

School Achievements

*Ms. Jill Hale was named
LHS Teacher of the Year.*

LHS Art students were recognized in numerous art competitions. Three students had works accepted to the Burroughs & Chapin Juried Art Show. One student placed second in the "Recyclable Arts Contest". Four students placed second in the HCS Technology Fair. Holly Edwards and Lauren Rose placed first and second in the Yam Festival Art Show.

LHS Band received an Excellent Rating at State Festival. Thirteen students earned chairs in the All-County Band. Seven students earned chairs in the All-Region Band. Allison Whisnant earned a chair in the SC All-State Band.

LHS Chorus received a Superior Rating at State Festival. Twenty-four students were named to All-County Chorus. Ten students earned places in the SC All-State Chorus. Mandy Bruton earned a place in the Honor Chorus.

LHS DECA Club had seven students place in the Top 10 at Regional Competition.

Ten students competed in the State Career Development Conference and all ten placed in their respective category. Zachary Faircloth won first place in Professional Selling.

LHS FFA won in the Region and placed second in the State Soils Judging Competition. Kayla Todd placed first as an individual in the Region and the State Soils Judging Competitions.

*LHS inducted 32 students into the
National Honor Society.*

*LHS Orchestra had six students earn chairs in the
All-County Orchestra.*

*D'Juan Griffin is the SC Wrestling State Champion
in the 225 weight class.*

*He was named All-Region and
Wrestler of the Year in Region 8.*

Loris High School SIC Members

*Chair: Pam Harrelson, Parent
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*Principal: Dirk Gurley
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*Wendy Causey, Parent
Cole Duncan, Student
Valerie Faircloth, Parent
Phillip Gaillard, Community
Rubbie Govan-Sweet, Community
Charles Horton, Teacher
Patricia Jones, Community
Cathy Myers, Parent
Darcy Nirenstein, Student
Beverly Patrick, Parent
Jean Stanley, Community
Mia State, Teacher
Devon Stephens, Student
Christian Stevens, Student
Brandon Todd, Community
Roxanne Wright, Teacher*

Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the Loris High School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."

School Improvement Council

School Summary Report 2011-2012



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The mission of Loris High School is to prepare all students to achieve excellence by creating an environment conducive to learning where students, staff, and families work together to promote the skills needed in a continuously changing world.

SIC Annual Goals

LHS has established goals for Student Learning as outlined in our Strategic Plan. Four of these goals are:

1. The pass rate on the English I EOC Exam will increase to 80% for students taught in our building, and the achievement gap will be narrowed by 25%.
2. The pass rate on the US History EOC Exam will increase to 82% for students taught in our building, and the achievement gap will be narrowed by 25%.
3. The pass rate on the Biology EOC Exam will increase to 75% for students taught in our building, and the achievement gap will be narrowed by 25%.
4. 70% of our disabled students will meet proficiency in ELA as measured by HSAP in 2011-2012.

End-of-Course Test Pass Rate

Students took state End-of-Course Tests in Algebra I, English I, Biology, Physical Science, and US History. These pass rates include all students who are assigned to LHS as their base high school. Our overall pass rate for 2010 was 65%. This improved to 66.1% in 2011. There were increases in Algebra I and Physical Science.

Student Achievement

SC School Report Card Ratings

	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2011	Good	Below Average
2010	Good	At-Risk
2009	Average	At-Risk

High School Assessment Program

Our pass rate for first-time HSAP takers improved from 73.6% in 2010 to 80.6% in 2011. Our overall passage rate in spring 2011 was 91.9%.

SAT and ACT

Our average SAT score is 942 for Critical Reading and Math. The average SAT composite score is 1376. This is an increase of 65 points from 2010.

Our average ACT score is 18. This score remains constant.

“For more information, you may view Loris High School’s “S.C. School Report Card” for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.”

Additional Information

Loris High School is a community-oriented school focused on rigor, relationships, and relevance to meet the unique needs of each student.

We have a diverse student population. Of our 755 students, 52.8% are white, 40.5% are African American, 4.6% are Hispanic, and 2.1% are of other racial or ethnic backgrounds. 73.4% of our students receive either free or reduced lunch.

To meet some of the unique needs of our students, LHS offers a variety of programs. Extended Options is a free after-school tutoring program that is offered throughout the school year on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bus transportation is also provided for this program.

SAT and ACT preparation workshops are provided in advance of each test date. These workshops are conducted by teachers who excel in their given subject area.

LHS implemented a Renaissance Program to recognize and reward student achievement and improvement. This program offers special incentives to motivate students to reach their potential academically. 300 students have participated each nine-week grading period.

We will continue our efforts to fulfill our school motto: Achieving Regardless of Circumstances.