



Lugoff-Elgin High School

Annual School Improvement Council



“Report to the Parents” 2022-23

LEHS SIC

“This report is issued by the Lugoff-Elgin 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.”

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LEHS Mission

The mission of Lugoff-Elgin High School is to give every student the opportunity to succeed in an increasingly complex society.

LEHS Vision

Lugoff-Elgin High School will empower and challenge students to become valuable members of society. They will be prepared for successful life transitions with the necessary character to build healthy relationships. They will have the essential skills to be ready for post-secondary and 21st-century workforce opportunities.

Beliefs

- *Every student can learn; each student has the responsibility to take advantage of opportunities to help reach individual potential.*
- *Learning is a partnership of teachers, staff, students, parents, and community members*
- *Our school maintains an environment in which all individuals feel safe*
- *Our school guides students to become self-directed, lifelong learners*
- *Respect is essential for a healthy learning environment*
- *Students learn best when they are motivated to participate in the learning process through a variety of instructional approaches.*

SIC Annual Goals

- *By 2023, 90% of 2nd year students will have passed the English EOC Exam.*
- *By 2023, 90% of our 4th year students will graduate.*
- *By 2023, the average ACT composite score for 3rd year students will be 22.*
- *Improve the on-time graduation rate of our special education students so that it is closer to that of our general education population.*

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LEHS School Achievements

Academics

National Merit Scholarship Program

- *Ethan Little was a Finalist for the National Merit Scholarship Program*

Governor's School

- *The following student(s) from Lugoff-Elgin High School were accepted into a program at the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities.*
 - *Bailey Settles: Academy Summer Program for Visual Arts*
 - *Isabella Scott: Academy Summer Program for Visual Arts*

KCSD All County Academic Team 2022-23

- *Zoe Bills*
- *Savannah Butler*
- *Luke Campbell*
- *Ethan Little*
- *Sara Beth McCaskill*
- *Katherine Moore*
- *Joanna Ni*
- *Elijah Pogue*
- *Danica Settles*
- *Brice Whitehouse*

Beta Club

- *Named a 2022-2023 National Beta School of Distinction. The school earned this recognition by increasing their club's membership by at least 10% from last year.*
- *Beta Club achieved 2023 ALL STAR Service status (50-75 hours serving their school, community, and state)*
- *SC BETA Club Convention:*
 - *Zoe Bills has placed 3rd in the state for Academics (Social Studies).*
 - *Amelia Beasley placed 2nd in the state for Pottery and Painting.*
 - *Zoe Magun placed 3rd in Sculpture.*
 - *Zachary Snelgrove, originally 8th in the state during the preliminary round, participated at the on-site Spelling Bee and placed 3rd.*
- *The LEHS Beta Club finished in first place in the Salvation Army Battle of the Bells this season! They raised over \$460 for the Salvation Army.*

Unified Olympics

- *LEHS renewed its status as a Unified Champion School*
- *LEHS was named the Coolest School at the 2023 KCSD Polar Plunge*
- *Special Olympics state games at Fort Jackson.*

Army JROTC

- *Achieved Honor Unit distinction after Joint Program for Accreditation Inspection in Feb 2022.*

Journalism

- *For the fourth year in a row, the Lugoff-Elgin High School Kaleidoscope has received the Palmetto Award from the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association.*
- *Peyton Stanley and Lauren Haskell won first place in a statewide competition sponsored by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)*

Poetry Event at the Arts Center

- *The Overall Top Three Poets were Cole Boykin, Brooke Clark, and Zoe Magun.*
- *The Best Reader of a Poem was Angel Snyder.*

KC Robotics

- *Celeste Sullivan was one of two FIRST [Dean's List](#) winners for South Carolina. The award is granted to students based on their leadership on their team as well as their contributions to FIRST.*
- *Celeste qualified for the FIRST World Championship event.*

Junior Leadership

- *Griffin Keefe was awarded the Robert J. Sheheen Outstanding Junior Leadership Student Award*

LETV

- *The staff of the Lugoff-Elgin High School LETV broadcast news program earned an overall Superior rating from the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association for their work during the 2021-2022 school year.*
- *The staff earned third place in the state for both news story writing and sports story writing and second place in the state for videography.*

Band

- *The LEHS Marching Pride advanced to the band State Championship.*
- *The LEHS band earned a superior rating in Hartsville competition.*
- *The Marching Pride performed at the 4A Upper State Championships and received a rating of excellent.*
- *Maggie D'Agostino, Emma Lee, Landon Byrd, Bryce Vrtis, and Roxi Price.were selected to participate in the Winthrop University Honor Band Clinic.*
- *Maggie D'Agostino, Bryce Vrtis, Andrew Stevens, Emma Lee, Delaney Pendleton were selected to participate in the USC Honor Band Clinic.*
- *Bryce Vrtis, Maggie D'Agostino, Roxi Price, Joseph Lopez, Walker Little,Andrew Stevens, Landon Altman, and Zach Snelgrove were selected to participate in the Region 3 Honor Band.*

AP Computer Science

- *LEHS was earned the College Board's AP[®] Computer Science Female Diversity Award for expanding young women's access to AP Computer Science Principles (CSP).*
- *This award acknowledges 1,105 schools for their work toward equal gender representation.*
- *LEHS is one of only 832 schools to be recognized for achieving this important result in AP CSP.*

Student Honors

- *Madison Knoerr earned a \$1,000 Savings Bond for winning the overall Miss SC Teen Academic Award*
- *She also earned \$250 in the Rookie Talent Award for her teen talent competition. (only 1 out of 3 Rookie Talent Awards).*
- *Rembert Prichard won the Kershaw County School District contest to design a t-shirt for the Special Olympics.*
- *Rembert's "Champions in Action" design was featured on promotional materials and hundreds of t-shirts Special Olympics athletes and staff.*
- *Colleen Ashley, Emery Branham, Eva Hoagland, and Shana Turner were selected to participate in the American Legion Auxiliary Palmetto Girls State.*
- *Jacob Kerwin, Anthony Seth Turner, and Garrett Melvin were selected to participate in the American Legion Boys State Program.*

Academic Programs

Academic Cohort of Excellence (ACE)

- One of approximately 2,000 schools worldwide to implement the AP Capstone Diploma™ program—an innovative program that encourages students to develop skills for college and career success, including critical thinking, research, collaboration, and communication.
- The program consists of two yearlong courses taken in sequence: AP® Seminar and AP Research.
- The Academic Cohort of Excellence (ACE) is a program designed to encourage motivated students to achieve more academically than they thought possible. There are three components to ACE.
- The first component is academic, the second is service, and the third is leadership.
- ACE brochure “Best in Show” by The South Carolina Chapter of the National Public Relations Association’s (SC/NSPRA) 2022 Rewards for Excellence

Co-Teaching

- Teachers will provide small-group math and English instruction to aid the regular Special Education Teacher.
- Focus areas will be the following:
 - Algebra 1, Math Fundamentals, Foundational Math
 - Secondary Strategies in English, English

Impact

- Innovative program developed to help students who are more than one (current 1st year students) or two (all other students) semesters behind their peers.

Link Crew

- Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience.
- Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Boomerang Project's proven high school transition program trains mentors from your junior and senior classes to be Link Crew Leaders.
- As positive role models, Link Crew Leaders are mentors and student leaders who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school and help facilitate freshman success.

Lugoff-Elgin Academy for Discipline (LEAD)

- Academic program created to serve as an intermediate step for students that would normally be recommended for expulsion for some infractions that violate the Kershaw County School District disciplinary regulations.

Spark

- A 3-week summer transition camp intended to assist identified rising 9th graders who may benefit from front-loading high school ready skills through Project Read, math reteaching, College and Career Ready activities, soft skills, SEL, and overall acclimation to high school before the start of the school year begins.
- Before and after school tutoring will be available for students as identified by data. Tutoring will be available in ELA/Math or any class needed for graduation credit. Check and Connect will be used as a research-based intervention for students.
- Students who complete the entire program will receive a HS 101 credit.

Athletics

Strength and Conditioning

- *Layla Lucas placed second in the South Carolina High School Strength Coaches Association State Female Strength Meet in her weight class.*
- *Kamille Charles placed second in the South Carolina High School Strength Coaches Association State Female Strength Meet in her weight class.*
- *Reece Pickett was the state champion in her weight class in the South Carolina High School Strength Coaches Association State Female Strength Meet.*

Volleyball

- *Region 4-AAAA champion*
- *Kathryn Ham – Region 4-AAAA Volleyball Coach of the Year*
- *Kelly Craig, Charli Morris, and Ryleigh Roberts were selected to the Region V AAAA All-region team.*

Cross Country

- *Dakota Parker qualified for the state championship*

Softball

- *Region 4-AAAA champions*
- *Ashely Dooley was selected to participate in the North/South Allstar Game*

Baseball

- *Frankie Ward – Region 4-AAAA Baseball Coach of the Year*
- *Region 4-AAAA champions*

Wrestling

- *Region 4-AAAA champions*
- *Ted Monroe – Region 4-AAAA Wrestling coach of the Year*
- *SC Class AAAA State Runner-Ups*
- *Captured the Lower State championship and advanced to SC Class AAAA State Championship*
- *Individual state qualifiers*
- *Carson Miles was the state champion in the 170 lb. division*
- *Johnathan Sirard was the state champion in the heavyweight division*
- *Ethan Korn: State Runner-Up (195 lbs.)*
- *Rylan Griggs (3rd at 126 lbs.)*
- *Cameron Reddick (3rd at 160lbs.)*
- *Roan Ferris (4th at 152 lbs.)*
- *Titan Magee (state qualifier at 106 lbs.)*
- *Quentin Benjamin (state qualifier at 113 lbs.)*
- *Ethan Korn and Carson Miles were selected to participate in the North-South All-Star Classic*

Cheer

- *The Varsity Cheer Team earned 2nd Place Tomahawk Cheer Classic at Gilbert High School.*
- *The Varsity Cheer team qualified for the SCHSL Class AAAA state championship, finishing 12th overall.*

Girls Soccer

- *Lily Jackson was selected to participate in the north/South Allstar game.*

Bowling

- *Claimed the Region Championship*

Golf

- Lexi Stout was selected to the Region V AAAA All-Region Team.
- The Boys golf team qualified for the SC Class AAAA State Championship and finished 11th overall.

Swim team State meet participants

- Sara Beth McCaskill competed in the 50 and 100 freestyle
- Sadie Medlin competed in the 500 freestyle and 100 breaststroke.
- Zoe Branham swam in the 50 and 100 freestyles
- Leighton Maxfield swam in the 200 and 500 freestyle.
- Layla Miller, Leighton Maxfield, Lydia Cyrier, and Carlee Statham competed in the 200 medley relay
- Sadie Medlin, Zoe Branham, Sara Beth McCaskill and Carlee Statham swam in the 200 freestyle relay
- The 400 freestyle relay team comprised of Sadie Medlin, Leighton Maxfield, Zoe Branham, and Sara Beth McCaskill finished 11th overall in the State!
- The Boys and Girls swim teams both finished in the top 25 in Class AAAA.

Archery:

- The archery team qualified for the SC Archery State tournament..
- The team placed 2nd in IBO.
- Aubrie Reeves brought home 4th place (with a 284) in the high school female competition
- Granger Morgan finished 6th place (with a 281) in the high school male competition.
- The team placed 5th in Bullseye competition
- Rylyn Beymer brought home 2nd place (with a 291) in the Bullseye competition
- Aubrie Reeves finished 10th place (with a 283) in the high school female bullseye competition.
- The archery team qualified for the National Archery Tournament
- Wyatt Boykin for won a lifetime hunting/fishing license .

Track and Field

- Zaquan Murphy finished 5th in the 100 meter dash.
- Taylor Wells finished 6th in the 100 meter hurdles
- Kadophie (KD) Outten finished 8th in the discus.

Sports Medicine

- Lugoff-Elgin High School is the recipient of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Safe Sports School award for its Sports Medicine Program.
- The award champions safety and recognizes secondary schools that have met the recommended standards to improve safety in sports.
- The award reinforces the importance of providing the best level of care, injury prevention, and treatment.

Faculty and Staff

- Math teachers Casey Stevens was one of five honor roll finalists in our 2023 KCSD Teacher of the Year Program
- English teacher Alyssa Connell was a finalist for the KCSD First Year Teacher of the Year.
- Library Assistant Beth King was selected to receive a **Publication & Electronic Media Award** in the **Newsletter** category for "The Demon Digest" bi-weekly newsletter..
- Science teacher Brittany Sirmon was awarded the champions of Tomorrow Environment Grant

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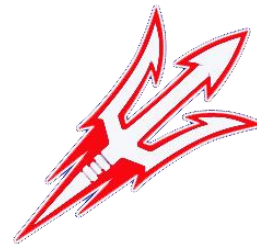
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LEHS Website



Demon Activities Website

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Student Achievements

Lugoff-Elgin High School 2021-2022 Report Card:

2022 Algebra 1 EOC			
	Tested	Met Standard (Greater than or Equal to a C)	Percentage
All Tested	382	185	48.4
Male	182	68	38.0
Female	157	68	43.0
White	248	107	43.0
African-American	94	30	32.0
Regular Education	308	127	41.0
Special Education	32	9	28.0

2022 English 2 EOC			
	Tested	Met Standard (Greater than or Equal to a C)	Percentage
All Tested	384	280	73.0
Male	207	142	69.0
Female	177	139	79.0
White	296	228	77.0
African-American	104	68	65.0
Regular Education	354	271	77.0
Special Education	30	9	30.0

2022 Biology I EOC			
	Tested	Met Standard (Greater than or Equal to a C)	Percentage
All Tested	430	192	45.0
Male	231	97	42.0
Female	183	80	43.7
White	327	157	48.0
African-American	114	41	36.0
Regular Education	382	187	49.0
Special Education	48	6	13.0

2022 US History EOC			
	Tested	Met Standard (Greater than or Equal to a C)	Percentage
All Tested	389	197	50.6
Male	206	117	56.8
Female	183	80	43.7
White	266	154	57.9
African-American	68	19	27.9
Regular Education	354	187	52.8
Special Education	35	10	28.6