



LAURENS DIST. 55 HIGH SCHOOL

Annual School Improvement Report to the Parents

2021-2022

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PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This report is issued by the Laurens District 55 High's 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 S.I.C., and other accomplishments during the school year.

School Improvement Council Goals

- To improve the signage around the school and the landscaping inside and outside of the fence.
- To improve school climate.

School Improvement Council Projects

- Past Valedictorian Reception
- New Valedictorian Academic Wall of Honor
- Landscaping

Events and Programs

- The Raider Cross Country Team, Student Council, and Robotics hosted the 3rd annual Laurens United 5K to raise awareness about suicide prevention and to fund the Raider United Mental Health Scholarship.
- ROBOTZ Garage and the Project Lead the Way Department hosted "Girl Powered Garage" for 6-8th grade girls from each of the Laurens District 55 middle schools.
- Raider Creations, a print shop was opened and will be run by the Career Development students.
- Explore Agriculture Day is planned for the beginning of May to teach district kindergartners about agriculture.
- The new Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program through Piedmont Technical College (PTC) was offered in the Spring Semester.



Academic Achievements

- Student Enrollment: 1485
- Graduation Rate: 81.8
- Annual Drop Out Rate: 2.4, down from 6.0
- College or Career Ready 53.1%
- Career & Technical Education (CTE) Completers: 101

Student Achievements

- A Sophomore was awarded the Cecil O. Davenport Citizenship Award.
- Four Junior boys and three Junior girls will represent LDHS at the Palmetto Boys and Girls State this summer.
- The LDHS Assistant Band Director was a WYFF Golden Apple Award Winner.
- Twenty-five students participated in the Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy.
- Two students are Teaching Fellows recipients.
- Band was given a rating of Excellent at the Concert Performance Assessment held at Lexington High School.
- Five students scored a perfect 100 on the Biology End of Course Exam (EOC).
- Six students scored a perfect 100 on the English 2 End of Course Exam (EOC).

Athletic Achievements

- A Senior wrestler placed second in the State championship.
- The varsity football team and boys varsity basketball team made it to the second round of playoffs.
- The volleyball team and varsity girls basketball team made it to the first round of playoffs.
- The girls' tennis team made it to the second round of playoffs.
- One Senior made the North-South All-Star football team.
- Laurens athletes placed 4th at the S.C. State Weightlifters Competition.



Awards

Student Council:

- National Gold Council of Excellence, for the 6th consecutive year.
- Placed 2nd in the following Projects: Membership Motivation: Leadership at the Lake and School Family Relations: Freshman Jam and placed 1st in the following projects: School Service: Preparing for a COVID Year and Community Service Fundraising: Holiday Helping Hands at the Southern Association of Student Council (SASC) Conference.
- Placed 1st in the following projects: Scrapbook and School Pride and 2nd place in the following projects: Community Service and Leadership Activities at the South Carolina Association of Student Council (SCASC) Conference
- SASC Parliamentarian
- SCASC District 6 Chair and Vice-Chair
- One student was inducted into the Terry McCoy Hall of Fame.
- One advisor was elected as the SCASC Assistant Executive Director.

Robotz Garage 4451:

- Placed 3rd in the Electric City Regional Competition held in Anderson, SC.

Automotive:

- A Senior student won 2nd place overall at the S.C. Transportation and Education Business Alliance and Automotive Service Excellence All-Star Challenge Competition.

Laurens FFA:

- South Carolina State Officer
- Placed first in Vet Science Career Development Event
- Placed first in South Carolina Tractor Operation and Safety Career Development
- Partnered with Laurens County Animal Control to promote adoption and animal health
- Partnering with Joe Adair Center to develop a pollinator garden
- Represented South Carolina at National FFA Convention
- Multiple First places in Showmanship and Market showing with our Swine Show team
- Member earned \$500 scholarship at Raider Rumble Swine Showdown
- State Proficiency winner in the area of Agriculture Education
- Partnering with United Way to build raised community gardens
- Finished top ten South Carolina Wildlife and Habitat Career Development Event

