



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

South Aiken High
 Aiken
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,511
 Principal: Mr. G. Bryan Skipper
 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	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	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
4	5	11	1	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 (%)	86.0%	83.4%	87.3%	82.7%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	8.2%	8.2%	7.3%	10.3%
Passed no subtests (%)	5.8%	8.4%	6.2%	7.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2009

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	95.8%	95.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	355	339
Number of Diplomas	245	258
Rate (%)	69.0%	72.5%

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	71.1%	76.9%
English 1	65.9%	73.2%
Physical Science	60.7%	63.7%
US History and the Constitution	48.3%	51.4%
All Tests	60.2%	65.7%

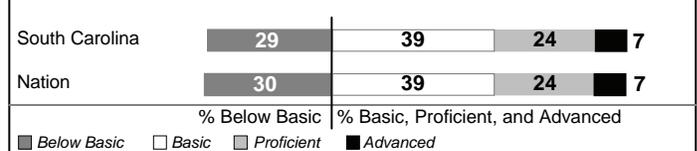
NAEP PERFORMANCE*

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

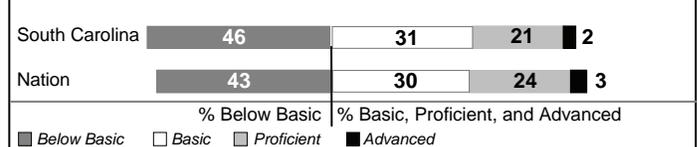
READING – GRADE 8 (2007)



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=1,511)				
Retention rate	5.1%	Down from 5.4%	4.4%	4.8%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 95.5%	96.2%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.7%	Down from 20.6%	14.9%	9.2%
With disabilities other than speech	9.8%	Down from 10.1%	9.7%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	9.0%	Up from 7.9%	6.5%	8.6%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.1%	Down from 2.9%	1.4%	1.2%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	33.1%	Down from 34.7%	20.8%	13.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	68.1%	Down from 72.0%	63.5%	55.6%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	31.2%	Down from 68.0%	33.8%	29.8%
Annual dropout rate	4.8%	Up from 3.7%	3.6%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	6.3%	Down from 7.9%	2.6%	3.0%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	812	Up from 805	764	523
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	78.1%	Down from 80.6%	81.7%	79.3%
Teachers (n=77)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.6%	Up from 59.0%	62.4%	58.6%
Continuing contract teachers	75.3%	Down from 75.6%	72.7%	71.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.4%	Down from 2.8%	7.0%	8.1%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.4%	Down from 91.0%	86.3%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.1%	Down from 96.1%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,087	Up 4.4%	\$48,928	\$47,761
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	3.4%	3.5%
Professional development days/teacher	15.3 days	Up from 13.1 days	8.7 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 5.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.9 to 1	Up from 28.4 to 1	26.3 to 1	26.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.7%	Down from 90.3%	90.8%	89.8%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,592	Up 12.4%	\$7,031	\$7,883
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	51.5%	Down from 66.6%	57.3%	54.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	60.8%	Down from 70.1%	62.1%	60.2%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.9%	Up from 92.4%	97.8%	95.8%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	73.7%	Up from 66.7%	76.4%	64.7%

* 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 2008 – 2009 because faculty and staff members, students, parents, and community members worked collaboratively to be successful.

Serving approximately 1500 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.

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 a national competition as well as being recognized as a unit with academic distinction. The academic team won the county championship. Two students were recognized as National Merit Finalists. Athletically, SAHS had a swimmer win an individual state championship, the boys' soccer team won the state title, the girls' soccer and boys' golf teams both won lower-state awards, and 11 teams won region championships.

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.

Mr. G. Bryan Skipper – Principal, Mrs. Kim Anderson-Ray – School Improvement Council Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	85	324	69
Percent satisfied with learning environment	81.2%	57.3%	67.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.1%	67.9%	58.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	71.8%	79.9%	60.3%

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

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