



Lamar High School

SIC Annual Report to Parents
2022-2023



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Silver Fox Nation

Lamar High School
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LHS Administration

Principal: Dr. Marlon L. Thomas

Assistant Principal: Susan Lear

Coordinating Teacher: Eric Cooper

School Counselor: Marilyn Nelson

Athletic Director: Carlos Burgess

What is the SIC?

“In South Carolina, a School Improvement Council is an advisory council to the principal and school on issues related to school improvement. By law, every K-12 public school in South Carolina must have a SIC that is made up of parent, teacher, student (grades 9-12), and community member representatives. The principal is an ex-officio member of every SIC. A SIC may create additional ex-officio positions such as the school’s Teacher of the Year, PTA or PTSO President, or a past SIC Chair.”

- Tom F. Hudson and Karen M. Utter

Home of the Institute of Biomedical Innovation Magnet Program

Purpose of the SIC Annual Report

Each year the School Improvement Council (SIC) and our administration are charged with preparing an Annual Report to the Parents/Community in accordance with South Carolina law. The purpose of this report is to serve as an overview of the school year’s progress towards goals and objectives outlined in the School Improvement Plan. Inside this report you will find many facts, success stories and an overview of our school improvement goals through which we work to improve our academic standing. We at LHS are fortunate to have teachers and staff who go above and beyond for our students and their families. Our community and school continue a strong show of support, compassion and cooperation. The administration team at LHS ask that you consider becoming involved in our efforts to make our school the best it can be. There is no greater reward than serving to improve our children’s education.

The Lamar High School SIC works hard to support our high school students for College and Career Readiness. The questions we address, the issues we explore and recommendations we make are aimed at helping provide outstanding and equitable opportunities for all Lamar students. We are committed to and believe it is an honor to be a part of the education of our children.

During the 2022-2023 school year, the LHS SIC focused on evaluating and making recommendations on ways to support and improve the six areas of our school’s report card. Those six areas are: Academic Achievement, Preparing

for Success, English Learners' Progress, College and Career Readiness, School Environment and Graduation Rate. We believe through the collaborative efforts of our parents, students and faculty, our school will make continuous improvements in the four A's: Academics, Activities, Arts and Athletics.

Sincerely,

Marlon L. Thomas, Ed.D., Principal
Yolondis Peoples, SIC Chair
Angie Raines, Vice Chair

Mission of Lamar High School

Lamar High School, in partnership with our community, will prepare college and career ready students to lead and excel in their chosen pathways by providing authentic learning experiences focused on 21st century skills.

Vision of Lamar High School

Lamar High strives to be an exemplary school by creating a learning environment where joy resides for all students as they are given opportunities to develop their talents and abilities to pursue their pathways of purpose.

Lamar High School Priorities

- Continue to improve the achievement of students on state and national measures
- Increase percentage of students who are College and Career Ready
- Continue to increase the graduation rate
- Increase percentage of students taking Advanced Placement and dual-credit courses
- Continue to expand internship opportunities for all students
- Increase percentage of students participating in more than one club or organization
- Expand professional development opportunities that focus on student achievement
- Improve programs designed to ensure repeaters get back on track to graduate
- Continue to reduce the percentage of students retained in ninth grade
- Reduce discipline referrals, suspensions and recommendations for expulsion

School Improvement Council (SIC) Members

- Dr. Marlon L. Thomas, Principal
- Susan Lear, Assistant Principal
- Yolondis Peoples, SIC Chair
- Angie Raines, Vice Chair
- Lashawn Gregg, Secretary
- Michelle Greene, Teacher Representative
- Jennifer King, Teacher Representative
- Valarie Roberts, Teacher Representative
- Adam Schwartz, Teacher Representative
- Oscar Wright, Teacher Representative
- Rileigh Hutchinson, Student Representative
- Madison Smith, Student Representative
- Carlos Burgess, Athletic Director
- Eric Cooper, Coordinating Teacher
- Marilyn Nelson, School Counselor
- Annette Congiland, Parent Representative
- Starlight Ervin, Parent Representative
- Tarrilyn Ferguson, Parent Representative
- James Kohler, Parent Representative
- Tina McElveen, Parent Representative
- Erin McManus, Parent Representative
- Auzha Thomas, Parent Representative
- Katie Trappier, Parent Representative
- Angela Tyson, Parent Representative
- Chad Walton, Parent Representative
- David Windham, Parent Representative
- Ginger Windham, Parent Representative
- Teresa Windham, Parent Representative

School Improvement Council (SIC) Goals

Goal 1: Increase Community Awareness of Lamar High School

Actions taken to achieve Goal 1

- Hosted a College and Career Day for students of Darlington County schools with 21 colleges and universities and 40 representatives from business and industry partners
- Continued to support Lamar High School's social media and yearbook campaign, produced by faculty, staff, and students
- Shared gratitude for our community through staff delivering “Joy Bombs” at the beginning of the school year
- Continued to make our stakeholders aware of SIC meetings through school signage and announcements at ball games
- Participated and hosted events within the community such as at the Lamar Public Library, Darlington Raceway, and Lamar Spaulding Elementary

Goal 2: Increase Parental Involvement

Actions taken to achieve Goal 2

- Hosted Open House, Parent University workshop and parent-teacher conferences
- Offered student incentives for parent participation
- Invited parents to attend a Holiday lunch with their children

LHS 2021-2022 School Report Card



Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), State Education Agencies are required to prepare and disseminate an annual state report and Local Education Agency (LEA) report card that meet the minimum requirements described in federal law. For the 2021-2022 school year, Lamar High School was rated **GOOD** by the South Carolina Department of Education. Please refer to <https://ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards>

Lamar High School aims for:

- Excellence in Student Learning
- Meeting Diverse Student Needs
- Safe and Secure Environment
- Quality Teacher and Personnel
- Effective Leadership and Management Resources
- School, Parent, Student and Community Partnerships

The LHS Experience

Social Media



@LamarSilverFoxes



@LHS_Silverfoxes



@LHS_Silverfoxes



Powder Puff Game



Coming Home



Sophomore College Visit



Student Incentives



Career Fair



Spirit Weeks

LHS Academics, Activities, Arts, and Athletics Accomplishments

Academics

- We will be adding the third year biomedical course, Medical Interventions (MI), next school year.
- All biomedical students will have the opportunity to take a national CPR certification course and earn a CPR certification on May 1, 2023.
- All biomedical students will now be able to earn dual credit for the first three biomedical courses if they score accomplished or distinguished on the EOC final exams.
- Three Human Body Systems (HBS) students have applied to the Pee Dee AHEC Summer medical program through McLeod's Hospital System.
- Rodrigo Fuentes, Jacari Mitchell and Nazir Stevenson will participate in the 2023 American Legion Palmetto Boys State.
- Tyrra Ferguson will participate in the 2023 American Legion Auxiliary Palmetto Girls State.
- 23 intern students participated in the Darlington County School District "Key to Career" Program.
- 18 seniors were named the University of South Carolina-Sumter Scholars.
- 14 juniors were named the University of South Carolina-Upstate Junior Scholars.
- Our current seniors have been accepted into the following colleges and/or universities:
 - Benedict College, Claflin University, Coker College, Coastal Carolina University, Florence Darlington Technical College, Francis Marion University, Louisiana State University, Morris College, Newberry College, South Carolina State University, University of Hawaii, University of South Carolina-Aiken, University of South Carolina-Columbia, University of South Carolina-Sumter, University of South Carolina-Upstate



- 17 students took dual enrollment courses at Florence Darlington Technical College.
- Six students participated in the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement Teacher Cadet Program to attract talented young people into the teaching profession.
- 61 students took CTE courses at the Darlington County Institute of Technology.
- In the first three quarters, 103 students were recognized for All A Honor Roll and 131 students were recognized for A/B Honor Roll.

Activities

- Football players and cheerleaders went to the elementary school to welcome students to school on Fridays.
- Football players read to elementary students on Fridays.
- Student Council began a Student Section with a different theme each week during football and basketball seasons.
- The Homecoming raffle raised over \$8,000 for Student Council sponsored activities and charities.
- Jazmine Hicks and Colton McElveen were named Homecoming Queen and King.
- Students attended the Charlotte Hornets Career in Sports Day.
- Lakayla Peoples and Larion Jackson were selected as Miss and Mr. Coming Home.
- 4H and students interested in STEM attended STEM day at Carowinds.
- LHS hosted a College and Career Fair with 21 colleges and universities and 40 business and industry partners.
- LHS hosted a FAFSA Workshop for parents and students.
- Faculty, staff and students raised \$2,425.78 through the Christmas Ornament Drive to enhance Christmas 2022 for some of our Silver Fox families.
- The Sophomore Academy toured University of South Carolina-Columbia.
- Austin Johnson and Abigail McManus were named Mr. and Miss Silver Fox.



- JROTC hosted American Red Cross blood drives, supported Lamar Civitan's Veterans Day Program, hosted the first Veterans community breakfast, supported Lamar's Christmas on Main and hosted the first JROTC Battalion Military Ball.
- Erin Drew was crowned Miss LHS 2023, and Sha'Mya McCants was named Miss Congeniality.
- Amara Garner, Madison Smith and Kamori Scipio were inducted into the 2023 Teacher Cadet National Honor Society.
- 4H and the National English Honor Society participated in the Great American Cleanup Day.
- LHS established Silver Gentlemen's and Silver Ladies' mentoring clubs.
- Our Academic Challenge Team competed in 7 academic challenge matches.
- LHS Spanish Club donated gifts to a deserving student in Darlington County.
- LHS 4H Club raised \$750 through a sponsored Powder Puff football game and presented it to the local PEE DEE Organization of Relay for Life for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Arts

- Lamar High School established a chapter of the National Art Honor Society with 17 charter members.
- Tyrra Ferguson was selected as Lamar High School Art and Business winner. She earned a blue ribbon award along with a cash prize at the Art and Business ceremony on April 20, 2023.
- Art students, Olivia Zimmon and Haley Willis, artwork was on display at the 2023 Youth Art Month in Conway this March.
- Art students, Tyrra Ferguson and Jazmyne Parnell, participated in the Jr. Artfields.
- The Silver Powerhouse Marching Band competed in the Woodland Battle of the Bands and achieved 2nd place overall and a rating of an Excellent. The band also participated in the Keith DaBreau Battle of



the Bands and achieved 3rd place overall and a rating of an Excellent.

- The Silver Powerhouse Marching Band took a trip to Atlanta, Georgia to the HBCU All Star Battle of the Bands. The students watched several high profile HBCU bands perform in the Mercedes Benz Stadium.
- Jaden Bess, Tyrra Ferguson, Kennedy Gee, John Poulos, Jaylin Samuel and Timothy Spears participated in the annual DCSD All County Music Festival. Mr. Oscar Wright was the guest clinician for the Middle School Honor Band.
- Lamar High School's Drama Club had a fall and spring production for students and community members.



Athletics

- Lamar High School was the 2022 Region 6 1A Football Champions for the seventh consecutive year.
- Kelly Anderson signed with Wake Technical College to play softball.
- Ja'Quan Toney signed with South Carolina State University to play football.
- Tyler McManus signed with Newberry College to play football.
- Enrique Morales-Rojas participated in the State Finals for Cross Country.
- The South Carolina Football Coaches Association selected 5 players to the Class 1A Allstate Football team: Gabriel McAlister, Jameike Dukes, Tyler McManus, Kendall Walton and JaQuan Toney.
- JaQuan Toney was chosen for the High School Blitz Senior Bowl and was named Best Defensive Back.
- The volleyball team participated in the SCHSL playoffs in their 2nd season.



Non-Discrimination Policy

The Darlington County School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, or other protected characteristics in its programs and activities. All schools in the Darlington County School District are accredited by the South Carolina Department of Education and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



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