



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Aiken High
Aiken
Grades: 9-12 **Enrollment: 1,615**
Principal: Garen X. Cofer
Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt
Board Chair: Dr. Christine Harkins

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		
2009	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	Good	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
2	8	27	0	0

*Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/23/2010. 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	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Passed 2 subtests (%)	79.0%	76.5%	81.4%	77.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	13.3%	12.7%	10.3%	11.8%
Passed no subtests (%)	7.7%	10.9%	8.6%	10.6%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.1%	94.4%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	410	292
Number of Diplomas	293	214
Rate (%)	71.5%	74.4%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	55.2%	74.6%
English 1	52.9%	63.5%
Physical Science	56.9%	56.1%
US History and the Constitution	38.3%	41.8%
All Tests	50.8%	58.4%

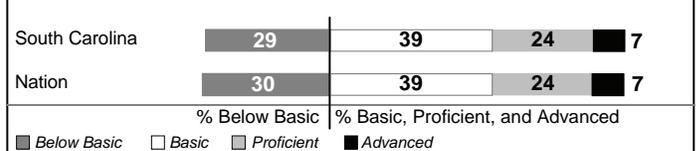
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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

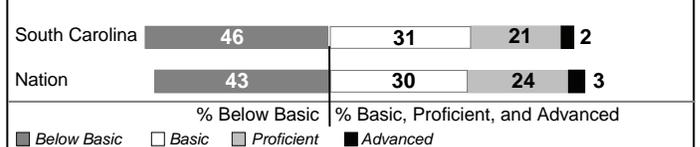
READING – GRADE 8 (2007)



MATH – GRADE 8 (2007)



SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 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=1,615)				
Retention rate	4.7%	Up from 3.6%	4.4%	4.8%
Attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 94.4%	95.5%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	19.6%	Up from 19.3%	13.5%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	12.4%	Up from 12.3%	12.9%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	10.0%	Up from 7.7%	7.9%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.1%	Down from 4.6%	1.3%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	16.7%	Down from 20.5%	16.3%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	55.0%	Down from 65.6%	50.0%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	35.7%	Up from 35.3%	33.1%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	4.2%	Down from 4.4%	3.5%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	9.3%	Down from 9.8%	2.4%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	866	Down from 938	606	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	73.4%	Up from 72.8%	79.9%	79.3%
Teachers (n=100)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	52.0%	Down from 52.5%	62.7%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	67.0%	Down from 70.7%	76.3%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	13.1%	Up from 10.2%	5.0%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.0%	Up from 90.6%	86.9%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 94.8%	95.6%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,754	Up 3.3%	\$48,195	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	2.3%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	11.3 days	Down from 11.5 days	11.1 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.6 to 1	Down from 27.9 to 1	27.3 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.6%	Up from 88.0%	90.2%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,597	Up 0.1%	\$7,462	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	52.1%	Down from 57.5%	53.4%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.1%	Up from 61.7%	59.9%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	91.6%	Down from 92.2%	96.4%	95.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	68.4%	Down from 76.2%	70.6%	64.7%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	107	323	141
Percent satisfied with learning environment	90.5%	60.6%	73.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	85.8%	63.6%	61.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	86.0%	78.8%	61.8%

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Aiken High School was a recipient of the 2008 Palmetto Silver Award and recognized in the 2008 US News and World Report as one of the top high schools in the nation for improving the achievement gap. AHS offers a varied curriculum that includes the International Baccalaureate Program (IB), twelve Advanced Placement (AP) courses, a college preparatory program, a business program, a Career and Technology program, a Freshman Assistance Program (LIFT), and special education services in EMD, LD, TMD, and Resource. Our students can also choose from 12 athletic sports and 37 student clubs/organizations.

Our students continue to achieve outstanding success: 168 seniors received over \$9.98 million in scholarships and grants; 27 seniors were named Palmetto Fellows Award winners; 2 students received a National Merit Scholarship; 9 students were National Merit Commended Students; 4 students are candidates for the International Baccalaureate Diploma; 1 student scored a perfect 36 on the ACT; and an AHS student received the Youth of the Year Award (second year in a row). Aiken High School students continue to compete and excel in regional, state, and national competitions in Academic Team, Region IV 4-A Athletics, Band, Chorus, Foreign Language, Art, Robotics, Poetry, ProStart Culinary Team, DECA, FBLA, FFA, NJROTC (Distinguished Unit Award, 2nd year), and Yearbook (Excellence Award by publisher, 2nd year).

The Aiken High School staff and student body have excelled in service to the school and community through their participation in many activities. Through the leadership of the Student Council, the faculty and students raised thousands of dollars for various charities including Helping Hands, Camp Sertoma, St. Jude's, Make-A-Wish, Relay for Life, and the SPCA. They also provided Stuffed Stockings (toys and school supplies) for the children in the Department of Social Services custody, and donated approximately 100 pints of blood. The school Chorus provided entertainment and visits on a regular basis to local nursing homes, schools, and community events. The FFA provided flowers to elderly residents of the community and donated fresh vegetables to the Golden Harvest Food Bank. The Aiken High Band and NJROTC actively participate in many community activities including the Veterans Day ceremony, the annual Christmas Parade, and the Memorial Day Parade. In addition, many students assisted with Special Olympics, and several students have been trained to provide peer mediation services. Together the various student organizations logged well over 11,000 service hours.

To promote student success, AHS students are offered academic assistance and tutoring through the National Honor Society, the Learning Logic math program, teacher-led tutorial services, and on-line tutorial services. All students are encouraged to participate in the Accelerated Reader Program sponsored by the Aiken High School media specialists. This year we also implemented a credit recovery program. Many teachers also use technology to aid student achievement through the use of SMART boards, interactive response systems and Moodle.

Garen Cofer, Principal
Amy Conkelton, School Improvement Council Chairperson

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