

Darlington High School

23-24 Report to Parents
Welcome to the Falcon Family



TOGETHER WE RISE!

Our Vision

The vision of Darlington High School is to engage students in a nurturing environment that prepares them to excel as college and/or career ready.

Our Mission

The mission of Darlington High School is to educate and empower students to be responsible citizens.

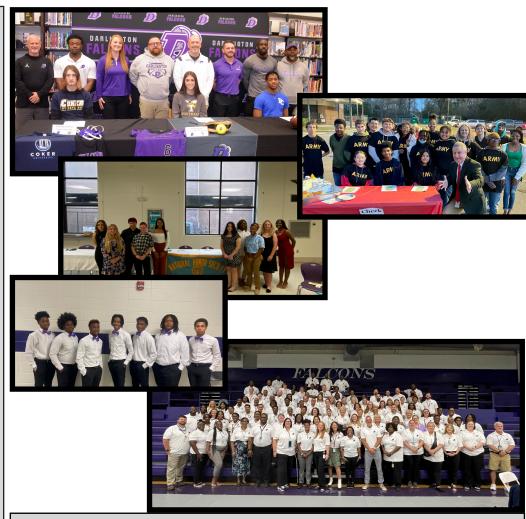
We Believe...

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. Learning strategies and experiences should accommodate differences in learning styles.



Become a Volunteer!



Growing a Culture of Excellence

Darlington High School (DHS) was excited to return for the 2023-2024 school year with updated vision and mission statements developed by all stakeholders that speaks to the heart of our daily focus. This year is about making sure every Falcon finds a place where they feel connected and valued, as we strive together to become the best versions of ourselves individually and collectively. We set high goals for ourselves to see improvements in culture and educational success, inside and outside the classroom, knowing that Falcons are more than capable of reaching those

Comparing first semester of 2022 to first semester of 2023, it is undeniable the gains that we are making. We saw an increase in the average daily attendance for all students from 90.30% to 92.34%, a 22.4% decrease in discipline referrals, a 5% increase in the class pass rate, and an 11.85% increase in the number of A, B, and C's in classes.

Beyond these numbers, we are also seeing huge growth in our extracurricular activities, allow us to celebrate together on the fields, courts, and mats as well.

Falcons are proving daily that TOGETHER WE RISE!

The Early College Honors Program

The Darlington High School Early College
Honors Program is designed to offer students
the opportunity to take advanced courses and
college classes while in high school.
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 allow 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!

School Improvement Council

Goals

1. Increase
Algebra I EOC
scores to 27% C
or better.
2. Increase
Biology I EOC
scores to 26% C
or better.
3. Increase
positive culture
at DHS as
evidenced by
increased scores
on the
Panorama

survey.

Community Members

Keith Cauthen Lee Andrews-Chair Gray Fail Students

Sean Odom

Jaiden Dubs

Parents

India Dargan Brandy Weaver-Secretary

Administrators

Cortney Gehrke Brandon Hutson

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Falcon Pride Perseverance Respect Integrity Pependability xcellence

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Organizations
Anchor Club

Band Falcon Young Men

FCA Gamers' Guild Gospel Choir JAG

JROTC

Key Club

Lavender Ladies National Art Honor Principal Advisory Student Government

Yearbook

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Athletic Programs

Baseball
Basketball
Cheer
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Soccer
Softball
Tennis
Track and Field
Volleyball
Wrestling

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 arade)
- Midterms & Finals (all grades)
- MAP testing: All grades

- All core classes are required to teach rigorously and standards based
- · ACT/SAT prep classes offered
- Read 180 Classes
- Math 180 Classes
- Test taking strategies are taught explicitly

Stay Connected

PowerSchool: Student schedules, grades, and attendance **Schoology:** individual class assignments and assessments

SchoolStatus Connect, Facebook, and Instagram

All resources can be accessed on our DHS website. Feel free to contact the front office or our student data manager (Ms. Bruce) for any login information.