

Aiken High School

449 Rutland Drive

Aiken, SC 29841



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	9-12 High	Principal:	Garen Cofert
Enrollment:	1,433 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Elizabeth Everitt
School Phone:	803-641-2500	Board Chair:	Mrs. Rosemary B. English
School Website:	http://aikenhs.acps.schoolfusion.us/		



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

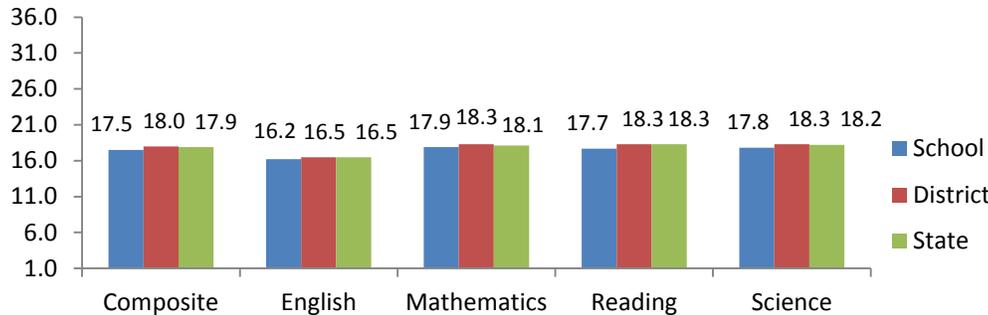
Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

Aiken High School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by creating an educational environment that is centered on building positive relationships, increasing academic rigor, encouraging extra-curricular activities, and promoting student responsibility. The Profile of the South Carolina graduate is evident in Aiken High's 2015 graduating class. Our 2015 graduates' world class knowledge earned them over \$14 million in scholarships. Our 2015 graduates demonstrated that they indeed possess world class skills along with the desired life and career characteristics. Aiken High School Class of 2015 included twenty one Palmetto Fellows, twelve recipients of the prestigious Watson Brown scholarship, a finalist in the South Carolina High School writing Contest, the DAR Good Citizen District winner, a Commended National Merit student, two National Army ROTC scholarships, a state winner of the PEO scholarship, a student who is first place winner in the National Geographic Photography contest and won the National Congressional Photography contest, a student won first in the state in the Skills USA Commercial Baking Contest and will compete nationally, two other students earned their Pro-Start Certificates of Achievement from the National Restaurant Association, a student passed nine ASE certifications for Auto Technology, two female welders to graduate from the Aiken County Career Center. Through encouraging extra-curricular activities and promoting student responsibility Aiken High has had many great accomplishments this year. The NJROTC Academic team won the North Carolina/South Carolina Academic team Competition and the Rifle team qualified to compete nationally. The school had the most students in the region qualify for the Region 2 Honor Band. The Jazz band received a Superior rating at the Carowinds Festival. The volleyball team was undefeated Region Champions. The Girls' basketball team were Region Champions. In Boys' Soccer, the team made it to the 3rd round of the State playoffs. Both the Aiken High School Boys' and Girls' tennis team produced the Region Players of the Year. They were selected to play in the State Singles Tournament. At Aiken High School we are proud of the relationship we have established between our community, families and faculty that has allowed us to create an educational environment that allows our students to shine. Mrs. Diana Floyd, Chair of the School Improvement Council Mr. Garen Cofer, Principal

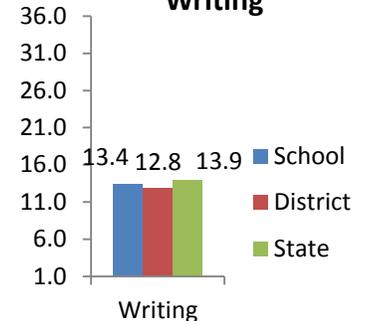
* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

KNOWLEDGE

Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing

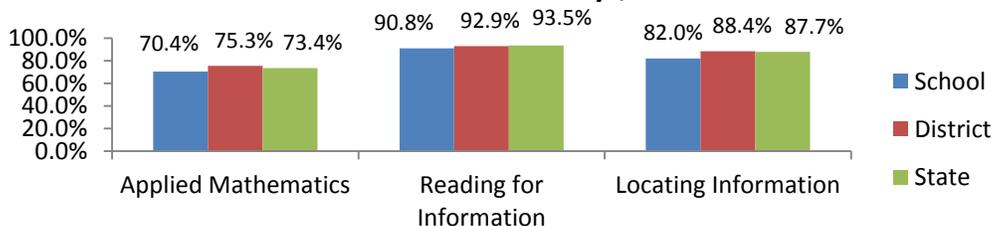


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

Percent of Students Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015				
English Benchmark Score: 18	Math Benchmark Score: 22	Reading Benchmark Score: 22	Science Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
35.8	20	24.5	18.1	10.3

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

Percent of Students Meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver Threshold on WorkKeys, 2015



ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.

The ACT is a registered trademark of ACT, Inc.

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SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
55.9	491	493	471	1455

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	High Schools with Students Like Ours	State
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	91.2	80.8	85.7
English 1	71.0	67.3	75.1
Biology 1	76.8	76.0	77.8
US History and the Constitution	68.4	64.1	69.1
All Subjects	75.9	71.4	77.3

High Schools with Students Like Ours are high schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

OUTCOMES

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	Five-Year
80.3	82.0

School Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
86.9	82.8	78.4	73.2

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
86.0	81.6	77.0	74.9

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
45.9	44.2	42.2

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014		
Our School	District	State
81.2	75.9	70.3

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OPPORTUNITIES**For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 1,433)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	67.2	Down from 69.7%	N/A
Attendance Rate	91.6	Down from 96.3%	94.0
With disabilities	9.4	Down from 9.6%	11.3
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.0	Up from 1.0%	0.6
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	18.7	Down from 19.6%	19.4
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	22.4	Up from 21.6%	16.4
Successful in AP/IB programs	59.7	Up from 56.6%	54.5
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	12.3	Down from 23.3%	0.0
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1389	Up from 720	900
Students participating in work-based experiences	19.1	Up from 11.7%	15.4
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	149	N/A	237
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	66.4
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	18	N/A	63
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	95.7
Annual dropout rate	3.3	Up from 1.8%	2.6
Dropout recovery rate	6.3	N/A	6.5
Percentage of students retained	2.5	Down from 4.6%	3.0
Teachers (n = 81)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	66.7	Up from 60.3%	67.3
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	84.0	Up from 82.1%	83.1
Teachers returning from previous year	91.1	Down from 93.0%	87.9
Teacher attendance rate	94.4	Up from 94.1%	95.0
Average teacher salary*	\$51,290	Up 0.5%	\$48,679
Professional development days / teacher	8.7 days	Up from 7.8 days	10.7 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1	Up from 0.0%	1.6
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	1.2	N/A	0.6

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	73	240	57
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.5	62.9	72.0
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	90.3	54.8	50.0
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	93.0	81.6	52.6

* Only students in grade 11 and their parents were included.

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School			
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.4 to 1	Up from 29.2 to 1	27.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	85.8	Down from 89.3%	87.8
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	6.0	N/A	11.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	Up from 98.4%	99.8
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	17.0	N/A	14.7
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	13.1	N/A	20.4
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.7	N/C	1.9
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.3	N/C	0.7
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,839	Up 26.3%	\$8,017
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	57.6	Up from 57.2%	56.9
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	59.1	Down from 59.5%	58.1

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Good
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Average	Below Average

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
[Report Card Data Files](#)
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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