

# Lancaster High

**Bruins**

## Our demographics

School principal: Rosalyn Mood      Began at school: 1999      In district: 1999      In education: 1982

Grades served: 9 - 12      Enrollment: 1350      Economic status: 64% free & reduced lunch

Diversity: 36% White, 49% African-American, 11% Hispanic, 4% Other

Number of teachers: 101      Classified: 33      Administrators: 6      Counselors: 5      Media specialists: 2

Other: 3 Resource Officers, 2 Nurses (1 serves as classroom assistant)

Teachers with advanced degrees: 56%      Teacher attendance: 96.2%      Student attendance: 93.7%

## Our mission

The mission of Lancaster High School is to assist students in becoming successful, well-adjusted, contributing members of society by providing an atmosphere which encourages academic, vocational, and personal growth through a challenging curriculum in partnership with home and community.

## Our facilities

Date main building was built: 1993      Date of renovations: 2017-present

Square feet: 319,755      Number of computers: 1,452      Number of classrooms: 130

Specialty areas: 13 computer labs (11 are used for computer and technology classes)

## Our school programs

- **Back Pack Feeding Program** – 185 weekend meals distributed to various students within the district
- **Career Center** – Serves as hub of career education for Lancaster County
- **College Offerings on Site** – Opportunities for dual-credit courses via Advanced Placement (AP) and USC-L
- **Credit Recovery** – Credit recovery via distance education and online instruction
- **High Schools That Work** – Philosophy requiring college and career preparedness of all students
- **JAG** – Jobs for American Graduates – Dropout prevention program targeting ninth graders
- **LearnTV** – Broadcast journalism on school campus serving students and community
- **New Teacher Mentoring/Poverty Class** – Support focus for professional growth for new staff members
- **Ninth Grade Academy/Summer Freshman Orientation** – Academic focus program centered on freshman students and parents
- **PowerHouse** – Community-based program that addresses the unique needs of at-risk students, emphasizing academic success, positive self-esteem and self control
- **Project Lead the Way** – Introduction to Engineering Design
- **Read Right** – Funded by a \$200,000 3-year grant Lancaster High won to support and improve literacy among students
- **Special Needs Programs** – Focus on integrating educational opportunities across the curriculum

## Our co-curriculum, clubs, athletics

### Clubs

- Anointed Voices of Praise
- Art Honor Society

- Beta Club
- Chess Club
- Chorus
- Civinettes
- Culinary Arts Club
- Drama Club
- Drill Team (ROTC)
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- First Priority
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Future Educators Association
- Gentlemen’s League
- Honor Society
- HOSA – Health Occupations Students of America
- International Thespian Society
- Junior Civitans
- Lunch Time Reads
- Marching Band
- ROTC Color Guard
- Scribe Society
- Student Council

### **Publications**

- Bruin Pride (newspaper)
- Callisto (literary magazine)
- Parent Link (parent newsletter)
- Rambler (yearbook)

### **Athletics**

- Varsity/JV Football
- B Team Football
- Boys/Girls Swim
- Boys/Girls Tennis
- Boys/Girls Cross-Country
- Varsity/JV Volleyball
- Varsity/JV Boys Basketball
- Varsity/JV Girls Basketball
- B Team Boys Basketball
- Varsity/JV Wrestling
- Varsity/JV Boys Soccer
- Varsity/JV Girls Soccer
- Boys and Girls Golf
- Boys and Girls Track
- Competitive Cheer
- Varsity/JV Baseball

- Varsity/JV Softball

### Our parent/parent support programs

- Athletic Boosters
- Band Boosters
- Community Advocates
- Parent Volunteers
- School Advisory Councils (Career Center)
- School Improvement Council

### Our school strengths

- A freshman academy program that includes components designed to help ninth-grade students adjust to high school
- Emphasis on participation in AP and college credit courses
- Read Right program addresses reading deficiencies for identified students in grades 9-12
- Strong efforts to establish positive “school-to-home” communications
- Strong efforts to provide students with extra help and assistance with their classes

### Our honors/awards

- **Academic Excellence Award**
  - Boys Soccer Team 2010-11, 2009-10, 2008-09
  - Girls Soccer Team 2010-11, 2009-10, 2008-09, 2007-08, 2006-07
- **Broadcast Journalism**
  - 2010, 2006 – Best Buy Award
  - 2009 – \$2,000 ING Education’s Unsung Hero Award
  - 2006, 2005, 2003, 2002 – \$3,500 Palmetto Pride Litter Grant
  - 2005 – Most Supportive Media Award from SCDOT
  - 2003 – LearnTV - SC Instructional Television’s Distance Education Learning Center of the Year
- **Rambler (yearbook) for last 8 years**
  - 1 All-American – NSPA (National Scholastic Press Association)
  - 4 All-Southern – SIPA (Southern Interscholastic Press Association)
  - 8 All-State – South Carolina (SCSPA)
  - 2 Best Book – South Carolina
  - 5 Gold Medals – CSPA – Columbia Scholastic Press Association (New York)
  - 7 Palmetto Awards “Best Book” for Class III School (SCSPA)
  - 1 Silver Crown – CSPA – Columbia Scholastic Press Association (New York)
- **Junior Civitans – International Awards**
  - 2017-18 Club of the Year
  - 2017-18 Club Officer of the Year – Jacob Cato
  - 2017-18 Environmental Project
  - 2017-18 Honor Club
  - 2017-18 On-Going Project

- 2016-17 Club of the Year – for the 27<sup>th</sup> Time
- 2016-17 Community Project of the Year – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- 2016-17 Director and a Junior Fellow – Dilan Patel, Class of 2016
- 2016-17 District Officer of the Year – Seth Phillips
- 2016-17 Environmental Project of the Year
- 2016-17 Foundation Award for Largest Overall Donation to the Civitan International Research Center
- 2016-17 Honor Club of Distinction
- 2016-17 Joint Junior-Senior Project of the Year – Civitans & Civinettes
- 2016-17 Junior Civitan of the Year Dilan Patel
- 2016-17 Officer of the Year – Zack Catoe
- 2016-17 On-Going Campaign of the Year
- 2016-17 President of the Year – Jonah Page
- 2016-17 Vice President, SC Club Governor & District Officer of the Year – Tanner Knight, Class of 2017
- 2012-13 Club of the Year
- 2012-13 Honor Club
- **Junior Civitans – State Awards**
  - 2017-18 Best Club President – Alex Barton
  - 2017-18 Campus Project
  - 2017-18 Club of the Year
  - 2017-18 Collection Selection
  - 2017-18 Community Project
  - 2017-18 District Officer of the Year – Ryan Knight
  - 2017-18 Junior Civitan of the Year & Most Individual Service Hours – Connor Parman
  - 2017-18 Most Club Service Hours
  - 2017-18 Officer of the Year – Jacob Cato
  - 2017-18 Winter Service Project – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
  - 2016-17 Campus Project of the Year
  - 2016-17 CIRC
  - 2016-17 Community Project of the Year
  - 2016-17 Corresponding Secretary – Connor Parman, Class of 2019
  - 2016-17 Deputy Government – Cody Catoe, Class of 2017
  - 2016-17 Environmental Project of the Year
  - 2016-17 Junior Civitan Collection Selection
  - 2016-17 Junior Civitan of the Year & Most Individual Service Hours – James George, Class of 2017
  - 2016-17 Most Club Service Hours
  - 2016-17 Most Individual Service Hours – Dilan Patel
  - 2016-17 Officer of the Year and Club Secretary – Kyle Baker, Class of 2017
  - 2016-17 President of the Year – Seth Phillips, Class of 2016
  - 2016-17 Social Media Coordinator – Jose Robles, Class of 2017
  - 2012-13 District Chair of the Year – Richard Gay
  - 2012-13 Environmental Project of the Year
  - 2012-13 Foundation Award for Largest Donation to CIRC (Civitan International Research Center)
  - 2012-13 Foundation Award for Per Capita Donation to CIRC

- 2012-13 Landscaping Grant from Lowe’s for \$500 for Lancaster High School Beautification Project
- 2012-13 Ongoing Project of the Year
- **Civinettes**
  - 2017-18 Advisor of the Year – Alessandra Young
  - 2017-18 Claude Wilkes Attendance Award
  - 2017-18 Collection Selection – 2nd Place
  - 2017-18 Funfest – 2nd Place
  - 2017-18 Special Friends Award
  - 2016-17 Claude Wilkes Attendance & Most Spirit Award
  - 2016-17 1st Place SC Talent Show – Sierra Massey, Class of 2016
  - 2016-17 SC Advisor of the Year – Alessandra Gileta
  - 2016-17 SC Public Relations Coordinator – Hayley Parman, Class of 2017
  - 2016-17 SC Area II Lieutenant Governor – Puja Patel, Class of 2018
- **Calisto (literary magazine)**
  - 2005 – All State
  - 2004 – Best in State
  - 2004 – Palmetto Award
- **Raise the Roof Engineering Design Contest**
  - 2016 – First Place Award
- **Palmetto Gold Award – LHS**
  - 2011-12, 2008-09, 2004-05, 2002-03
- **Palmetto Gold Award – Career Center**
  - 2004-05, 2003-04, 2002-03
- **Palmetto Silver Award – LHS**
  - 2011-12
- **Exemplary SC Project Lead the Way Program for 3 consecutive years**
- **2004-05 Smaller Learning Community Grant**
- **13 National Board Educators**
- **2005-06 eChalk Webpage Recognition**
- **2009 Partner’s for Youth Grant**
- **Honor Unit with Distinction**
  - JROTC Program – 14 consecutive years
  - Rated in the top 10 percent in the nation
- **2018 State AAAA Golf Champions**
  
- **2017-18 Athletics**
  - Boys Golf – Region Champions
  - Softball – Region & District Champions
  - Boys Tennis – Region Champions
- **2016-17 SC Class AAA/AAAA State Playoffs**
  - Baseball Team
  - Boys Basketball Team
  - Girls Basketball Team – Region Champions

- Cross Country Team
- Football Team
- Boys Golf Team
- Girls Golf Team
- Softball Team – 38th straight playoff trip
- Swim Team (Boys & Girls) – Region Champions
- Soccer (Boys & Girls) – Region Champions
- Boys Tennis Team
- Girls Tennis Team
- Track (Boys & Girls)
- Volleyball Team – Region Champions
- Wrestling Team
- **2015 Region AAA Boys & Girls Swim Team Champions**
- **2015 State AAA Girls Basketball Champions**
- **SCHSL – Excellence in Sportsmanship**
  - 2011-12, 2010-11, 2009-10, 2005-06