



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Aiken High School
 Aiken County
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,416
 Principal: Garen cofer
 Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt
 Board Chair: Mrs. 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
2013	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	C	N/A
2012	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	D	N/A
2011	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
28	12	2	0	2

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. 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	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
Passed 2 subtests (%)	77.6%	85.3%	79.5%	80.8%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.4%	8.0%	13.0%	12.2%
Passed no subtests (%)	9.9%	6.7%	7.8%	7.0%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2013

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	90.6%	91.9%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

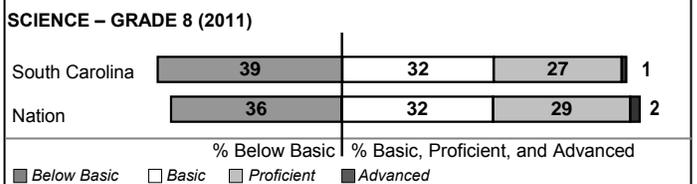
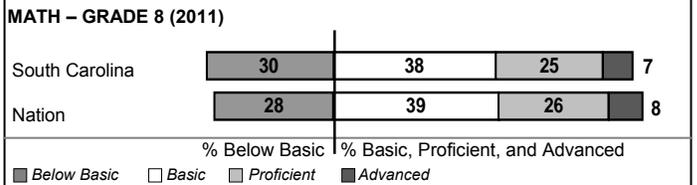
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	338	252
Number of Diplomas	265	195
Rate (%)	78.4%	76.5%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2013

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	75.9	76.0
English 1	62.4	70.2
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	76.3	78.5
US History and the Constitution	51.1	59.7
All Tests	67.2	70.8

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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Aiken High School [Aiken County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,416)				
Retention rate	5.3%	Up from 5.0%	2.8%	2.9%
Attendance rate	95.3%	No Change	95.2%	95.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	25.0%	N/A	20.4%	17.5%
With disabilities	10.2%	N/A	12.1%	11.9%
Older than usual for grade	11.2%	N/A	7.8%	7.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Up from 0.1%	1.1%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	22.7%	Up from 20.7%	15.6%	15.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	58.0%	Down from 62.5%	51.9%	51.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	33.2%	Up from 22.4%	31.9%	30.6%
Annual dropout rate	3.6%	Up from 3.4%	2.6%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Teachers (n=78)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.4%	Up from 53.1%	64.6%	63.4%
Continuing contract teachers	87.2%	Down from 88.9%	83.7%	78.8%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.5%	Up from 87.8%	87.3%	86.2%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Up from 94.0%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,319	Up 2.0%	\$49,420	\$48,699
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	2.3%	2.5%
Professional development days/teacher	14.4 days	Up from 13.5 days	10.0 days	9.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.9 to 1	Down from 31.9 to 1	27.5 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.6%	Up from 87.7%	88.4%	89.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,455	Up 8.8%	\$7,584	\$7,919
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	56.0%	Down from 57.8%	56.0%	57.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.0%	Down from 59.5%	58.0%	60.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 98.2%	96.4%	97.7%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	73.5	Up from 66.5	77.6	77.4

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	69	243	56
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.4%	67%	71.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	80.9%	64.2%	50%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.4%	83.4%	69.1%

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

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Aiken High School had another extremely successful year. Our 2013 graduating class once again achieved an incredible 21 Palmetto Fellows, one student was a semi-finalist in the Presidential Scholar competition, making him one of the top 8 scholars in the state of South Carolina and one of the top 500 students in the United States. We had three Commended National Merit Students and twelve recipients of the prestigious Watson Brown Scholarship in addition to numerous state and local awards. Aiken High School students once again received scholarships totaling over 10 million dollars. The NJROTC unit, led by its seniors worked over 4,600 hours of community service and the Aiken NJROTC Rifle team came in second in the Navy North and South Carolina Rifle competition. The Aiken NJROTC academic team was undefeated in live competition and ranked 20th in the United States among 1700 teams.

For the second consecutive year and only the second time in school history, our marching band, jazz band, wind ensemble and symphonic band earned Superior ratings in the respective evaluations. Four students made the All-State Orchestra, while 2 students made the all-state band and the all state jazz band. They distinguished themselves as they travelled and performed at Disney World.

In the state FCCLA Culinary competition we placed 5th in the state. At the state conference 2 students placed first in their respective areas and traveled to the national leadership conference in Nashville, Tennessee where one of our Seniors was elected to become a State officer.

Aiken High School's FFA Chapter was recognized as a national finalist in the Model of Innovation and Model of Excellence competitions. The chapter is ranked in the top 5 of 7500 chapters in the United States. One Senior was recently selected as State FFA President.

Our Men's Soccer Team was recognized for their high grade point average by the National Soccer Coaches Association, one of nine teams in South Carolina and one of 139 in the nation. One member of the team was chosen for the All State team and will played in the North South All Star soccer match.

Our women's basketball team made it to the state semi-final round; our women's volleyball team again played for the state championship and a woman track star is ranked 5 in the nation for the triple jump, having won the state three years in a row.

Aiken High School is proud of the accomplishments of its students and we look forward to another successful year in 2014.

Garen Cofer, Principal
Amy Conkelton, SIC Chairperson.

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NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status