

## SIC at Work

- As an SIC this year we supported the efforts put forth by the LDHS Student Council initiating a campaign to stock our Raider Mart to assist students in need. The hope is that we will see growth in our goals that relate to student achievement when we meet the most basic of needs our students have.
- Another initiative we embarked upon was an inaugural MEGA-College tour. We worked alongside our Gear-Up College Specialists to ensure that our entire ninth grade had the opportunity to tour a South Carolina State College or University on February 28. We enlisted chaperones from the SIC and community. The event was designed in hopes of furthering our SIC Student Achievement Goals by inspiring students to aim for a college education.



## SIC Members

Sonia Singleton—Chair—Parent  
Sonya Bryant—Principal—Ex-Officio  
Sherri Cantrell—Parent  
Michelle Gibbs—Parent  
Audrea Speaks—Parent  
Jennifer Nelson—Parent  
Ellen Armstrong—Parent  
Paula Miller—Parent  
Sonny Ledda—Community  
Walt Summers—Community  
Carl Tolbert—Community  
Betsy Washam—Teacher  
Jimmy Huff—Teacher  
Suzanne Tolbert—Teacher  
Brent Leopard—Teacher  
Brooke Yarbrough—Teacher  
Meredith Liner—Teacher  
Alana Abercrombie—Student  
Jada Barker—Student  
Remy Clark—Student  
Alexis Holman—Student  
Will Tinsley—Student  
Ashley Hall—Community  
Nancy Coleman—Director of Guidance  
Brandon Addy—Ex-Officio  
Tim Walker—Ex-Officio

## SIC Report to the Parents

This report is issued by the Laurens District 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.

## Laurens District High School



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**Every Student,  
Every Day,  
College Bound!**

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## SIC Annual Goals

1. Increase the on-time (4 year cohort) student graduation rate from 79.7% to 80.7%.  
GOAL MET: Increased 4.8% last year
2. The percentage of students who earn a passing score on the Algebra 1 EOC Exam will increase from 75% to 76%.  
GOAL NOT MET: Increased 0.9% last year
3. The percentage of students who earn a passing score on the English 1 EOC Exam will increase from 67.3% to 71%.  
GOAL NOT MET: Decreased 4.4% last year
4. The percentage of students who earn a passing score on the Biology 1 EOC Exam will increase from 73.4% to 74.9%.  
GOAL NOT MET: Decreased 7.7% last year
5. The percentage of students who earn a passing score on the US History EOC Exam will increase from 69.1% to 70.1%.  
GOAL MET: Increased 4.6% last year
6. Increase the mean composite score by from 19.4 to 19.65.  
GOAL NOT MET: Decreased 3.2 points last year. \*NOTE: Last year all students took ACT for the first time as required by the state.
7. Increase the mean composite score on the SAT from 942 to 948.  
GOAL NOT MET: Decreased 20 points last year

8. 10% of all certified staff will have the necessary certification to meet the Read to Succeed Law.  
GOAL MET: Increased 19% last year
9. Educator attendance will increase from 94.3% to 94.6%.  
GOAL MET: Increased 1.5% last year

## Accomplishments at LDHS

- Two welding students finished first and second in a welding competition and earned \$22,950 in scholarships.
  - The Automotive Technology High Performance Engine Rebuilding Team won first place in SC Skills competition. One automotive technology student placed second in Diesel Technology, One automotive technology student won second place in Automotive Service Technology.
  - Chromebooks have been made available to all freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. Students are using their Chromebooks for classwork, homework, labs, researching, reading and leisure activities.
  - The Class of 2016 earned in excess of \$4.3 million in scholarship funds.
  - Library circulation is up by 2,000 books. The number of classes visiting the library each week has increased by 50 percent. The number of individual students who visit the library each week has increased by approximately 25 percent.
  - Raider Band had multiple superior ratings and high placements during the competition season. They won three Grand Championships with their 4th consecutive appearance at 4A State Championships.
- Ten students qualified for SCBDA All-Region Band. Winterguard had two 1st place circuit finishes and was Bronze Medalist at SCBDA State Winter Ensemble Championships. Symphonic Band received a superior rating at SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment. Wind Ensemble received a superior rating with distinction at SCBDA State Concert Performance Assessment.
  - NJROTC Drill Team won the Upstate Foothills Drill Meet for the first time in school history.
  - NJROTC Rifle Team took 2nd place at the Area 6 Regional Qualifier and advanced to the Area 6 Championships for the 10th consecutive year. The team finished 9th in Area 6 (out of 66 teams).
  - Varsity Football became region champions for the first time in 20 years. Two Raiders played in the Shrine Bowl. One Raider played in the North-South Game. Seven Raiders were selected to the All-Region Team. A Raider was named Laurens County Player of the Year. The Head football coach was named Region Coach of the Year and Football Officials Coach of the Year. He was also named Laurens County Coach of the Year.
  - A Raider Wrestler qualified for the State Championship. Two wrestlers made All-Region.
  - Lady Raider Tennis advanced to the first round of playoffs.
  - Nine Raiders signed scholarships to play at the college level with three being major Division 1 schools.
  - The head athletic trainer was inducted into the Laurens County Sports Hall of Fame inaugural class.