

Darlington High sits on a 71 acre site near downtown Darlington that also houses the 9th grade academy, which sits at the corner of Spring and Blue Streets, and the Darlington County Administration Building. The site is bound by North Main Street in the back and Spring Street in the front of the campus.

Access to the main entrance of the school is easily identifiable by a large covered canopy. However there is no easily visible ADA access and because the school sits below the grade of the front parking area, a series of stairs must be maneuvered before entering the school. The ninth grade academy is its own free standing building and sits on the opposite corner of the site; it has its own easily identifiable entrance and access is easily gained into the 9th grade academy.

At both locations there is no secured entry airlock. However, both locations have relatively good sight lines to visitors entering the school and this could possibly be helped with the use of security cameras at the main campus.

Campus buildings consist of masonry load bearing walls and bar joists with low sloped roofs at the main campus and masonry load bearing walls and steel beams with standing seam metal roofs at the 9th grade academy. The ages of the buildings dictate varying compliance to a variety of building codes creating some noncompliant conditions as it relates to current codes.

Principal	Cortney Gehrke
Grades	9-12
Staff	80
Current Enrollment	1,084
Site Size	71 Acres
Square Footage	176,307
Year Constructed	1967, 1977, 1985
Renovations	Various

Athletic facilities include a gymnasium with locker rooms, several softball and baseball fields and a football stadium with running track. Also of note is the fact that students from the 9th grade academy must walk a considerable distance underneath a covered canopy to use any of the facilities at the main campus such as cafeteria, gymnasium and other support areas; this creates a safety/security issue as well as taking away from the students time in the classroom.



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General Overview	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
General Appearance		X		
Visual Security		X		
Landscaping		X		
Secure Entrance			X	
Access Control of Entrances			X	

Comments/Pictures:

- Open campus with multiple access points
- Visitors can bypass office and gain access to entire school

Site Review	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Drainage			X	
Parent Drive		X		
Bus Drive		X		
Parking Staff/Visitors		X		
Sidewalks		X		
Handicap Access/Exterior			X	
Covered Entries/Awnings			X	
General Play Areas				X
4K Play Areas				X

Comments/Pictures:

- Drainage goes towards the building causing moisture issues on brick and needs to be monitored/addressed
- ADA access to building entrances lacking
- Covered walk needed for access from band building and 9th Grade building to main campus building



Building Envelope	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Roof System		X		
Exterior Brick		X		
Windows			X	
Exterior Doors/Hardware		X		

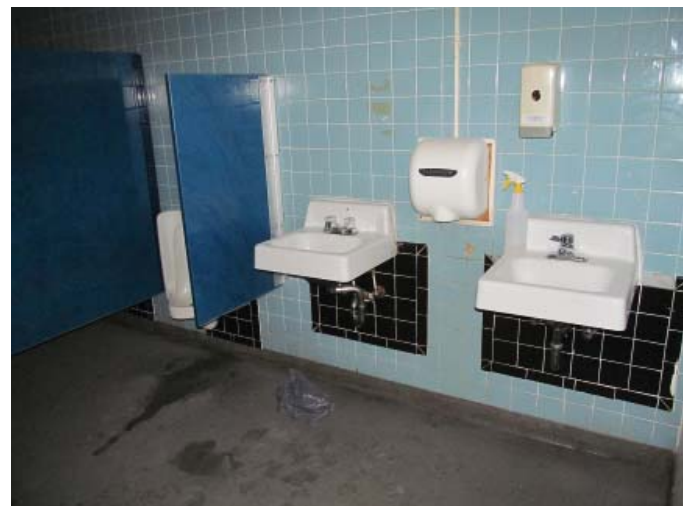
Comments/Pictures:

- Some hardware and ADA issues at exterior doors
- In need of energy efficient windows

Building Interior	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Apparent Leaks		X		
Ceiling	X			
Floors		X		
Interior Doors/Hardware			X	
Group Restrooms		X		
Staff Restrooms		X		
ADA Compliant Restrooms			X	

Comments/Pictures:

- Some interior doors not rated



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<b>Plumbing System</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Adequate Pressure		X		
Backups		X		
Sprinkler Systems				X

Comments/Pictures:

- Sprinkler system to be addressed as buildings are renovated or added
- ADA compliant rest rooms needed

<b>Mechanical Systems</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Heating/Cooling Systems		X		
Air Quality		X		

Comments/Pictures:

<b>Electrical Systems</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Lighting Level		X		
Adequate Outlets			X	
P/A System		X		
Computer/Data Systems		X		
Camera Systems		X		
Emergency Lighting Systems		X		
Fire Alarm	X			

Comments/Pictures:

- GFI breakers needed in wet areas

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Spatial Observations	Good	Average	Poor	N/A
Administration		X		
Guidance		X		
Media Center		X		
Kitchen		X		
Cafeteria		X		
Classrooms		X		
Gymnasium/PE		X		
Band Room		X		
Music/Chorus		X		
Art Room			X	
Science Room/Labs		X		
Other Instructional Space		X		

Comments/Pictures:

- More natural lighting recommended in classroom and media spaces
- Additional sinks in Art room are needed and suggest access to outdoor area
- Connectivity to music spaces from classroom spaces via covered walk or addition is recommended



## Recommendations

The high school would benefit with relocating the 9th Grade Academy closer to the rest of the campus with the addition of a new academic wing. This would resolve some security issues and a separate entrance can still be maintained if desired. An additional connecting corridor to the cafeteria, gym, and administration area improves security and protects students and staff from the elements. A dedicated PE gym and a competition gym with lobby space would bring equity to the Darlington area to align with the basketball facility at Hartsville High School. These can tie into the new locker rooms being completed. Minor renovations such as replacement of non-compliant handrails and guardrails would occur and the ADA toilet situations would be addresses throughout the school as well as upgrades to finishes in some of the existing spaces.

Possibility of adding a fine arts wing to relocate art, band, choral, and add an auditorium should be considered by the district to provide a Fine Arts facility for larger size productions and events which is currently lacking in the district.

These recommendations will need to be phased for continued occupancy of the school and care taken for safety and security during construction. Phase One would be the 9th Grade wing and connecting corridor, Phase Two would be the competition gym and Fine Arts Auditorium.







