

South Aiken High School

232 E. Pine Log Road

Aiken, SC 29803



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	9-12 High	Principal:	Jill Jett
Enrollment:	1,443 students	Superintendent:	Dr. Elizabeth Everitt
School Phone:	803-641-2600	Board Chair:	Mrs. Rosemary B. English
School Website:	http://sahs.acps.schoolfusion.us/		



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

South Aiken High experienced an amazing school year in 2014–2015, thanks to the collaborative work by faculty, staff, students, parents, and the community. Our goal continues to be helping all students gain and develop world class knowledge and skills and life and career characteristics needed for a successful future. Serving about 1450 students, South Aiken offers a diverse curriculum emphasizing college preparation. In 2015, 89% of our graduates will pursue a post-secondary education and the remaining 11% will join the military or go into the workforce. South Aiken offers AP courses, and dual enrollment courses at Aiken Technical College and the University of South Carolina Aiken. The school's focus on academics is evidenced through the number of students awarded scholarships. The Class of 2015 was awarded more than \$19 million. In addition to offerings for the college-bound portion of our student body, South Aiken offers career-technical courses in several areas, including Business, Marketing, Accounting, Welding, and Culinary Arts. Local offerings are supplemented by the Aiken County Career & Technology Center. Our student body participates actively in athletics, and enjoys involvement in community programs. Our NJROTC won several state and national competitions. The literary magazine, Calliope, was recognized nationally. Mu Alpha Theta won Clemson's Calculus challenge and other state competitions. DECA won numerous state awards and qualified for international competition. DECA's president won numerous scholarships. Our Band received a Superior rating at the state festival and our Thoroughbred Chorale earned an Excellent rating at state. Our service clubs completed hundreds of community service hours culminating in 5 school teams participating in Relay for Life. Serteens was named the Regional Club of the Year. Boy's and girls' soccer and boys' basketball teams advanced to playoffs. The baseball team competed in the lower state championship. Boy's tennis advanced to the 4A State championship. The School Improvement Council provided input regarding strategic planning and parental involvement. The SIC continues to coordinate school beautification projects, along with providing teacher grants for purchase of instructional supplies. They work to increase communication and provide more information to our parents and community.

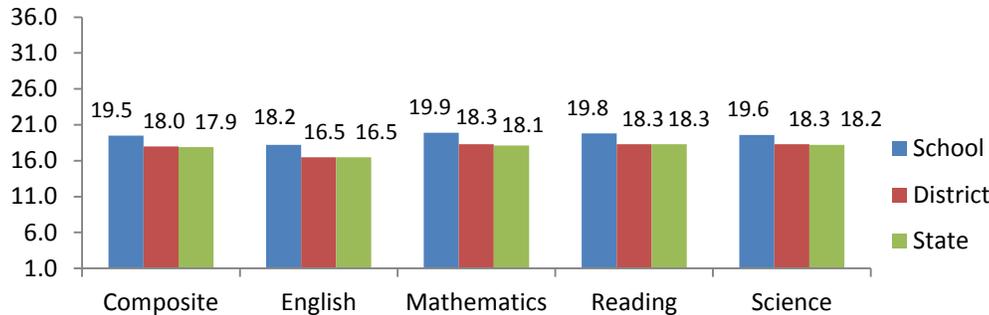
Mrs. Jill Jett – Principal

Mrs. Nancy Vermilye – School Improvement Council Chairperson

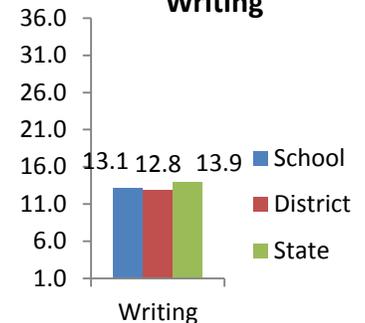
* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

KNOWLEDGE

Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015



Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing

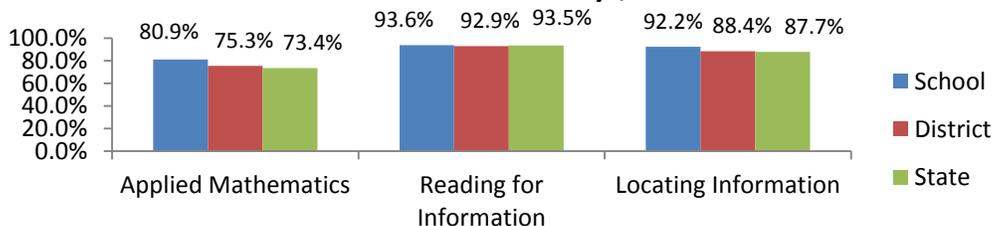


The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

Percent of Students Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015				
English Benchmark Score: 18	Math Benchmark Score: 22	Reading Benchmark Score: 22	Science Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
49.3	36	34.3	26.3	17.8

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

Percent of Students Meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver Threshold on WorkKeys, 2015



ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.

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KNOWLEDGE

SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
78.9	503	510	476	1489

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	High Schools with Students Like Ours	State
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	90.1	83.6	85.7
English 1	63.7	75.6	75.1
Biology 1	82.3	78.4	77.8
US History and the Constitution	79.8	75.3	69.1
All Subjects	79.8	79.7	77.3

High Schools with Students Like Ours are high schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

OUTCOMES

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	Five-Year
80.3	82.0

School Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
83.9	81.9	85.0	75.0

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
84.0	86.0	80.7	82.1

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
59.3	44.2	42.2

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014		
Our School	District	State
74.9	75.9	70.3

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OPPORTUNITIES**For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 1,443)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	47.4	Down from 49.4%	N/A
Attendance Rate	93.8	Down from 96.5%	95.0
With disabilities	7.8	Up from 7.5%	9.0
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.0	Down from 2.5%	0.8
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	24.1	Down from 25.6%	24.9
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	28.7	Down from 29.5%	20.8
Successful in AP/IB programs	68.0	Up from 60.9%	63.5
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	5.3	Down from 14.3%	1.7
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1420	Up from 704	1304
Students participating in work-based experiences	13.7	Down from 51.1%	12.0
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	214	N/A	211
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	N/A	N/A	85.2
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	15	N/A	57
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	83.1
Annual dropout rate	2.6	Down from 2.7%	1.8
Dropout recovery rate	0.0	N/A	5.5
Percentage of students retained	2.1	Down from 2.6%	1.5
Teachers (n = 78)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	66.7	No change	62.8
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	88.5	Up from 76.9%	79.4
Teachers returning from previous year	85.8	Down from 88.2%	87.0
Teacher attendance rate	94.9	Up from 94.4%	95.2
Average teacher salary*	\$51,170	Up 1.1%	\$48,986
Professional development days / teacher	6.0 days	Down from 9.3 days	8.5 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.2	Up from 0.9%	1.0
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.0	N/A	0.4

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents**

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	65	258	60
Percent satisfied with learning environment	89.2	60.5	80.0
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	86.0	52.0	57.4
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	79.7	77.7	60.0

* Only students in grade 11 and their parents were included.

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School			
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 6.0	2.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.0 to 1	Up from 27.2 to 1	28.6 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.5	Down from 89.7%	89.0
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	3.0	N/A	13.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0	Up from 99.7%	99.7
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	26.0	N/A	12.5
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	13.1	N/A	17.2
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	1.2	N/C	1.6
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.3	N/C	1.4
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,791	Up 16.3%	\$7,133
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.7	Up from 63.5%	57.9
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	64.4	Down from 65.5%	59.1

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Excellent	Good
2013	Excellent	Excellent
2012	Excellent	Excellent

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
[Report Card Data Files](#)
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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