

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

- The 33rd Annual Christmas Food Drive raised over \$7,000 and served 122 homes.
- DHS Early College Academy students raised over \$100 and collected over 800 non-perishable food items for The Lord Cares.
- DHS students in dual credit classes performed over 250 hours of service in the community and around campus.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes filled shoeboxes for children through the Samaritan's Purse organization and provided bottled water and goodies for the Raceway Ministries to distribute during the Southern 500 at the Darlington International Speedway.
- NHS collected 343 items for Toys for Tots, purchased stuffed animals for McLeod Children's Hospital, participated in Relay for Life, awarded 2-\$500 Scholarships, and visited the Children's Hospital as well as the Medford Nursing Center.
- The Special Olympics Area 1 Spring Games were held for the 3rd consecutive year, with 80 student volunteers aiding 400 participating athletes.
- Honors Science collected and analyzed data at the SC State Fair and assisted SC Aquarium staff with diagnosing sick sea turtles.
- Key club participated in the Kiwanis pancake supper, worked to set up the Darlington Day of Service, donated to the Salvation Army, and participated in the Darlington Parade and Christmas Tree set up.
- Student Government held three blood drives, saving over 100 lives! They also held the 1st annual Brunch with Santa, made 2 holiday visits to elementary schools, held field day and 4 pep rallies!
- JAG volunteered by caroling at Christmas time, helping with monthly Teacher of the Month ballots and pledging against teen dating and gun violence. They also volunteered at the St. John's Elementary Fall Festival.

Falcons Athletics

Boys Basketball – Region 6 – 3A Champs and Lower State Champs

Frankie Johnson Region 6 – 3A player of the year. 4 All Region Players

Boys Cross Country- Region 6 – 3A Runner ups; 14th Place State

and 2 All Region Runners

Girls Cross Country- Region 6 – 3A Champions; 13th Place State

Rich Wideman Region 6 – 3A Cross Country Coach of the Year and 3 All Region Runners

Region Runner of the Year/AAA All-State Team: Heidi McNeil

Football – 6 All Region Players

Girls Softball – 2013 Lower State Champions

Girls Tennis – Region 6 – 3A Champions for second straight year

Wrestling - 3 Lower State Qualifiers.

DHS Sports Teams

• **Boys** sports include: baseball, basketball, football, golf, tennis, soccer, track, and wrestling.

• **Girls** sports include: volleyball, basketball, track, softball, soccer, tennis, golf and cheerleading.

• **Co-ed** sports include cross Country and swimming

Community Partners

Nucor Steel	Darlington Raceway	Dixie's Federal Credit Union	First Citizens	Singletery's Tire & Auto	H&H Construction
MG Sports	Carolina Bank	Scott Trailer Sales	Mickey Finns	Paulling and James, LLP	Gerald Malloy
Fastrack Stores	Pepsi	Takis	SPC Credit Union	Central Baptist Church	Orlando Hudson
Belk Funeral Home	MG Sports & Printing	Goodson's Pure	Carolina Printing, Sports & Trophy	Palmetto Concrete Designs	Domino's Pizza
Subway	National Guard	Pee Dee Electric	Robert E. Lee Attorney at Law	Capstone ISG	All-Star Sports
Darlington Veneer Co.	Pee Dee Environmental	Bill Moore Insurance Agency	Flower Baskets by Becky	Diamond Hill Plywood	Corner Connection
Milling Law Office	Aesthetic Dentistry	Wheel Country Tire	Genesis Healthcare	Flash Photo Booth	Josten's
Southern Auto Parts	City of Darlington	Dr. John Early Family Dentistry	Mr. B's Frozen Foods	Karl H. Smith Attorney	Kiwanis

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Darlington High School

An Early College Magnet School

2013-2014 Report to the Parents

Dr. Greg Harrison, Principal

525 Spring Street, Darlington, South Carolina 29532



DARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Highest Performing High School in the Pee Dee

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.



2013-2014 Gold

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





**Principal Greeting
Dr. Greg Harrison**

Darlington High School has experienced a banner year academically and athletically. We are truly "in the pursuit of excellence." Our school strives to meld academic and technical studies while ensuring that every course is challenging and engaging.

In addition to excelling academically, Darlington High School has made great strides outside of the classroom. The Track team won Region 6AAA championship for the 5th consecutive year. The Cross Country team won the region for the 3rd straight year.

Darlington High School had multiple all-state and all-region athletes, numerous region championships, a Lower-State Championship in basketball, and many student athletes sign to play collegiate sports next year.

Darlington High School Falcons were also committed to serving their community through service learning projects. The 3rd annual Christmas food drive raised \$7,000 and served 122 families. The National Honor Society collected over 343 Toys for Tots during Christmas, raised \$1,500 for the American Cancer Society, and purchased 100 teddy bears for McLeod's Children's Hospital. Our Key Club held the 3rd annual "Darlington Day of Service" project where hundreds of students volunteered at various businesses, parks, and schools. In addition, the Student Government fundraised for Breast Cancer Awareness, Hospice Care, and hosted Red Cross Blood Drives. Darlington High School also hosted the area Special Olympics for a 3rd year. Our JAG program coordinated Teen Dating Violence Awareness activities.

Darlington High School makes a concerted effort to recognize and celebrate student excellence through our school-wide incentive programs. The Triple Crown Award, which honors students who are successful on their first attempt at HSAP, recognized 221 students this year. The Falcon Pride Awards celebrated students who demonstrated Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, and Excellence. Through this program, students were recognized over 1500 times by faculty members. From these, a student was chosen each month to serve as Student of the Month.

The success of Darlington High School students is directly correlated to the high standards set by the Falcon Faculty. Six of our teachers hold National Board Certification, and over half of the faculty holds advanced degrees.

Dr. Greg Harrison, Principal

2013-2014 Darlington High School Improvement Council

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

Community

David Vaughan
Dawn Sumner
Tony Watkins

Ex Officio

Dr. Greg Harrison, Principal

Faculty

Lindsey McInville, Secretary
Dona Jo Brown

Students

Murphy Lee
Blaine Eads


Parents

Lisa Lee
Teresa Moore, Chair

Nicole Jones Jane Lloyd Cassandra Poole Robert Smith Shannel Williams

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

- 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.

2013 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 EOCEP scores in Algebra 1, English I and US History from 64% to 70%.
- Maintain HSAP overall English Language Arts and Math first time passage rates to at least 80%.
- Achieve a 95% graduation rate.
- Continue creating a more positive learning environment and school culture.
- Improve graduation rates and test scores by participate in the district IPAD pilot study.

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 "Technology in the Classroom" Plan.
- Student Concern Specialist and Dropout Prevention Specialist.



Academic Accolades

- The class of 2013 received \$2,000,000.00 in scholarships, 64 graduates received the Life Scholarship, 9 graduates received the Hope Scholarship
- 20 members of the class received up to 33 hours college credit from our Early College Academy.
- Palmetto Gold awards in recognition of our 93% graduation rate and our success closing the achievement gap through academic excellence.
- 221 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.

Early College Honors Academy

The Darlington High School Honors College provides parents and students an extraordinary academic opportunity and a tremendous financial savings by offering students college courses while still in high school.



DHS offered 30 hours of college credit during the 2013-2014 school year by offering a variety of courses that are taught by one of eighteen highly-qualified, innovative teachers with at least one advanced degree, all of which can teach their respective class at the collegiate level. Current course offerings include English 101, 102, and 202; History 101, 102, 201, 202; Math 110; Psychology 201, and Teacher Cadet. This is the equivalent of an entire year of college or a scholarship of approximately \$20,000. Unlike AP courses, students who pass dual credit courses are guaranteed transferable credit to any South Carolina public college or university. These classes also have the potential to increase a student's opportunity for receiving other scholarships. Honors College students also take a SAT/ACT class in order to increase chances for scholarships and prepare them for competitive college admission.

The Early College Honors Academy has expanded its course offerings for the 2014-2015 school year to include a total of 60 hours of college credit—the equivalent to TWO years of college and an approximate savings of over \$40,000! The truly dedicated and committed Honors College student can enroll in one college course during the summer and can even earn a two-year Associate of Arts Degree on the day of his/her high school graduation!