



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

SOUTH AIKEN HIGH
Aiken
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,513
Principal: Mr. G. Bryan Skipper
Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt
Board Chair: Ms. Rosemary B. English

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Excellent	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Good	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
17	2	3	0	0

*Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Passed 2 subtests (%)	88.6%	83.2%	84.3%	85.3%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	4.9%	11.4%	9.1%	9.2%
Passed no subtests (%)	6.5%	5.4%	7.3%	6.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	94.5%	94.2%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

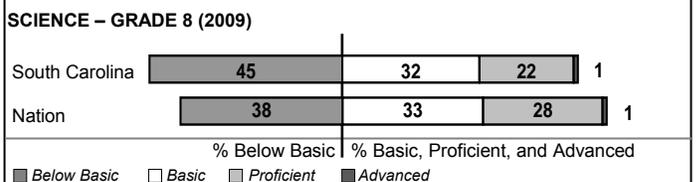
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	418	374
Number of Diplomas	332	295
Rate (%)	79.4%	79.8%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	73.3	81.1
English 1	78.4	73.3
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	72.3	78.5
Physical Science	69.4	64.9
US History and the Constitution	57.5	59.4
All Tests	69.9	71.6

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,513)				
Retention rate	2.2%	Down from 5.1%	2.3%	3.4%
Attendance rate	97.0%	Up from 96.2%	95.0%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	18.4%	Up from 15.2%	18.4%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	5.5%	Down from 8.0%	8.2%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	7.3%	Down from 9.0%	5.2%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	Up from 0.6%	1.3%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	30.8%	Down from 31.8%	26.5%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	63.6%	Up from 59.8%	58.2%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	52.2%	Down from 57.1%	33.3%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	2.7%	Down from 2.8%	2.6%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	8.1%	Up from 5.9%	4.2%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	707	Down from 740	679	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	86.4%	Up from 83.2%	84.5%	83.0%
Teachers (n=79)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	69.6%	Up from 64.9%	67.6%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	88.6%	Down from 89.6%	81.7%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.4%	Down from 89.1%	88.3%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	95.9%	Up from 93.6%	95.2%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,014	Down 0.3%	\$48,924	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.8%	0.6%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	15.7 days	No Change	10.9 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	28.9 to 1	Down from 30.7 to 1	28.6 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.7%	Up from 88.3%	89.2%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,588	Down 5.3%	\$7,174	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	64.9%	Up from 63.3%	59.9%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	66.7%	Up from 65.5%	63.9%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 98.0%	98.9%	97.3%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	52.9%	No Change	76.5%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

South Aiken High School once again experienced a positive school year in 2010 – 2011 because faculty and staff members, students, parents, and community members worked collaboratively to be successful. South Aiken was recognized by the State Department of Education for achieving Gold status on our State Report Card. South Aiken's absolute rating went from average to good and our growth rating from below average to excellent. The graduation rate went up 10.7%.

Serving approximately 1550 students, South Aiken offers a diverse curriculum with an emphasis on preparation for college. About 70% of our graduates pursue some type of post-secondary education. Over 15% of our graduates choose to enter the workforce or the military upon graduation. This year South Aiken offered 13 AP course and won state awards for SAT/ACT averages above the state and national average. South Aiken was also recognized by the state as a Gold Award recipient for Closing the Achievement Gap.

In addition to offerings for the college-bound portion of our student body, South Aiken offers career and technical courses in several areas, including Business, Marketing, Broadcast Journalism, and Culinary Arts. Our local offerings are supplemented by those available to our students through the Aiken County Career and Technology Center. Our graduating class always includes multiple students who attain occupational 'completer status' in addition to their diploma.

Our student body participates actively in athletics and enjoys involvement in community programs. This year our NJROTC Academic team won several state competitions. The literary magazine, Calliope, was once again recognized nationally as one of the best literary magazines in the country. The DECA program had several state winners and two students who served as state officers. The FCCLA had two students who won state and went to nationals in culinary arts. The academic team won the Aiken County championship. Athletically, SAHS boy's and girl's soccer teams advanced to the third round of the playoffs, the boy's golf team had a strong showing at the state tournament and boy's tennis played for lower-state. The baseball team advanced to the lower-state finals. It was quite an exciting spring for South Aiken athletics.

The School Improvement Council met during the school year and provided input regarding strategic planning and parental involvement. The Council also coordinated and implemented a school beautification project for the front of the school as well as a capital campaign for technology needs and auditorium renovation.

Mr. G. Bryan Skipper – Principal, Mrs. Audrey Smith – School Improvement Council Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	66	265	96
Percent satisfied with learning environment	76.9%	58.0%	73.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	75.4%	60.1%	56.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	78.5%	77.0%	66.3%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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