

LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL

Built in 1993



DEMOGRAPHICS

White: **34.1%**; African-American: **49.6%**; Hispanic: **12.4%**;
Multi-Ethnic: **2.8%**; Asian: **0.7%**; Indian/Alaskan Native: **0.2%**



GRADUATION RATE

	2015	2016	2017	2018
4-Yr	79.3%	71.8%	78.5%	76.9%
5-Yr	77.7%	79.1%	74.4%	--



TEACHING STAFF

Student/Teacher Ratio: **25.1:1**
Advanced Degrees: **54.5%**
National Board Certified: **8**
Attendance Rate: **96.6%**



SPECIAL POPULATIONS

English Language Learners: **12.7%**
Free/Reduced Lunch: **63.1%**
Disabled Learners: **16.1%**
Gifted and Talented: **16.9%**

QUICK FACTS 2017-2018

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1,225

Female: 49.6%

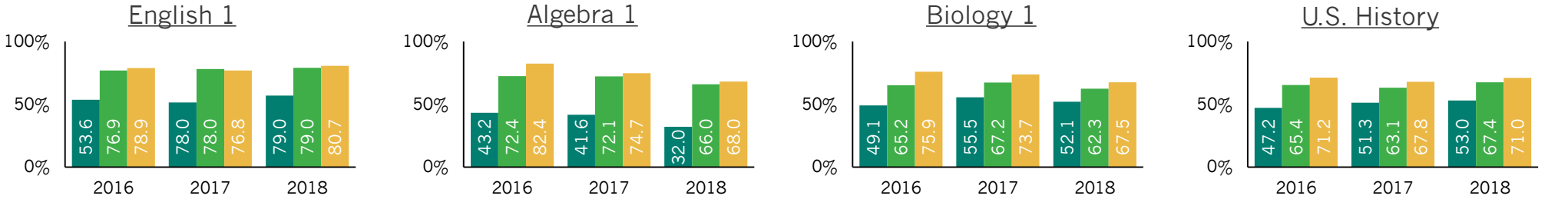
Male: 50.5%

Capacity: 1,927

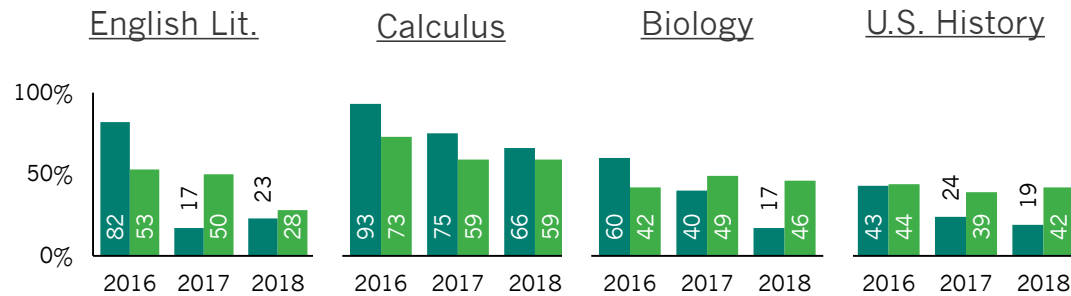
Classrooms: 110

Square Feet: 236,074

END-OF-COURSE (EOC) TESTS (% passing)



ADVANCED PLACEMENT (% scoring 3 or higher)



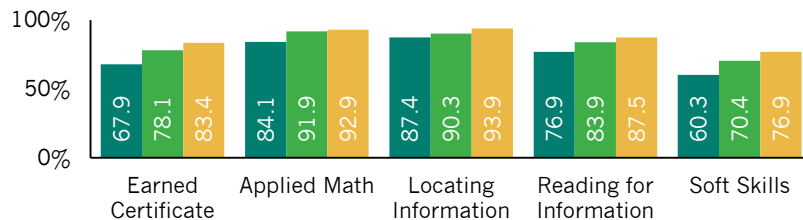
SAT (Mean Scores)

YEAR	LHS	DISTRICT	STATE
EVIDENCE-BASED READING/Writing			
2017	485	516	539
2018	493	520	543
MATH			
2016	426	464	493
2017	475	492	518
2018	471	496	520
COMPOSITE			
2017	960	1008	1058
2018	964	1016	1064

ACT (2018) (Mean Scores)

LHS	DISTRICT	STATE
ENGLISH		
14.6	16.3	16.9
READING		
15.9	17.8	18.4
MATH		
16.2	17.4	18.0
SCIENCE		
16.3	17.7	18.3
COMPOSITE		
15.9	17.4	18.0

2018 READY TO WORK (% passing)



*District- and state-level EOC scores are for all grades.



LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL

At Lancaster High School, we are helping all students develop the World Class Skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by formulating and executing opportunities for our students to continually demonstrate and hone those skills which allow the application of creativity, innovation, problem-solving, peer collaboration and team work, as well as the demonstration of integrity, personal strengths, and sound work ethic. We provide our students opportunities defined by rigorous standards in language arts, mathematics, multiple languages, science, fine arts, technology, social science, and career and technology experiences. All of these endeavors, combined with the efforts of our over 1,200 students, 97 certified teachers, 38 classified staff members, six administrators, five counselors, two media specialists, two resource officers, two nurses, two transition-to-work coaches, and two instructional support coaches make Lancaster High School a thriving institution of higher learning.

Within the walls of our spacious and sprawling campus, we institute standards-based curricula which emphasize content area literacy and higher-order thinking. Understanding the necessity of growing students within each of our course offerings through the vein of reading, writing, thinking, listening and speaking, allows us to prepare our students for both post-secondary education as well as impending employment. This is noted in traditional course offerings such as English/language arts, mathematics, social studies and social sciences, world languages such as Spanish and French and fine arts offerings, as well as a wide variety of career and technical education courses.

Developing students beyond the demands of the academic setting is an essential part of the high school experience as well. Lancaster High School has a number of teams, groups, clubs and organizations for learners to partake in these personal and professional growth experiences. From Jr. Civitan and Civinettes to ROTC, Learn TV, High School 101, Relay for Life, and 28 athletic teams, our students have an extensive number of opportunities to prepare for life as an active member of a community or city. Students also have chances to work collaboratively with peers through our journalism cluster (magazine, newspaper and yearbook), Academic Challenge, and Honors Day competitions. These opportunities provide students with opportunities to think critically, to communicate effectively and to showcase acquired skills and knowledge. One of the greatest strengths of Lancaster High School is the diversity of the student body. Demographically we are 12% Hispanic, 34% Caucasian, 50% African American and 5% other. Our staff works diligently to support the needs of our students academically, socially, and emotionally. From our JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates), ELL program, Advanced Placement program (AP) and Individual Graduation Plans (IGP) to the Microburst Learning/B.O.S.S. program and onsite mental health counselor, our students of all backgrounds are provided services to help them both individually and as future productive community members. We continue to use these opportunities as a means of closing the achievement gap between students who struggle and those who thrive.

It is imperative to our school and our community that we produce talented and driven students. We embrace the belief that the essential factor in determining a student's level of academic achievement is the effectiveness of instruction that each student receives. We continue to seek this excellence in teaching by focusing on monthly professional development opportunities, providing endorsement coursework to meet the Read to Succeed initiative requirements, creating and utilizing a literacy team, and by using data to target achievement gaps and to drive instruction. Lancaster High School is an educational beacon that authentically prepares students for life well beyond their high school years.