

School Achievements:

Cathy Jones was named LHS Teacher of the Year.

Tina Edge was named LHS Support Staff of the Year.

Senior Zachary Faircloth was elected Vice President at the National Boy's State conference.

LHS JROTC was recognized as a National Honor Unit with Distinction. They participated in five parades and five community service learning projects.

LHS DECA Club had six students place in the Top 10 at State Competition and ten students place in the Top 10 in their respective categories at Regional Competition. Austin Soles placed first at State Conference for Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling.

LHS Advanced Choral Ensemble earned a Superior rating at State Festival and was selected to participate in the Waves of the Future showcase at The Carolina Opry. Thirteen students were named to All-County Chorus. Four students earned places in the SC All-State Choirs: Vinny Bianculli, Henry Harrelson, Sandra Holmes, and Brook Huggins.

LHS Marching Lions received excellent ratings in four competitions. First place overall honors were earned twice. The percussion, color guard, and drum major earned first place honors on three occasions.

LHS Symphonic Band had six students earn seats in All-County Band and five students earn seats in All-Region Band. One student was named as an alternate for SC All-State Band.

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

Seven LHS students placed in their respective categories at the Technology Fair.

LHS Interact & Key Clubs collected over 1200 food items to provide to 32 families.

LHS Robotics Club participated in two competitions during their second year.

Taquan Long is the SC State Wrestling Champion in the 160 weight class.

Quavon Bellamy and Ryan Bellamy were named to the SC All-State Football Team.

Five Art students participated in the juried Burroughs and Chapin Art Show. LHS has seven students enrolled in AP Art Courses.

LHS inducted 32 students into the National Honor Society.

SIC Members:

Chair: Pam Harrelson, Community
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Principal: Dirk Gurley
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Advisory Board Representative:

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Valerie Botkin, Parent

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Valerie Faircloth, Parent

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Joni Gerald, Parent

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Charles Horton, Teacher

Beverly Patrick, Parent

Kyle Powell, Community

Jill Railing, Community

Jean Stanley, Community

Mia Toomer, Teacher

Emily Vail, 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 2013-2014



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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.
2. The pass rate on the US History EOC Exam will increase to 82% for students taught in our building.
3. The pass rate on the Biology EOC Exam will increase to 75% for students taught in our building.
4. 70% of our disabled students will meet proficiency in ELA as measured by HSAP.

SC School Report Card Ratings

	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Average
2011	Good	Below Average
2010	Good	At-Risk

Scholarships

In 2013, LHS students earned \$3,177,270 in scholarships.

Student Achievement

High School Assessment Program

LHS pass rate for first time test takers in 2013 is 83.2%. Our overall passage rate improved from 94.9% in Spring 2012 to 95.5% in Spring 2013.

4-Year Graduation Rate

2013	84.6%
2012	83.8%
2011	75.9%

SAT and ACT

The average SAT composite score is 1484. Our average ACT composite score is 20.2.

End-of-Course Test Pass Rate

Students take state end-of-course exams in Algebra I, English I, Biology, and US History. These pass rates include all students who are assigned to LHS as their base high school.

Overall pass rates are:

2013	77.9%
2012	68.4%
2011	66.1%

Summary

Loris High School is a community-oriented school focused on rigor, relationships, and relevance to meet the unique needs of each student. Of our almost 800 students, more than 70% receive either free or reduced lunch as based on the federal poverty index. This year the school was designated a Title 1 School for the first time.

To meet the unique needs of our students, LHS offers a variety of programs. Extended Options is a free after-school tutoring program offered throughout the school year. Tutoring is available to all students in every subject. The school offers HSAP Preparation courses and EOC Test Review Sessions. Bus transportation is provided for all of these programs. A Renaissance Program continues to be utilized to recognize and reward student achievement and improvement. The Gear-Up program works with the class of 2017 as they progress through high school.

During the 2013-14 school year, Loris High School has continued to achieve academic excellence. The school boasts the highest graduation rate in the district and earned an "A" rating on the school report card. The number of students enrolled in AP Courses has increased. The school continues to maintain thriving fine arts, JROTC, and athletic programs.

"For more information, you may view Loris High School's 'SC School Report Card' for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov"