



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

AIKEN HIGH
Aiken
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,481
Principal: Garen X. Cofer
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	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A
2009	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
12	9	13	1	1

*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 (%)	73.5%	73.2%	79.0%	80.3%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.8%	16.0%	11.1%	11.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	13.7%	10.8%	9.9%	8.6%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	91.0%	92.0%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

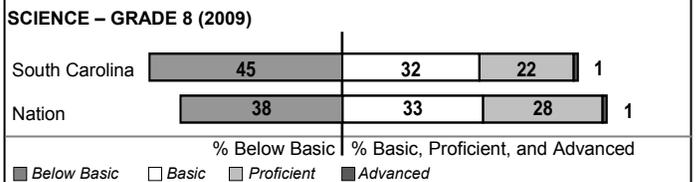
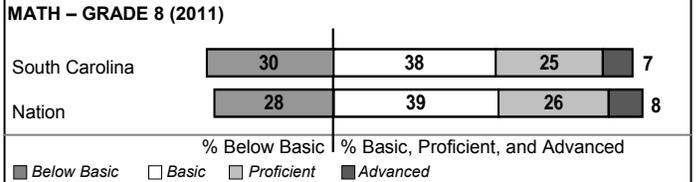
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	401	297
Number of Diplomas	289	213
Rate (%)	72.1%	68.3%

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	55.7	78.3
English 1	51.2	68.8
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	76.0	72.6
Physical Science	53.6	59.4
US History and the Constitution	43.4	48.5
All Tests	55.3	64.7

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=1,481)				
Retention rate	5.1%	Down from 6.2%	4.3%	3.4%
Attendance rate	94.9%	Up from 93.8%	95.0%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	19.0%	Down from 20.6%	14.1%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	8.2%	Down from 11.4%	10.3%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	8.4%	Down from 10.7%	6.7%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 2.7%	1.3%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	56.6%	Up from 25.4%	16.1%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	55.8%	Down from 59.8%	50.9%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	28.9%	Down from 30.7%	33.5%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	4.3%	Down from 4.4%	3.5%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.3%	Down from 10.4%	1.3%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	737	Down from 812	453	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	71.6%	Down from 72.7%	83.6%	83.0%
Teachers (n=80)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.0%	Up from 48.9%	62.1%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	86.3%	Up from 77.8%	87.8%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.7%	Down from 87.5%	88.8%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	Up from 93.5%	95.8%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,894	Up 3.4%	\$47,588	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.8%	Up from 0.0%	1.4%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	5.4 days	Down from 14.2 days	10.4 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	30.7 to 1	Up from 27.2 to 1	29.4 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.1%	Up from 85.6%	89.2%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,583	Down 13.2%	\$7,277	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	59.2%	Up from 54.6%	56.3%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.1%	No Change	59.1%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.0%	Up from 95.9%	97.5%	97.3%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	76.5%	Up from 58.8%	69.4%	65.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Ranked as one of the top high schools in the nation by US News and World report (2008), Aiken High School is the third largest high school in Aiken County. In order to meet the varied needs of all its diverse stakeholders, Aiken High School offers a varied curriculum with numerous AP courses in all core disciplines, a rigorous college preparatory program, a business program, and a Career and Technology Education (CATE) program. Incoming freshmen are also served through a Freshmen Academy (LIFT) program designed to provide early intervention and assistance through a variety of services. Because of the success of our early intervention efforts, Aiken High School received the coveted Palmetto Silver Award in 2010 for closing the achievement gap.

Aiken High School graduates in 2011 once again continue a long tradition of outstanding achievement. Out of 291 graduates, 167 students, over half of the graduating class, have been offered scholarships totaling over twelve million dollars. Twenty-seven of our seniors were Palmetto Fellows Award winners, two students were National Merit finalists. One cadet received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. The NJROTC Rifle Team placed 4th in the Navy National Rifle competition. The NJROTC Unit received a Distinguished Unit Award, its fifth award in six years. Our robotics Teams are SC State Champions, Tennessee State Champions and are currently ranked 10th world-wide.

Four students in Aiken High School's Band program once again were chosen for the All-State Band, the All-State Jazz Ensemble and the Band overall received a superior ranking in marching and concert performance. Aiken High School's band is the only band representing the State of South Carolina in the 2012 National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

Aiken High School's athletic program also continues to demonstrate the talent and perseverance of our student athletes. With our seniors leading, our boy's soccer team ranks 10th in the state, our swimming team ranks 7th in the state, our basketball team made it to the quarter finals in the state and our girl's volleyball team earned the 4A South Carolina state championship.

As we approach the 2011-2012 academic year, our goal is to build upon our many successes and to continue to provide the best possible educational experience for our students in their effort to become productive and prosperous citizens of this community.

Garen Cofer, Principal
Amy Conkelton, SIC Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	82	276	109
Percent satisfied with learning environment	86.4%	52.9%	68.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	74.1%	61.3%	41.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	73.1%	76.3%	65.7%

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

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