence
 - Citizenship
- **Student of the Week**
- **Principal's Excellence Award for Teachers**
- **Three Week Interim Reports**
- **Access to Media Center before, during, and after school**
- **Clubs**
- **Career Awareness**
- **Student Leadership Opportunities**
- **Dual Credit program with USC**
- **Dual Credit program with Central Carolina**
- **Beautification Efforts**

2015– 2016 Data

# Surveys Item	Teachers	Students	Parents
#Surveys Returned	68	167	33
Satisfied with Learning Environment	50.0%	36.5%	75.8%
Satisfied with Social/Physical Environment	52.3%	44.7%	78.8%
Satisfied with School School-Home relations	47.8%	66.4%	76.5%

Performance Goals

Goal One: The percentage of students who meet the requirements on ACT will increase by 5% each year.

Student performance on EOCEP will improve by 5% each year.

Student performance on ACT WorkKeys will improve by 3% each year.

Goal Two: The percentage of ninth grade students who take the ACT and WorkKeys, earn a standard high school diploma, and graduate in four years will increase by 3% each year.

Goal Three: With the use of a comprehensive program of recruitment, retention, and professional development, the school will strive for a workforce that is 100% certified.

Goal Four: Continue to improve the atmosphere for learning and working.

Goal Five: Read to Succeed---Increase literacy level for all students.

Lakewood High School

Principal John Michalik
 Asst. Principal Abigail Busby-Webb
 Asst. Principal Heather Farthing
 Asst. Principal Theresa Holloway
 Asst. Principal Paul Riggs
 Asst. Principal Natalie Sarvis
 Guidance Counselor Christi Coursey-Johnson
 Guidance Counselor Brenda Richardson
 Guidance Counselor Joe Tolliver
 Media Specialist Jennifer Wolfe
 School Improvement Chair Cynthia Montgomery Smith

LAKWOOD GATORS

Average ACT Scores	
Composite Score	16.3
Average SAT Scores	
Composite Score	1196
WorkKeys-Percent of students meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver	
Applied Mathematics	57.5%
Reading for Information	93.0%
Locating Information	68.1%
On-Time Graduation Rate	
Number of students	1179
Number of Diplomas Issued	251
Rate (%)	80.9%
End of Course Tests – Number of students	
Scoring 70% or above on:	
Algebra 1	55.5%
English 1	49.4%
Biology 1	41.5%
US History	46.7%

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**Annual Report to the Parents
 2016 - 2017
 “A Culture of C.A.R.I.N.G
 and Learning”**



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Sumter School District
To Educate, Empower and Enrich!

Mission Statement
*Lakewood High School’s Mission:
 All Students will Graduate
 College and Career Ready.*

Vision Statement
 Lakewood High School is composed of
 Motivated and involved students; who
 graduate carrying with them a sense of loyalty
 and pride in their community and school.