

LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Grades: 9th - 12th

School Colors: Green and White

School Mascot: Gator

School Theme: "Gator Nation"

Enrollment: 1,031

Average Class Size: 28



Brief Description of Instructional Program

Lakewood High School mission is “to provide a rigorous curriculum, infused with real world experiences that will engage and equip our students with skills needed to be college and career ready.” Our emphasis is to ensure that all of our students gain the knowledge, skills, and experiences to make them a well-rounded student. In partnership with all stakeholders, Lakewood High School is committed to building positive relationships while creating safe learning environments. LHS will establish and maintain a reputation of academic excellence. We will prepare our students to be socially responsible and productive global citizens.

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 embrace the motto “This is Gator Nation,” the support of parents and the community remains vital to our success in reaching our goals and preparing students for the future. The Lakewood staff will continue to prepare our students based on the guidelines listed in the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. Lakewood is striving to prepare every student to be competitive citizens in a global society. This is Gator Nation, Where Academic Excellence is the Standard!

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Outstanding Features/Programs

- 4x4 semester block scheduling
- AFJROTC
- High Schools That Work
- After School Tutoring
- College Prep, Honors and AP 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

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 Board
- Sophomore Board
- Junior Board
- Senior Board
- National Technical Honor Society

- Mu Alpha Theta
- Student Government Association
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America
- Junior Achievement
- Drama
- Marching Band
- Jazz Band
- Lakewood Voices Show Choir
- Yearbook and Newspaper
- Literary Magazine
- Wetlands Project

School Incentives

- Gator Spirit Award
- Academic Awards Program
- Class Day/Senior Awards
- CATE Completer Awards
- Athletic Awards
- Golden Apple Awards
- Good/Perfect Attendance Awards
- Fine Arts Awards
- Lakewood Touchdown Club Awards
- Student of the Month/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 (SIC)
- Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA)
- Choral Booster Club
- Band Booster Club
- Athletic Booster Club

- Ed-Op Day
- Golden Apple Awards Chamber Breakfast
- Relay For Life
- Suicide Prevention Walk
- Volunteer Program
- Mentoring Program
- American Heart Walk
- Red Cross Blood Drives
- FFA Assistance with Sumter County Fair Agriculture
- 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

- Professional Development for Teachers
- Parent Learning Center – Parents have access to media center resources and 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 (PTSA)

Recent Awards and Honors

- Varsity men’s basketball, Region Champs, 2017
- Nationally acclaimed choir, named as a Grammy Award winning choir, 1 out of only 13 high schools in the country to receive this honor
- Performed at Carnegie Hall and the Grand Ole Opry
- ROTC Distinguished Unit Award
- \$9,361,510 in Scholarship Offers, 2017-2018
- 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

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