

## Extracurricular Activities and Groups

- Songwriter's Club
- Anchor Club
- Falcon Cadre
- Key Club
- Band
- Yearbook
- Falcon Fest
- Fall Festival
- Drama Club
- Science Club
- Teacher Cadets
- Student Council
- National Honor Society
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)
- Future Educators of America
- JROTC and Drill/Rifle Team



## Community Service & Learning Projects

- Annual Christmas Food Drive: 32nd Year over \$7,000 and 100+ homes.
- DHS Honors ELA students raised \$200 & over 600 non-perishable food items for The Lord Cares.
- NHS collected 238 items for Toys for Tots, purchased teddy bears for McLeod Children's Hospital, donated a flower garden to the school, participated in Relay for Life, and spent time at Medford Nursing Home.
- Key Club and Science Club partnered in a campus recycling initiative. Key Club also sponsored "Kickball for Kids", an appreciation day for Fire/Police staff on 9/11, and donated 100+ school supplies.
- Honors Science collected and analyzed data at the SC State Fair and assisted SC Aquarium staff with diagnosing sick sea turtles.
- The Social Studies Department partnered with Coker College on a historic fitness walk in Charleston, SC.
- Darlington Day of Service with over 100 students participating in project around the city.
- Student Government is all about Falcon Pride! This year projects included a Breast Cancer Awareness Volleyball Match, four blood drives, visits to local elementary schools, Homecoming activities, Mr. Darlington pageant, and Field Day.
- JAG volunteered at Hospice Care of SC and observed "Read Across America Day" by reading to Exceptional Education students.

## Falcons Athletics

**Baseball**- Region 6AAA Champions; 3 College Signee's  
Mike Rogers Region 6AAA Coach of the Year and 2 All State Players

**Boy's Basketball** - 3A Final Four/Lower State Tournament Participant  
JJ Richardson North South Game/All State Selection, 2 All Region Players

**Boy's Cross Country**- Region 6AAA Champions; 6th Place State  
Rich Wideman 6AAA CC Coach of the Year and 5 All Region Runners

**Girl's Cross Country**- Region 6AAA Champions; 14th Place State  
Rich Wideman 6AAA CC Coach of the Year and 4 All Region Runners  
Region Runner of the Year: Heidi McNeil

**Football** - 5 College Signee's, 4 All Region Players

**Golf** - Chase Bailey, Lower State Champion

**Girl's Softball** - Region 6AAA Champions; 2 All Region Players  
Sarah Hardee - Region Player of the Year and North South Game Selection

**Girl's Tennis** - Region 6AAA Champions; 4 All Region Players  
Spencer Tyner 6AAA CC Coach of the Year; Mance Stokes - Region Player of the Year and Individual State Qualifier

**Wrestling** - Shaq Johnson, Region Champion. 5 Lower State Qualifiers.  
Daveon Williams, Region Champion and Individual State Qualifier

### DHS Sports Teams

- Boys' sports include baseball, basketball, football, golf, tennis, track, and wrestling.
- Girls' sports include volleyball, basketball, track, softball, soccer, tennis, and cheerleading.
- Co-ed sports include cross country and golf.

## Community Partners

# Darlington High School FALCONS

## 2012-2013 Report to the Parents

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## Welcome to the World of Opportunity

**SAT**  
Magna Cum Laude  
Rapid Improvement

**ACT**  
Magna Cum Laude  
Good Improvement

**College Board**  
2012-2013 Silver  
Overall Academic Performance

## DHS MISSION

The mission of Darlington High School is to engage all students in relevant learning experiences which will prepare them to be leaders and responsible citizens in our culturally diverse society.

**AdvancED**  
ACCREDITED

**DARLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
"You Did It Again!"  
EXCELLENT Report Card Rating  
Ranked #2 in the State for Academic Achievement  
Ranked #2 in the State for Graduation Rate (93%)  
Thanks to Faculty, Staff, Students & Parents For Making It Happen!

**HIGH SCHOOLS THAT WORK**

Parents can access students' grades and attendance through the Parent Portal at <https://powerschool.darlington.k12.sc>



Welcome to Darlington High School, home of the Falcons, where Academic Excellence is our goal. The vision of Darlington High School is to promote a safe, caring, positive learning environment that supports the belief that teachers have the right to teach and students have the right to learn.

The academic program of studies at Darlington High School is designed to meet the needs of each student who enters our doors. Our academic offerings include College Prep courses, Early College Credit, Honors courses and Credit Recovery. Darlington High School is on the cutting edge of outstanding educational practices. Our school was recognized "Magna Cum Laude" for improvement in SAT and ACT scores by the Department of Education and had the highest gains in the district in SAT scores. DHS also received Palmetto Silver for overall academic achievement.

Students are given numerous opportunities to pursue their interests and nurture special talents while completing their academic course of study. As a Renaissance School, multiple school-wide incentives for students and faculty that are achieving and demonstrating Falcon PRIDE are provided. Our athletic teams are among the best in the region and compete for state titles annually. The Falcon band and fine arts programs are growing and involve more students each year. Darlington High School is breaking barriers to allow all students to excel. Join us at your local high school as we pursue educational excellence!

**2012-2013 Darlington High School Improvement Council**

SIC members may be contacted through the school at (843) 398-2730.

**Community**

Danny DuBose  
Bert Sandifer, Chair  
Tony Watkins

**Faculty**

Dona Jo Brown  
Caitlyn Chew  
Regina Damon, Teacher of the Year  
Blaire Goodson, Secretary  
Drew Snyder

**Students**

Brycen Bworn  
John Wallace

**Parents**

Wendy McDonald  
Ellen Huggins  
Debra Wallace

**Ex Officio**

Dr. Greg Harrison, Principal    Nicole Jones    Jane Lloyd

**Purpose of Report to the Parents**

This report is designed to inform parents, community members, and students of academic goals progress and extracurricular activity achievement at Darlington High School. This report complies with SC Statute 135 (1993).

**School-Wide Incentive Program**

- Falcon PRIDE Referrals**- Teachers will write positive office referrals for students demonstrating Falcon PRIDE.  
Awards: 1) Early out of class on Friday pass, 2) Lunch line pass, 3) Coupon book, and 4) opportunity to be selected student of the month for your class.
- Student of the Month**- 1 student selected per grade level each month. The student is selected from the Falcon PRIDE Referrals.  
Awards: 1) Student of the Month trophy, 2) Early out of class pass, 3) Falcon shirt, 4) Falcon hat.
- Tin-A-Roll Celebrations**- Students earning all A's and B's are invited. Each teacher also invites a student that deserves to attend for demonstrating Falcon PRIDE but doesn't have all A's and B's. Events will be held at the end of each 9 weeks to include activities like: 1) Cookout or 2) Movie celebration. Honor roll students will be given an honor roll pin which allows students to go to lunch early on announced days.
- Falcon Football Ticket Award**- Each teacher will award a deserving student that demonstrates Falcon PRIDE a free home game ticket. Done each week, we have home games.
- Perfect Attendance Award**- Students that have perfect attendance at the end of each quarter will be given a lanyard pin that allows these students to go to lunch early on announced days.
- Triple Crown Award**- All students that pass the HSAP on their first attempt will become part of the Triple Crown and be awarded a DHS Triple Crown shirt.

**2012 Annual Report Card Ratings**

Absolute Rating: **5 Star Excellent**

*School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision.*

Growth Rating: **Excellent**

*School performance meets the standards of progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision.*

**School-Wide Academic Goals**

At Darlington High School, goals are set to increase our students success rate in several important academic areas:

- Improve SAT and HSAP writing mean scores through improved writing across the curriculum.
- Improve HSAP overall English Language Arts first time passage from 76% to 80%.
- Improve Math HSAP first time passage from 70% to 80%.
- Reach 73% passage of state-created End of Course (EOC) testing exams.
- Achieve a 95% graduation rate.
- Continue creating a more positive learning environment and school culture.

**Strategies To Meet Goals**

- Provide academic support for first time HSAP passage in tenth grade.
- Target seniors and graduating juniors needing HSAP for graduation.
- Diagnostic & Benchmark testing to target EOC exams.
- Tutoring in core academic areas.
- Differentiated instruction to target all learners at all levels.
- Credit recovery.
- School-Wide "Failure Is Not An Option" Plan.
- Student Concern Specialist and Dropout Prevention Specialist.



**Academic Accolades**

- The Class of 2012 scholarships awarded: \$2,000,000.
- 2012 Graduation Rate: 92.2% helping make Darlington County #2 in the state for Graduation Rate. 100% of DHC Graduates are attending college.
- 143 Triple Crown Award recipients for passing HSAP ELA and Math Tests on first attempt.

**Ninth Grade Academy**

- Excellent transition into the high school experience.
- Located in a separate building with dedicated guidance counselor and administrator, three computer labs, and an office staff to receive parents and visitors to the Academy.

**Darlington Honors College (DHC)**

The Darlington Honors College provides parents and students an extraordinary academic and financial value that offers up to 30 hours of college credits. This is the equivalent of an entire year of college or a scholarship of \$15,000. Unlike AP courses, students who pass DHC courses are guaranteed transferable credit to any public college or university within South Carolina. Participation potentially increases a student's opportunity for receiving other scholarships as well.



Each class is taught by one of 18 highly-qualified, innovative teachers with at least one advanced degree. Most DHC teachers are also Nationally Board Certified and can teach their respective class at the collegiate level.

DHC courses include: English 101, 102, and 202; History 101, 102, 201 and 202; Psychology 101; Education 199, Math 110; Political Science 101; Economics 101; Teacher Cadet; and Constitutional Law. A SAT/ACT class is offered to increase chances for additional scholarships and competitive college admission.