

## Extracurricular Activities and Groups

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



## Community & Service-Learning Projects

- Annual Christmas Food Drive: 31<sup>st</sup> Year \$7,000 and 106 homes.
- Key Club and JAG planned a 9/11 Remembrance and Tribute honoring law enforcement.
- DHS Honors ELA students raised \$655.65 & over 300 non-perishable food items for The Lord Cares.
- Spanish classes raised \$710 for orphans in Nicaragua through the Pulsera Project.
- FCA filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for needy children and collected items for the BHHB.
- NHS raised \$700 for the BHHB and purchased 100 teddy bears for McLeod's Children's Hospital.
- Darlington Day of Service with five school clubs and 62 students participating with project around the city.
- JAG helped host Special Olympics, raised money for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, assisted special needs student projects and active in Adopt-A Highway.
- Key Club collected over 1,100 donated items to the Boys and Girls Club/Salvation Army and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity.



## Falcons Athletics

**Baseball-** Region 6AAA Champions; District V Champions;  
Mike Rogers Region 6AAA Coach of the Year

**Boy's Track-** Region 6AAA Champions; Charlie Poole Region 6AAA Coach of the Year; Anthony Wilson State Champion AAA High Jump

**Girl's Track-** Region 6AAA Champions; Jesse Barber Region 6AAA Coach of the Year; Heidi McNeil Region Player of the Year

**Girl's Cross Country-** Region 6AAA Champions;  
Rich Wideman 6AAA CC Coach of the Year

**Football-** Christian Jett All-State Player, North-South All-Star Player

**Boy's Basketball-** Region 6AAA Champions (3<sup>rd</sup> Year in a Row);  
Ken Howle Region 6AAA Coach of the Year;  
Trevon James All State Selection

### 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



H & S Floors and Furnishings  
Society Hill Police Dept.



MG Sports



Fastrack Convenience Stores



Pee Dee Health Care  
Eads Chiropractic  
Kirven Construction



# Darlington High School

## FALCONS



## 2011-2012 Report to the Parents

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## Welcome to the World of Opportunity

2011-2012

Gold Palmetto Award for Achievement Gap

Silver Palmetto Award for General Performance

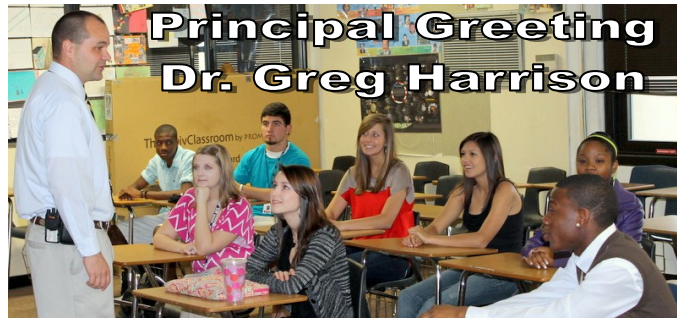


## DHS MISSION

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.



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 as one of only 39 Palmetto Gold recipients in South Carolina by the Department of Education and Legislature for closing the achievement gap. DHS also received Palmetto Silver for general performance.

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!

### 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).



**DARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

### School-Wide Incentive Program

- I. **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.
- II. **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.
- III. **'On-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.
- IV. **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.
- V. **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.
- VI. **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.

### 2011-2012 Darlington High School Improvement Council

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

#### Community

Christopher Blackmon  
Bert Sandifer, Chair

#### Faculty

William DuBose  
Dean Fullard  
Lila Grooms  
Debra Wallace

#### Students

Jalynn Parnell  
Megan Wingate

#### Parents

Jacqueline Parnell  
Renee Perritt  
Jeff Scharstein  
Wanda Scharstein

#### Ex Officio

Dr. Greg Harrison, Principal    Nicole Jones    Jane Lloyd    Cassandra Poole    Retha Ross    Robert Smith

### 2011 Annual Report Card Ratings

Absolute Rating: **Good**

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

Growth Rating: **Average**

*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 70% passage of state-created End of Course (EOC) testing exams.
- Achieve a 90% 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

- Class of 2011 scholarship awards: \$1,815,031 in scholarship awards.
- 2011 Graduation Rate for 2011: 84.4% helping make Darlington County #2 in the state for Graduation Rate.
- 196 Triple Crown Award recipients for passing HSAP ELA and Math Tests on first attempt.
- District First Year Teacher of the Year on the faculty.

### 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 27 hours of college credits. This is the equivalent of three credits short of a full year of college or a scholarship of \$14,175. 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 a highly-qualified, innovative teacher with at least one advanced degree. Most DHC teachers are Nationally Board Certified and can teach their respective class at the collegiate level.

DHC courses include: English 101 and 102, History 201 and History 202, Psychology 101, Government 101, Political Science 101, Economics 101 and Teacher Cadet. The program is planning to add Math and Science classes.

