



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**SOUTH AIKEN HIGH**  
**Aiken**  
**Grades: 9-12** Enrollment: 1,550  
**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		
2010	Good	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2008	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
6	14	2	0	0

\*Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. 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	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Passed 2 subtests (%)	83.4%	88.6%	82.7%	84.3%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	8.2%	4.9%	10.3%	9.1%
Passed no subtests (%)	8.4%	6.5%	7.8%	7.3%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	93.2%	93.4%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

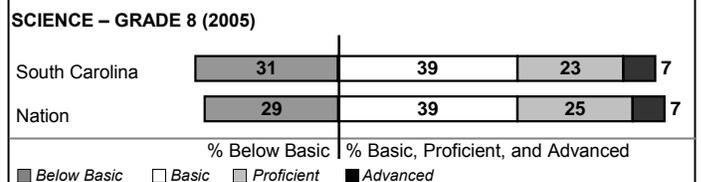
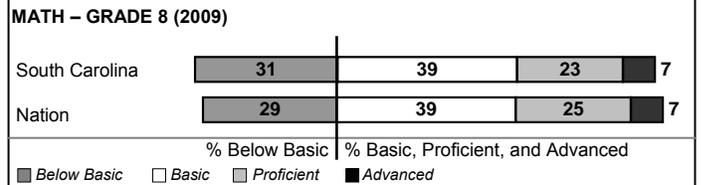
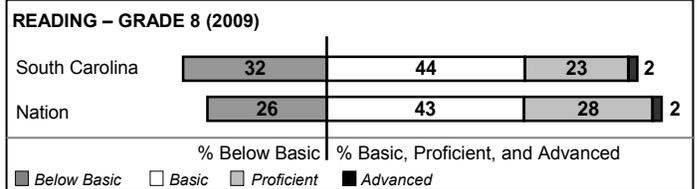
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	399	384
Number of Diplomas	318	292
Rate (%)	79.7%	74.8%

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	76.1	79.7
English 1	65.7	77.1
Physical Science	63.4	66.8
US History and the Constitution	52.5	55.7
All Tests	62.8	68.9

## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

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



## 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
<b>Students (n=1,550)</b>				
Retention rate	5.1%	No Change	2.8%	3.7%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.6%	96.4%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.2%	Down from 15.7%	16.7%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	8.0%	Down from 9.8%	9.6%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	9.0%	No Change	7.1%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Down from 1.1%	0.9%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	31.8%	Down from 33.1%	21.1%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	59.8%	Down from 68.1%	58.5%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	57.1%	Up from 31.2%	33.4%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	2.8%	Down from 4.8%	2.8%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	5.9%	Down from 6.3%	3.2%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	740	Down from 812	740	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	83.2%	Up from 78.1%	82.2%	78.7%
<b>Teachers (n=77)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	64.9%	Up from 63.6%	64.4%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	89.6%	Up from 75.3%	76.8%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.3%	Down from 1.4%	5.5%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.1%	Up from 88.4%	87.6%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	93.6%	Down from 94.1%	95.9%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,140	Down 1.9%	\$49,140	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.8%	Up from 0.0%	1.9%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	15.7 days	Up from 15.3 days	8.5 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.7 to 1	Up from 29.9 to 1	28.3 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.3%	Down from 88.7%	91.6%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,898	Down 10.5%	\$7,277	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.3%	Up from 51.5%	58.4%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	65.5%	Up from 60.8%	63.4%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.0%	Up from 97.9%	95.7%	96.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	52.9%	Down from 73.7%	70.6%	69.2%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Because faculty and staff members, students, parents, and community members worked collaboratively, South Aiken High School once again experienced a successful school year in 2009-2010.

Serving approximately 1,550 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 having SAT/ACT averages above the state and national average. South Aiken was also recognized by the state as a Silver 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 diplomas.

Our student body participates actively in athletics and enjoys involvement in community programs. This year our NJROTC Academic team won several state competitions. Athletically, a SAHS pole vaulter won an individual state championship; the boys' and girls' soccer teams both won lower-state championships and played for the state titles; the boys' golf team finished third in the state; and the boys' tennis team played for lower-state. The baseball team won lower-state and played for the state championship as well. It was 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.

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

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	48	310	60
Percent satisfied with learning environment	78.3%	63.2%	70.2%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	81.3%	68.1%	58.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	81.3%	76.9%	64.4%

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

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