

LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9th - 12th
School Colors: Green and White
School Mascot: Gator
School Theme: "Culture of C.A.R.I.N.G."
Enrollment: 1,179
Average Class Size: 32



Brief Description of Instructional Program

Lakewood High School mission is "All Students Will Graduate College or Career-Ready." Our emphasis is on all aspects of students' lives as we look at not only academics, but also emotional, physical, and social needs. Lakewood High School provides an environment for student growth and preparation to compete with others in the global workplace. Our philosophy continues to be "A Culture of C.A.R.I.N.G.," which reflects our never ending aspiration to do our best in academics and extracurricular activities.

Lakewood High School is committed to providing each and every student with a quality education. The school offers a comprehensive extracurricular program so that students have the opportunity to develop and enhance special talents and skills. Positive relationships between students and staff are developed and nurtured

to provide additional support and encouragement to further each student's development.

Students, staff, parents and the community must work together for a school to achieve greatness. As we seek to establish "A Culture of C.A.R.I.N.G.," the support of parents and the community remains vital to our success in reaching our goals and preparing students for the future. We encourage everyone to remember what each letter in C.A.R.I.N.G. means: promoting great Character, positive Actions, establishing Relationships, Instructional rigor, Nothing but excellence, and good to Great. The Lakewood staff cares about every student and strives to prepare them for the 21st Century global economy.

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Outstanding Features/Programs

- AVID
- 4x4 Semester Block Scheduling
- AFJROTC
- High Schools That Work (HSTW)
- After School Tutoring
- College Prep, Honors and Advanced Placement Courses
- Honors Graduate Program
- On-site College Credit Courses
- Dual Enrollment Courses
- Vocational Courses
- Early College Program
- Career Training
- Shadowing Programs
- Teacher Cadet Program
- Special Education Programs
- Visual Arts – Ceramics, Photography, Art
- Performing Arts – Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Theater, Show Choir, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Jazz Choir
- AFJROTC Pinning Ceremony
- ACT/SAT Prep Classes
- Credit Recovery – Virtual Schools, APEX
- One-to-Global Technology
- Multi-Tiered System of Supports

Recent Awards and Honors

- Varsity Boys Basketball Region Championship
- Grammy Signature School
- Lakewood Choir Performances at Carnegie Hall and the Grand Ole Opry
- ROTC Distinguished Unit Award
- \$7,802,350 in Scholarship
- Hope Scholarship
- Boozer-Poplin Scholarship
- Life Scholarship
- Harmon Scholars
- Palmetto Fellows
- All-State Choir
- All-State Band
- Superior Ratings at Band Marching/Parade Competitions

- Superior Ratings at Choir Competitions
- North South All-Star Game Participants
- AdvancEd Accreditation
- FFA Silver Emblem Chapter

Extracurricular Activities

- National Honor Society
- Cheerleading
- AAAA Athletics -Football, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Track, Cross Country, Baseball, Volleyball
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Future Farmers of America
- Junior Academy of Sciences
- Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior Board
- National Technical Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta
- Student Government Association
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
- Junior Achievement
- Drama, Marching Band, and Jazz Band
- Lakewood Voices Show Choir
- Yearbook, Newspaper and Literary Magazine
- Wetlands Project

School Incentives

- Gator Spirit Award
- Academic Awards Program
- Class Day/Senior Awards
- CATE Completer Awards
- Athletic Awards
- Golden Apple Awards
- Gator Flair Awards (Pin program)
- Good/Perfect Attendance Awards
- Fine Arts Awards
- Lakewood Touchdown Club Awards
- Student and Teacher of the Month
- MTSS Celebrations
- Most Valuable Attitude
- Teacher Recognitions
- Volunteer Recognition Program
- Teacher of the Year
- Final Exam Exemptions
- Honor Roll

Community Involvement

- School Improvement Council
- Parent-Teacher-Student Association
- Choral, Band and Athletic Booster Clubs
- Ed-Op Day
- Chamber Golden Apple Awards
- Relay For Life and American Heart Walk
- Suicide Prevention Walk
- Volunteer and Mentoring Programs
- Red Cross Blood Drives
- FFA Assistance with Sumter County Fair
- College Fair
- Business Partnership Program
- Shower Shaw with Cookies
- Principal for the Day
- United Way
- Toys For Tots
- Fine Arts Performances at Local and State-wide Festivals
- FFA Participation with Master Gardeners for “Beautification of Sumter”

Parent and Teacher Opportunities

- Ongoing Professional Development for Teachers
- Parent Learning Center in the Library
- Access to Technology
- Financial Aid Night
- Freshmen/New Student Orientation
- Booster Clubs – Athletic, Band, Choir
- Teacher Advisory Council (TAC)
- School Improvement Council (SIC)
- Open House
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Parent-Teacher-Student Association

Faculty Profile

- 1 Principal
- 5 Assistant Principals
- 52 Teachers
- 1 Media Specialist
- 3 Guidance Counselors
- 2 Career Specialists
- 3 National Board Certified Teachers
- 1 Athletic Director
- 61.8% Advanced Degrees