

Lancaster High School is a comprehensive high school located in the Piedmont area of South Carolina. We are a diverse student body consisting of 51% African Americans, 14% Hispanics, 29% Caucasians, 3% two or more races, 1% Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and 1% American Indian/Alaskan Native. We strive to help all of our students develop the World Class Skills of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. We work diligently to provide our students opportunities to explore and to experience the global community so that they are prepared to compete in the 21st century marketplace. Our curriculum is guided by South Carolina State Standards, and we offer our students a variety of courses to maximize their skills as they begin to pursue their college/career goals. In addition, our course offerings reflect our students' interests. We offer rigorous courses in language arts, mathematics, foreign language, science, visual and performing arts, JROTC, social science, and technology.

We are fortunate to have the Lancaster County Career Center (LCCC) housed on our campus. The LCCC provides our students opportunities to attain certifications in a number of areas such as welding, firefighting, culinary arts and cosmetology. Work-based experiences and internships with community business partners are also available. We serve over one thousand four hundred students through the efforts of seventy-eight

certified teachers, six administrators, thirty-four classified staff members, five counselors, one resource officer, two transition-to-work coaches, two media specialists, three nurses, and two instructional coaches.

Our campus has grown with the addition of a spacious multipurpose building. This building is equipped with state-of-the-art audio-visual capabilities, meeting spaces, a fully equipped concession stand, and a professional sound stage. It also houses an additional gym which provides much needed practice space for our student athletes. During the last two years, the main building has undergone major renovations as well. The renovation created seven new classrooms and a new administration wing. New HVAC units were also installed throughout the building. We have also created the *LHS Learning Cave*. This space is located in what was formerly known as the Professional Development Room. *The Learning Cave* will be used by both teachers and students. Students will focus on EOC test preparation. Teachers and staff will continue to use the space for professional learning.

Lancaster High School strives to meet the needs of the whole child – academically, emotionally, and socially. We have a number of athletic teams, clubs, organizations, and groups which provide out students with opportunities to meet and develop personal growth goals and skills. From the National Honor

Society/Beta Club, JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates), Junior Civitans, ESL (English to Speakers of other Languages) program, dual enrollment classes in partnership with the University of South Carolina at Lancaster (USCL) and York Technical College, and an onsite mental health counselor, our students are provided opportunities and services to help them with individual growth goals as well as post-secondary endeavors. Many of these programs are aimed at closing the achievement gap between those students who find success at school and those students who struggle.

We are also fortunate to have the Lancaster Promise Neighborhood (LPN) Extended Day program on our campus. LPN works to ensure that all children enter school ready to learn; all children meet standards in all subjects; all children graduate on time and all children enroll and complete college/technical college. Modeled off of the dynamic Harlem Children's Zone (NY), the Promise Neighborhood project is a pipeline of programs beginning at birth, continuing through graduation/career for everyone in the Clinton Elementary, AR Rucker Middle and Lancaster High attendance zones.

Our community depends on our students being ready to fully participate as productive citizens. We believe that they essential factor in determining a student's academic achievement is the effectiveness of the instruction that the student

Our ultimate goal is to prepare our students to be self-determining.

