

Communication Arts Highlights

24 Artistic Performances

Drama, Strings, Chorus, Drumming,
Dance and Band



12 Guest Artists

Six Internationally acclaimed artists and six regionally acclaimed visual artists visited League students.

League Reviews

"I've really enjoyed the warm and wonderful atmosphere that League offers to students. League allows you to express yourself in so many areas - writing, singing, playing instruments as well as dancing and acting!"

STUDENT, 8th

"League's program is very strong. It gives so many opportunities for students to express ourselves in different ways."

STUDENT, 8th

In addition to academic excellence, the faculty and staff help students to emphasize strong character and leadership skills.

PARENT, 6th

"Thanks to the League teachers, my child has been thoroughly prepared for high school. They really taught him how to study."

FORMER PARENT



2002 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARENTS

*The School Improvement Council at League Academy is pleased to present the **Annual Report to the Parents** which is a summary of standardized test scores, the School Report Card, academic goals for school improvement and awards for students and teachers in 2001-2002.*

The faculty and staff of League Academy of Communication Arts must sometimes feel like the luckiest group of teachers in the world! We are fortunate to have a wonderfully diverse student body, an experienced and excited group of teachers who bring different and valuable gifts to the table, and a community of parents and supporters who support our efforts and our students.

This report is intended to give you a "thumbnail" sketch of our school including our goals, our students and staff, our School Improvement Council and information about the Magnet Process.

Please feel free to come by and see the great things that happen here! We would love to show you the good things that middle school kids and their teachers can do!

Merry L. Cox, Principal

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SCHOOL AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS 2001-2002



Red Carpet School Award
SC Exemplary Writing Award Hall of Fame
Village Green Technology Project Site
SC Target 2000 Arts in Education Grant (\$10,000)
SC Arts Commission Grant Recipient (\$250)
Five Current National Board Certified Teachers



PTA Reflections Contest

Literature: SW Area 2nd Place

Visual Arts: SW Area 1st Place

State Honorable Mention

Music Composition: SW Area 1st Place

Photography: SW Area 1st Place

Honorable Mention

Literary Magazine-Maggie's Drawers

Science Fair

Writing honors - 12 students

Regional 2nd Place - Overall Winner

Junior Scholars

SC Wildlife Young Outdoor Writer



Junior Scholars - 36 Eighth graders
Duke T.I.P. Recognition - 19 Seventh Graders

State First Place



What's In the News

Scholastic Art Award

National Winner

8 State Certificates of Merit

Orchestra and Band Awards

State Technology Award - *SCIway.net*



All State Orchestra - 5 Students
Western Regional Orchestra - 7 Students

State Second Place



SC Scholastic Press Association Awards - *Bulldog Growl*

NCTE's Promising Young Writers Recognition

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place - SC Middle Schools
Received 'Honor' Rating for Fall and Spring Issues

2 Students

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARENTS

The School Improvement Council is an organization made up of peer-elected parents and teachers and appointed community and administrative members that meet monthly to plan, monitor and evaluate school improvement.

School Improvement Council Shall

- Assist in the preparation of the five-year plan and annual updates.
- Assist in the development and monitoring of school improvement and innovation.
- Develop an annual school report to the parents and constituents of the school each year that provides information on the school's progress toward meeting the school and district goals and objectives.
- Provide advice on the use of school incentive grants and awards.
- Provide assistance as requested by the principal, as well as carrying out any other duties prescribed by the local school board.

If you are interested in serving on League's SIC, please contact Toni Norris at 292-7379.

SIC Website
<http://www.ed.sc.edu/sic/>

League's Performance Goals 2001-2002

- Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student at League Academy.
- Ensure quality personnel in all positions at League Academy.
- Provide a school environment supportive of learning at League Academy.
- Improve public understanding and support of League Academy.

This plan was developed by League faculty and SIC members, which included parent and community representatives. A copy of League's School Improvement Plan is located in the front office for parent and community members who would like to read it in full. During the 2002-03 school year the staff and SIC will be building a School Portfolio for School Improvement which will replace the current five year plan.

2002-2003 SIC Members

Bill Berg	Hazel Harris
Ed Coles	Jan Kyle
Merry Cox	Toni Norris
Elaine Donnan	Michael Pope
Lorraine DeJong	Maxie Preshia
Cynthia Fowler	Kathy Sisk
Elayne Finkelstein	Tracy Sorrells
Frank Floyd	

Toni Norris and Tracy Sorrells, Co-Chairs
Bill Berg, Corresponding Secretary
Kathy Sisk, Recording Secretary

Building Renovations Begin at League

Hip, Hip, Hooray! We are about to undergo a HUGE addition and renovation process! Current plans are to begin in the summer of 2003 and finish by the end of school in 2005! Bear with us as our facilities grow and improve!

League's Report Card News

GREAT NEWS! Our rating on the 2001-2002 State Report Card remained at "GOOD!" This rating is based on the percentage of our students who scored Basic, Advanced or Proficient on the PACT test.

The IMPROVEMENT RATING, which is obtained by using a weighted scale of the breakdown of the number of students who scored at each level, was "Below Average" for the 2001-2002 school year.

What we are doing with this information is studying the results, continuing to do the things that we believe are helping our students, looking for ways to improve teaching and learning, and working to ensure success for all of our students. It takes all of our stakeholders – students, teachers and staff members, and parents to make this happen.

Copies of our State Report Card, which includes specific information about the test data, are available at school.

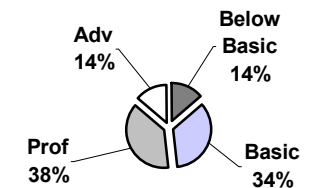
SC Testing Resources
<http://www.sde.state.sc.us>

Parent Involvement

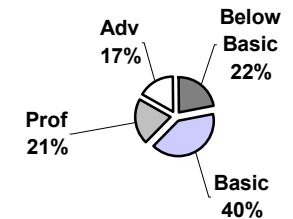
The PTA at League has 100% membership and is very active in the lives of our students. During the 2001-2002 school year, we had 684 volunteers who worked a total of 7295 hours! Call the school for suggestions of ways to get involved!

League's PACT Results

PACT ELA 2001-02



PACT Math 2001-02



Magnet Application Process

Elaine Donnan, Magnet Coordinator

2002 Magnet Season was from
January 16 – February 15, 2002

2003 Season is from January 15 – February 14, 2003

Students who live in League's attendance area are automatically enrolled and do not need to apply. Students who live in Greenville County but outside League's attendance zone are eligible to apply for admission as magnet students. Criteria for admission include:

- report card grades from the previous semester
- disciplinary record from the previous semester
- attendance record from the previous semester
- a personal statement by the student citing reasons why he or she would like to attend League Academy
- two teacher recommendations from the student's current teachers