



Darlington High School

20-21 Report to Parents
Welcome to the Falcon Family



We believe in you, and we hope you believe in yourself.

Our Vision

The vision of Darlington High School is to promote a safe, caring, positive, and innovative learning environment that empowers teachers to prepare students for the 21st Century through communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking.

Our Mission

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

We Believe...

All students can learn. Students learn through active involvement in relevant experiences. Student success will be enhanced by active support from the school, parents, and community. Cultural diversity enhances lives and society.

Learning is a lifelong process.

Instructional strategies should incorporate a variety of learning experiences to accommodate different learning styles.



Celebrating 25 Years of Success in 2020-2021

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, Falcons have continued to persevere to celebrate 25 years of success. Academically, the Falcons continue to soar high. On June 2, 2020, the class of 2020 was able to graduate back in the Falcon's Nest Stadium for the first time in recent years. Three students graduated with Associates of Arts Degrees from FDTC as well. 24 seniors graduated with college credits, and many with on the job training. Throughout the 2020-2021 year, students worked to celebrate Darlington High School's 25th anniversary by participating in "25 Acts of Service" and treating the community who has supported the school so much over the years with dedicated acts of kindness and service.

Students, organizations, and athletic teams have participated in voter registration drives, volunteered at the animal shelter, helped with local Kiwanis community projects, volunteered at local nursing homes, helped with a sea turtle rescue project, donated funds to various causes including breast cancer research, McLeod's Children's hospital, the area pregnancy resource center, and

Relay for life. Also, the campus community came together as one to complete the 40th Annual Darlington Food Drive.

"It has been incredible to watch the various groups embrace this project," said Cortney Gehrke, DHS principal. "During this pandemic, instead of lamenting the celebrations we couldn't hold for our 25th year, Falcons have chosen to focus on supporting one another and our town. Our students will learn the joy of giving back through these events, and it will bring us all closer together as a Falcon Family."

**Volunteer @
DHS:**



The Early College Honors Program

DHS Early College Honors Program affords students the opportunity to take actual college courses with certified college instructors in the eleventh and twelfth grades. Truly dedicated students can earn a two-year associate degree by the time they graduate high school!

Darlington County Institute of Technology

DCIT provides hands on experiences in various career fields (from nursing to welding). Students have the opportunity to attain various job related certifications.

Visit: <http://dcit.dcsdschools.org/Key to Career Program>

The Key to Career program offers hands-on internship opportunities with local businesses.

School Improvement Committee

Members: Community

Keith Cauthen, Lisa

Rock, William Altman

Students

Amber Tallent, Christopher McBride

Parents

Wendy Schurknight (secretary), Sterling Mosby

Faculty

Erin Farrell (Chair), Jennifer Hooks (Co-Chair)

Administrators Cortney

Gehrke, Lindsey Cote'

*Members can be contacted through the main office.

Falcon Pride

- P**erseverance
- R**espect
- I**ntegrity
- D**ependability
- E**xcellence



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Student Clubs

- Falcon Young Men
- Yearbook
- Gospel Choir
- Anchor Club
- Key Club
- National Honor Society
- Beta Club
- Lavender Ladies
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Gamer's Guild
- JAG
- Marching Falcons Band
- Flawless Jewels (Dance Line)
- Future Educator's of America
- International Club
- Falcon Writing Center

Athletics

- Men's and Women's Tennis
- Men's and Women's Golf
- Men's and Women's Cross Country
- Men's and Women's Basketball
- Men's and Women's Track and Field
- Cheerleading
- Wrestling
- Men's and Women's Soccer
- Baseball
- Softball

School-wide Accountability and Testing Support

- EOC: End of course Testing- (*English II, Alg I, Bio I, US History*)
- ACT/SAT: College Readiness- (*11th grade*)
- WIN: Career Readiness- (*11th grade*)
- Midterms & Finals - (*all grades*)
- All core classes are required to teach rigorously and standards based
- ACT/SAT prep classes offered
- Math prep classes (Alg 1 geared)
- Test taking strategies are taught explicitly

Stay Connected

PowerSchool: Student schedules, grades, and attendance

Visit: <https://dcsdsc.powerschool.com/public/>

Schoology: Individual class assignments and assessments

Visit: <https://lms.dcsdschools.org/login/ldap?&school=394022029>

Peachjar: School calendars, flyers, updates, etc.

School Connects Calls

All resources can be accessed on our DHS website.

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