



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Aiken High School
Aiken
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,432
Principal: Garen 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		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Average	Below Average	TBD	TBD	D	N/A
2011	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
15	19	5	0	2

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. 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	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
Passed 2 subtests (%)	73.2%	77.6%	80.3%	79.5%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	16.0%	12.4%	11.6%	13.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	10.8%	9.9%	8.6%	7.8%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2012

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	87.8%	91.4%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

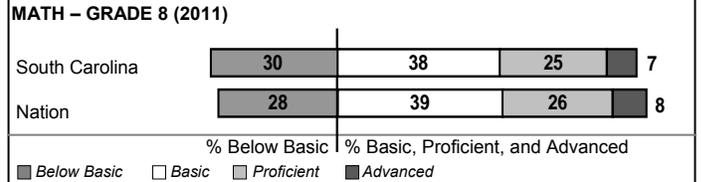
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	381	270
Number of Diplomas	279	196
Rate (%)	73.2%	74.1%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	67.1	76.0
English 1	64.7	67.4
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	70.4	79.0
US History and the Constitution	45.8	49.5
All Tests	62.4	68.0

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.

Abbreviations Key

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Aiken High School [Aiken]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,432)				
Retention rate	5.0%	Down from 5.1%	3.1%	3.0%
Attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 94.9%	95.5%	95.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.1%	Down from 0.2%	0.8%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.7%	Down from 56.6%	12.9%	13.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	62.5%	Up from 55.8%	51.0%	50.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	22.4%	Down from 28.9%	30.3%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	3.4%	Down from 4.3%	2.9%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.6%	Up from 10.3%	2.6%	2.7%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	694	Down from 737	413	395
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	74.5%	Up from 71.6%	84.8%	84.0%
Teachers (n=81)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.1%	Down from 55.0%	62.6%	63.2%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	87.8%	Up from 86.7%	88.1%	86.6%
Teacher attendance rate	94.0%	No Change	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,347	Up 0.9%	\$47,502	\$47,326
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.8%	2.8%	3.6%
Professional development days/teacher	13.5 days	Up from 5.4 days	9.5 days	9.7 days
School				
Principal's years at school	5.0	Up from 4.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	31.9 to 1	Up from 30.7 to 1	28.6 to 1	27.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.7%	Up from 87.1%	89.0%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,853	Up 4.1%	\$7,670	\$7,761
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.8%	Down from 59.2%	55.7%	57.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.5%	Down from 61.1%	58.6%	59.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.2%	Up from 97.0%	97.3%	97.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	66.5	N/A	80.3	78.2

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Ranked in past years as one of the top high schools in the nation by US News and World report, Aiken High School is one of the largest high schools in Aiken County. Faculty, staff and administration are dedicated to providing a varied curriculum in all core disciplines, a rigorous college preparatory program, a business program, and a challenging Career and Technology Education (CATE) program. In 2012, several new AP courses were added in order to meet all the needs of our varied student population. Aiken High School's class of 2012 once again demonstrated their superior academic achievement through the number of scholarships that were offered. The overall total amount offered to Aiken High School students was over 15 million dollars. One student was a Presidential Scholar, one of only two in the state, another student was a Jefferson Scholar and 27 students were awarded Palmetto Fellows scholarships. Overall, more than 60% of Aiken High School's graduates received scholarships to attend colleges and universities as prestigious as Harvard University, Duke University, Vanderbilt and New York University. One student was admitted to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Aiken High School also continues its excellence in other programs. The Aiken High School Volleyball team and the Aiken High School Tennis teams were second in the state. The Aiken High School NJROTC Program received the prestigious Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors designation in addition to several other regional titles. The support provided by our stakeholders and volunteers enables Aiken High School to involve our community on a greater level and, as a result, generate achievement goals and new initiatives. Our School Improvement Council and PTSO (formerly Hornet Helpers) have been instrumental in helping to improve the appearance of our campus, in addition to providing scholarships and grants for our students and teachers. In 2012, Aiken High School will begin a major renovation and construction project designed to bring our facility up to standards necessary for educating students in the 21st century. Despite some of the challenges caused by a slow economy, our vision of preparing students for the future continues and all our faculty and staff are committed to a sound tradition of academic excellence.

Garen Cofer, Principal
Amy Conkelton, SIC Chairperson

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	76	242	67
Percent satisfied with learning environment	82.9%	61.1%	78.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	77.6%	61.7%	43.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.9%	86.6%	72.7%

*Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

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