



Lugoff-Elgin High School
Annual School Improvement Council
“Report to the Parents” 2021-22



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 accepted into 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.*
- *Remi Gordon: Residential High School Program for Drama*
- *Alanna Gray: Residential High School Program for Drama*

SC Teaching Fellows

- *Seniors to Savannah Mullis and Haley Outlaw were awarded the prestigious South Carolina Teaching Fellowship*

KCSD All County Academic Team 2021-22

- *Mary Thomas "Tomie" Christofaro (F)*
- *Faith Lee Youngblood (F)*
- *Jasmine Lenee Glover (F)*
- *Emma Lee Williams (F)*
- *Asher Bradly Warner (M)*
- *Erin Cait Belcher (F)*
- *Emily Marie Clark (F)*
- *Nicholas Richard Ross (M)*
- *Ronald James Ogle (M)*
- *Julianna Mae Willoughby (F)*
- *Wyatt Webb Whitfield (M)*

Beta Club

- *Named a 2021-2022 National Beta School of Distinction. The school earned this recognition by increasing their club's membership by at least 10% from last year.*

Unified Olympics

- *LEHS renewed its status as a Unified Champion School we got the award this fall*
- *LEHS was named the Coolest School at the 2022 KCSD Polar Plunge*

Army JROTC

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

Journalism

- *For the third year in a row, the Lugoff-Elgin High School Kaleidoscope has received the Palmetto Award from the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association.*
- *Abby Capps, Class of 2021, won 3rd place for academics spread design.*
- *Blythe Harris, junior, won 3rd place for club spread design.*
- *Hailey Mock, Class of 2021, won 3rd place for sports spread design and 3rd place for student life spread design.*
- *Jorden Phillips, Class of 2021, won 2nd place in feature writing.*
- *Savannah Mullis, senior, won 2nd place for personality profile writing.*
- *Leanna Bowling, Class of 2021, won 2nd place for sports reaction photography.*
- *Lynsey Smith, senior, won 2nd place for feature photography.*
- *Lacie Smith, junior, won 1st place for extended caption writing.*

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

- *First place in the state Tech Challenge robotics competition,*
- *Competed at the World Championship in Houston, TX*
- *Emma Lee and Jenna Henry were semi-finalists for the Dean's List, which according to firstinspires.org, are student leaders who have increased awareness of robotics in their communities and, while leading their teams, have achieved personal technical expertise.*
- *Jenna Henry was named a Dean's List finalist.*

Junior Leadership

- *Jayla Clark 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.*

50th Anniversary Celebration

Hall of Fame Inductees

Ben Connell – *HS National Champion Wrestler, Since 2016, Ben has served with distinction as an elected member on Kershaw County Council furthering those same ends.*

Mrs. Laurie S. Funderburk - *Was appointed by the Biden Administration to serve as the State Executive Director of the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in South Carolina in October 2021.*

SGM Thomas Patrick Payne - *Served 17 combat deployments. On September 11, 2020, SGM Payne was awarded by the President of the United States with a Congressional Medal of Honor in recognition of his brave actions during a rescue operation in October of 2015.*

Dr. Lori M. Pindar - *Earned a PhD from Clemson University, where she currently serves as the director of undergraduate studies for the Department of Communication*

LTCol. Sean Quigley, Ret. - *Served 23 years as an officer in the United States Marine Corps after graduating from the US Naval Academy in 1993. In May 2009, he received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for outstanding volunteer service at St. William of York School in Stafford, VA.*

Willie Mickle (Road Dedication) - *Began working at Lugoff Elgin High School when the school opened in 1971. After serving as the athletic director and then as assistant principal, he became the head principal in 1978 and served in that position until 1992. While working at LEHS, he formed the first Lugoff Elgin football team.*



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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

- *Crowned the 2022 SCHSSCA State Strength Meet 4A STATE CHAMPIONS.*
- *Mike Armstrong – NHSSCA SC Strength Coach of the Year*
- *Sky Harter – state champion, all-state*
- *Ty'lek DeJesus - state champion, all-state*
- *Quinn Koumas – state champion, all-State.*
- *Blease Campbell - All- State and broke the state record in broad jump.*

Volleyball

- *Region 4-AAAA champion*
- *Kathryn Ham – Region 4-AAAA Volleyball Coach of the Year*
- *Charlie Morris named to the region 4-AAAA all region volleyball team*
- *Faith Youngblood named to the region 4-AAAA all region volleyball team*
- *Ryleigh Roberts named to the region 4-AAAA all region volleyball team*

Softball

- *Savannah Starling – Region 4-AAAA Softball Coach of the Year*
- *Region 4-AAAA champions*

Wrestling

- *Region 4-AAAA champions*
- *Ted Monroe – Region 4-AAAA Wrestling coach of the Year*
- *Finished as “Traditional” State Runner-Ups*
- *Advanced to SC Class AAAA upper state finals*
- *Karrington Charles claimed the state championship in the heavyweight division (perfect 45-0 record)*
- *Jeremiah Barzanti claimed the state championship in the 106 lb. division (did not allow a score in the state tournament)*
- *Senior Shane Richburg finished in 3rd Place at 113 lbs.*
- *Junior Ethan Korn finished in 3rd Place at 182 lbs.*
- *Junior Carson Miles was a State Runner-Up at 160 lbs.*

Girls Golf

- *Lexie Stout qualified to compete in the state championship*

Football

- *Coach Bill Bacon was selected to coach in the North/South All-star game*
- *Karrington Charles was selected to play in the North/South All-star game*

Swim team State meet participants

- *Zoe Branham competed in the 50 and 100 freestyle*
- *Alanna Gray - ranked in the top 50 athletes across the state in the 50 freestyle*
- *Sara Beth McCaskill competed in the 50 freestyle and the 100 butterfly*
- *Sadie Medlin swam in the 500 free and 200 freestyle, and finished the year ranked 16th and 18th, respectively*
- *Carlee Statham.*
- *Girls team ended the season ranked 20th in state*

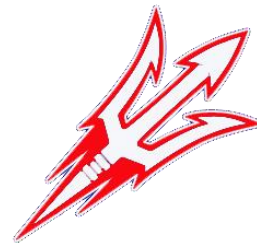
Archery:

- Archery team earned 4th place in State competition!
- Gabe Hunt - 8th place high school male
- Aubrie Reeves - 2nd place high school female
- Abbie Rizzo - 5th place high school female.
- The team also received 1st place in 3D IBO (animal targets).
- Wesley Morgan - 1st place high school male
- Gabe Hunt - 2nd place high school male
- Granger Morgan - 4th place high school male
- James Stone - 10th place high school male
- Abbie Rizzo - 1st place high school female
- Aubrie Reeves - 2nd place high school female.

Let's Connect:



LEHS Website



Demon Activities Website

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Student Achievements

Lugoff-Elgin High School 2020-2021 Report Card:

2021 Algebra 1 EOC			
	Tested	Met Standard (Greater than or Equal to a C)	Percentage
All Tested	387	186	48.1
Male	211	91	43.1
Female	176	95	54.0
White	275	147	53.4
African-American	74	27	36.5
Regular Education	367	185	50.4
Special Education	20	1	5.0

2021 English 2 EOC			
	Tested	Met Standard (Greater than or Equal to a C)	Percentage
All Tested	408	303	74.3
Male	207	140	67.6
Female	200	163	81.5
White	302	226	74.8
African-American	72	47	65.3
Regular Education	400	300	75.0
Special Education	7	3	42.9

2021 Biology I EOC			
	Tested	Met Standard (Greater than or Equal to a C)	Percentage
All Tested	444	195	43.9
Male	236	101	42.8
Female	208	94	45.2
White	322	158	49.1
African-American	78	20	25.6
Regular Education	413	283	68.5
Special Education	31	4	12.9

2021 US History EOC			
	Tested	Met Standard (Greater than or Equal to a C)	Percentage
All Tested	347	147	42.4
Male	177	86	48.3
Female	170	61	35.9
White	245	116	47.3
African-American	65	16	24.6
Regular Education	341	147	43.1
Special Education	6	0	0