



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Aiken School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 24,806**
Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt
Board Chair: Dr. Christine Sanders

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	CDI
2007	Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	NI
2006	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	1	16	3	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Districts with Students like Ours are Districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PACT

PACT	2008 Reading	2008 Math	2008 Science	2008 Social Studies
	% Basic and above	% Basic and above	% Basic and above	% Basic and above
District	78.5%	78.3%	66.1%	68.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.1%	78.2%	69.0%	72.7%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading	2008 Math	2008 Science	2008 Social Studies
	% Proficient & Advanced	% Proficient & Advanced	% Proficient & Advanced	% Proficient & Advanced
District	37.3%	34.9%	34.0%	30.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	39.7%	37.4%	37.7%	35.6%
Average District	37.6%	35.1%	36.4%	34.7%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtests (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	83.0%	9.4%	7.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	81.9%	9.9%	8.5%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	93.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.8%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	63.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	65.0%

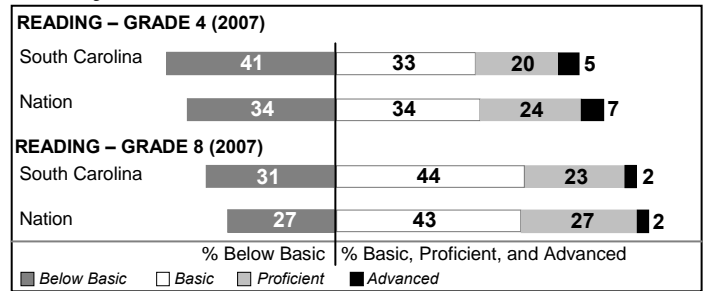
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	70.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.9%

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NAEP*

* 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 Goal: TBD

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Aiken School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=24,806)				
Retention rate	3.8%	Down from 4.2%	3.2%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 95.4%	95.8%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	17.4%	Down from 18.0%	14.9%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	8.7%	Up from 7.4%	10.7%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.9%	Down from 1.1%	1.0%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	18.1%	No Change	14.9%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	51.8%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	40.2%	Up from 36.0%	33.6%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	227	Up from 151	84	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	110	Up from 75	46	27
Annual dropout rate	4.8%	Down from 5.2%	3.7%	3.8%
Teachers (n=1688)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	51.3%	Up from 49.0%	55.5%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	74.9%	Down from 78.1%	76.7%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	3.9%	Down from 4.4%	3.4%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.6%	Down from 93.0%	90.4%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	95.0%	Up from 93.9%	95.2%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$46,655	Up 3.2%	\$46,089	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.3%	Down from 0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.9%	Down from 2.0%	1.1%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	0.5	Up from 0.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.6 to 1	Down from 21.3 to 1	20.7 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.2%	Up from 89.1%	89.4%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,510	Up 6.1%	\$8,154	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	59.2%	Down from 59.7%	54.2%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	62.1%	Down from 62.5%	57.4%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	41	No Change	15	9
Portable classrooms	12.5%	Up from 7.8%	5.8%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	30 Years	No Change	23 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	38.0	No Change	14.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$72,646	Up 1.4%	\$76,037	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	3	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	78.8%		75.9%	69.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
Lloyd-Kennedy Charter School	At-Risk	At-Risk	Not Met
Midland Valley Preparatory School (ELEM.)	Average	Below Average	Not Met
Midland Valley Preparatory School (MIDDLE)	At-Risk	Below Average	Not Met
Aiken Performing Arts Academy	Below Average	At-Risk	Not Met

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Since my arrival in January 2008, the Consolidated School District of Aiken County has continued to exceed expectations with a host of 2007-08 successes and accolades. We are the fifth largest school district in South Carolina with approximately 25,000 students enrolled in 42 schools. The district is divided into five attendance areas serving students in Aiken County and a portion of Saluda County.

Our reading initiative goal is to have all primary grade students reading at grade level by 2010. We are focused on "High Schools That Work," an initiative that calls for rigor and relevance in the high school curriculum in order to prepare graduates for post secondary employment.

In 2007-08, the district continued its mission of academic excellence. Schools throughout the district received state and national recognition for outstanding achievement. Four of our schools- Jefferson Elementary, J.D. Lever Elementary, A. L. Corbett Middle, and Silver Bluff High, were recognized as South Carolina Red Carpet Schools. Aiken Elementary won the Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Award for the second time. Newsweek Magazine once again cited South Aiken High School as one of "America's Best High Schools." Several of our high school NJROTC cadets won state and national acclaim in drill, rifle, and academic team competitions. District FFA programs and Aiken County Career and Technology Center students received numerous first place state awards for career and vocational competitions. Our graduates continued to excel by receiving approximately \$29,109,073 million in scholarships for post-secondary education.

Our dedication to safe and functional facilities continues. The long-awaited completion of new Byrd Elementary (\$17.6 million) and a major addition to Millbrook Elementary (\$5.9 million) will welcome students for the 2008-09 school year. Approximately \$2.3 million was spent on cyclic maintenance needs (roofs, flooring, painting, HVAC) to manage continuous upkeep of the schools. Our transportation program welcomed 9 new school buses and our high schools will have use of 5 new activity buses to safely transport our athletic and academic groups to events around the southeast.

Aiken County School District looks forward to another year of record-setting academic performance and student achievement. Together, with parental involvement and community support, the district will achieve enormous yet attainable benchmarks in Aiken County's education system.

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Superintendent

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