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The Newsletter of *Liberty High School*



Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents

2012-2013

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Purpose of the Report

This Report is issued by the Liberty High School 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.

Liberty High School Achievements

- The LHS Band hosted the first ever band competition for our school and our district.
- LaQuisha Chamblee participated as a student ambassador for the National Youth Leadership Summit.
- Miranda Dalton was SC AA Cheerleader of the Year.
- Dakota Stewart was All State in Cross Country and Wrestling.
- Jean Toole was District Teacher of the Year (2011) and a state finalist for SC Teacher of the Year (2011).
- The following teams qualified for state playoffs: football, competitive cheer, cross country boys and girls, wrestling, boys' golf, baseball, track (tbd).
- Wrestling was region champions and state runners-up.
- Competitive Cheer won a 7th consecutive state title.
- Elizabeth Bellen and Ian Shoelenben participated in People to People.
- Joy Skelton was named SDPC High School Social Studies Facilitator.
- The LHS Arts Department presented *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*.
- RJ Little received the Gates Millennium Scholarship.
- Dolan Holder, Alexis O'Bryant, Darien Painter, Bryce Powell, and Mallorie Sanders participated as representatives on the Pickens County Youth Leadership Board.
- Advanced Art students completed an aerial rendition of LHS to be presented and displayed at the Pickens County Career and Technology Center.
- Using proceeds from the Book Fair, the LHS Media Center purchased over \$400 of new books.
- Valerie Boatwright was elected to serve on the SC Association of School Librarians Executive Board.
- RJ Little was selected to be a member of the SC All State Chorus.
- Josh Ryder was selected to be a member of the SC All State Band.
- The LHS Symphonic Band received a rating of Excellent at Concert Festival.

Student Achievement

Liberty High School had an Absolute Rating of GOOD and a Growth Rating of AVERAGE for 2012.

Students showed growth on HSAP with an increase to 80.4% passing 2 subtests.

LHS showed significant growth in the Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate (On Time Graduation Rate) to 71.1%.

The Five-Year Graduation Rate for LHS climbed to 66.3%.

LHS had an 86.5% pass rate on the Biology End of Course Examination.

For more information, you may view Liberty High School's SC School Report Card for 2011-2012 online at www.ed.sc.gov.

SIC Annual Goals

The Liberty High School SIC will

- Work together to build strong support organizations for academics, the arts, and athletics.
- Review student achievement data and analyze which instructional needs should be addressed.
- Develop a relationship with the City of Liberty so that schools and the community work together to support our students.

Additional Information

Students at Liberty High School have opportunities to excel in academics, arts, and athletics. Our school offers a wide variety of honors and Advanced Placement level courses. Students may take courses in art, chorus, drama, strings orchestra, symphonic band, and music appreciation. Students have opportunities for extra-curricular activities with school-wide musicals, art club, drama productions, arts concerts, marching band, and concert band. In athletics, students have participation opportunities in football, volleyball, competitive cheer, girls and boys golf, girls and boys cross country, wrestling, girls and boys basketball, baseball, softball, and girls and boys track. Students may take specialized physical education courses in weightlifting, basketball, archery, baseball, softball, and ultimate Frisbee. Our school has an Army JROTC program that includes a Raider team, Color Guard team, and Rifle team. Throughout the year, students participate in extra-curricular opportunities through Student Government Association, Beta Club, International Thespian Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Special Olympics Peer Assistants.

LHS encourages parents and community members to become involved in our school through

- Academic Booster Club membership and participation
- Athletic Booster Club membership and participation
- Band Booster Club membership and participation
- Volunteering to help with athletic events
- Volunteer tutoring opportunities
- Donating time and funds to school programs and organizations
- Using the SCRIP program run through Academic Booster Club
- Attending athletic events
- Attending drama productions
- Attending visual and performing arts programs and concerts
- Supporting LHS Night at area restaurants such as Pizza Pro of Central, Tony's Pizza in Liberty, and Zaxby's of Easley.