

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.

DHS Administration Team & Their Roles

Principal

Cortney Gehrke

21st Century Instructional Leadership, School Organization, Public Relations, Teacher Recertification, ECHP

Assistant Principals

Ms. Stephanie Lenard

Senior Class Administrator, Curriculum & Instruction, Textbooks, 504 Coordinator/RTI, Graduation, Testing Coordinator (ACT/WIN), Staff handbook, Evaluations/Observations/SLOs, English and Math Department

Mr. Chad Martin

Junior Class Administrator, iAcademy, Campus Security and Safety, Testing Coordinator (EOC), Teacher Duty Coordinator, Transportation, Maintenance, Custodians, and Facilities, Evaluations/Observations/SLOs, Social Studies and Elective Departments

Ms. Lindsey Cote'

Sophomore Class Administrator, Technology, Homebound/Homebased, Credit Recovery/APEX, New Teacher Mentor Program, School Improvement Council, Copy Requests, Evaluation Coordinator, Evaluations/Observations/SLOs, Foreign Language and Science Departments

Ms. Cassandra Poole

Freshmen Administrator, Evening Academy, Scheduling, Attendance, Clubs/Organizations, Parent Teacher Organization, Summer School, Student Teachers, Evaluations/Observations/SLOs, Special Education & Guidance

School Improvement Council

Kristen Johnson - Chair
Greg Dolce - Vice Chair
Will Isgett -Secretary

SIC Goals

*Improve overall EOC data by 3% yearly; improve College/Career Readiness scores by 3% yearly and raise ACT composite scores to 15+ yearly.

*Build a team-approach for all stakeholders for students and school success.

**SIC members can be contacted through
the school at 398-2730
2018-2019 Darlington High**

Community

Will Isgett
Brad Aldrich
Christina Thomas
-Waibel

Students

Ella Watford
Cameron Graham

Faculty

Kristen Johnson
Greg Dolce

Parents

Brandy Weaver
Monica Barr

Admin

Cortney Gehrke
Lindsey Cote'



Welcome to the Falcon Family

DHS 2018-2019

Report to Parents



Darlington High School

Home of the Falcons

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Athletics

Sports Opportunities

Boys' sports include baseball, basketball, football, golf, tennis, track, wrestling, cross country, and soccer.

Girls' sports include volleyball, tennis, basketball, track, softball, soccer, cheerleading, and golf.

New Additions

Coach Michael Jordan- athletic director

He has over 30 years of experience in education. He has served as a head coach for football, track, and wrestling. He has a Master's Degree in School Administration and a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education. He also played collegiate football in North Carolina.

Coach Anthony Heilbronn- head basketball coach

He has a Bachelor's in Social Studies and Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. He served as a head track and field coach for three years prior to coming to DHS, and he is now in his 5th year as an assistant track and field coach for DHS. He has been a part of our Darlington boys basketball program for 7 years, 6 of them as our lead assistant.

Coach Raymond Jennings- head varsity football coach

He has ten years of experience as a head coach, and 17 years of experience and an educator. He is also National Board certified in Career and Technology. He has served as an assistant football coach for several collegiate programs, was named the 2006 4A Lower State Coach of the Year, and was inducted into the Gardner-Webb University Hall of Fame. He has a Master's Degree in Education Administration and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Coach Cellina Epps- Head Varsity girl's coach

She is an elementary school teacher in our district. She has 17 years of coaching experience and has served as our JV volleyball coach for three years. She has an Associate's Degree in Health Science and a Bachelor's Degree interdisciplinary studies.

The Early College Honors Program

The Darlington High School Early College Honors Program is a program that is designed to offer ninth and tenth grade students the opportunity to take advanced courses in preparation for the opportunity to take actual college classes with certified college instructors in eleventh and twelfth grade.

Successfully completing a college course by earning a C or higher will result in the student earning at least 3 hours of college credit for each class the student takes. Qualified students can take as many classes as their schedules allows or only a few that interest them. Truly driven and dedicated students can even earn a two-year associate degree by the time they graduate high school!



Celebrating Success

17-18 school year-

- *earned almost 1600 college credit hours
- *senior class awarded more than 8.3 million dollars in scholarships
- *185 students participated in band, and seniors received scholarships totaling 1.2 million dollars
- *JROTC had 25 graduates, and over half of them are currently in college or in the military
- *Soul Hope Project (JAG): providing shoes overseas
- *Hosted the Special Olympics
- *Students earned over 1750 hours of community service hours
- *NHS collected donations for Toys for Tots, raised \$250 for McLeod Children's Hospital, and \$750 for Relay for Life

Clubs & Organizations

- Anchor Club
- Beta Club
- Falcon Young Men of Distinction
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Future Educators of America
- Gamer's Guild
- Gospel Choir
- International Club
- Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)
- JROTC
- Key Club
- Lavender Ladies
- Marching Falcons Band
- National Art Honors Society
- National Honor Society
- School Newspaper
- Student Government
- Teacher Cadets
- Tri-M: Music Honors Society
- Yearbook

Academic Enhancement

***Power Hour:** On Wednesdays, students have an hour built into the schedule to report to teachers for academic assistance, make up assignments, or club meetings.

***Advisory:** Every student has an advisory teacher this year to meet with daily. We use this time for academic enhancement, test prep, college and career readiness skills, individual coaching/conferencing, and character building.

***Falcon Freedom Center:** Mrs. Tempestt Johnson in our English Department has begun the process of leading a student-led writing center on campus to aid students with their writing assignments.

Schoolwide testing

- *EOC: End of course Testing- English 9th, Math 9th, Science 10th, History 11th
- *ACT/SAT: College Readiness (11th grade)
- *WIN: Career Readiness (11th grade)
- *Midterms & Finals (all grades)

Stay connected

PowerSchool: Student schedules, grades, and attendance

<https://powerschool.darlington.k12.sc.us/public/>

Schoology: individual class assignments and assessments <https://lms.dcsdschools.org/>

Peachjar: School calendars, flyers, updates, etc. <https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/all/schools/30016>

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