

## 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 measure by HSAP.

## SC School Report Card Ratings

	<b>Absolute Rating</b>	<b>Growth Rating</b>
2012	Excellent	Average
2011	Good	Below Average
2010	Good	At-Risk

## Student Achievement

### High School Assessment Program

Our pass rate for first-time HSAP takers in 2012 is 74.2%. Our overall passage rate improved from 91.9% in 2011 to 94.9% in Spring 2012.

### 4-Year Graduation Rate

2011	75.9%
2012	83.8%

### SAT and ACT

The average SAT composite score is 1454. This is an increase of 78 points from 2011.

Our average ACT composite score is 19.6. This is an increase from an average score of 18 the previous year.

### End-of-Course Test Pass Rate

Students took state End-of-Course Tests 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. Our overall pass rate for 2011 was 66.1%. This improved to 68.4% in 2012.

*"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](http://www.ed.sc.gov)."*

## Summary

During the 2012-2013 school year, Loris High School has received many distinctions based on academic achievement and dramatically improving student performance. Loris High was recognized as a Palmetto Gold Award School. We have been re-designated as a MetLife Foundation-NASSP Breakthrough School. US News and World Report has also awarded Loris High School with a Bronze designation.

Loris High School is a community-oriented school focused on rigor, relationships, and relevance to meet the unique needs of each student. Of our 786 students, approximately 80% of our students receive either free or reduced lunch as based on the federal poverty index. The school's Key and Interact Clubs were very active this year collecting over 500 canned goods to provide to families in the community. Our student council also collected 900 books for the Red Bank Elementary School in New Jersey.

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. Tutoring is available in all subjects as well as HSAP Preparation and EOC Test Review Sessions. Bus transportation is provided for this program. A Renaissance Program continues to be utilized to recognize and reward student achievement and improvement. This program offers special incentives to motivate students to reach their academic potential.

## School Achievements

*Ms. Emily Vail was named LHS  
Teacher of the Year.*

*Mrs. Krystal Causey was named LHS  
Support Staff of the Year.*

*LHS inducted 31 students into the  
National Honor Society.*

*LHS Art students were recognized in numerous art  
competitions. Five students had works accepted to the  
Burrroughs & Chapin Juried Art Show. Four students placed  
at the Horry County Technology Fair with Kayla Planty  
placing first in Digital Photography.*

*LHS Band received an Excellent Rating at State Festival.  
Eight students earned chairs in the All-County Band.  
Five students earned chairs in the All-Region Band.*

*LHS Advanced Choral Ensemble received a Superior Rating  
and the Women's Ensemble received an Excellent Rating at  
State Festival. Twenty-one students were named to All-  
County Chorus. Three students earned places in the  
SC All-State Men's Chorus: Tanner Cox, Tanner Chock, and  
Justin Prince.*

*LHS DECA Club had eleven students place in the Top 10 in their  
respective categories at Regional Competition. Five students  
placed in their respective categories at the State Career  
Development Conference. The chapter was recognized at the  
state level for having the largest membership increase in a single  
year.*

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

*LHS JROTC was recognized as a National Honor Unit with  
Distinction. Cadet Lieutenant Colonel James Carignan was  
awarded an Army ROTC 4 year scholarship to attend The  
Citadel. Cadet First Sergeant Shanquel Canty was awarded  
the National Cadet Challenge Physical Fitness Medal.*

*LHS Boys Track won the Regional Championship.*

*LHS Baseball Team placed second in the Lower State.*

## Loris High School SIC Members

*Chair: Pam Harrelson, Community  
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*Principal: Dirk Gurley*

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*Holly Edwards, Student*

*Valerie Faircloth, Parent*

*Phillip Gaillard, Community*

*Joni Gerald, Parent*

*Lynzi Hammett, Student*

*Tennille Hardee, Community*

*Charles Horton, Teacher*

*Cathy Myers, Parent*

*Beverly Patrick, Parent*

*Jill Railing, Community*

*Jean Stanley, Community*

*Mia Toomer, Teacher*

*Roxanne Wright, Teacher*

## School Improvement Council

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### 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."*

*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.*