



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Aiken High
Aiken
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,643
Principal: Garen X. Cofer
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	Good	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Good	At-Risk	Gold	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	7	18	2	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. 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	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	82.8%	79.0%	79.5%	81.4%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	10.0%	13.3%	11.2%	10.3%
Passed no subtests (%)	7.2%	7.7%	9.3%	8.6%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	93.0%	93.6%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	403	238
Number of Diplomas	288	176
Rate (%)	71.5%	75.5%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	62.4%	75.4%
English 1	62.9%	64.3%
Physical Science	58.1%	56.6%
All Tests	60.9%	65.0%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* 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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,643)				
Retention rate	3.6%	Down from 5.7%	6.0%	6.1%
Attendance rate	94.4%	Up from 94.1%	95.0%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	19.3%	Up from 18.1%	13.0%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	12.3%	Up from 11.1%	14.4%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	4.6%	Down from 7.3%	1.7%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.5%	Up from 16.4%	14.6%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	65.6%	N/A	49.2%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	35.3%	Up from 35.1%	31.5%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	4.4%	Down from 5.4%	4.1%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	9.8%	Down from 10.3%	1.6%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	938	Up from 872	559	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	72.8%	Up from 72.4%	80.0%	79.6%
Teachers (n=99)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	52.5%	Down from 54.1%	61.2%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	70.7%	Down from 75.5%	71.6%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	10.2%	Down from 12.1%	5.7%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.6%	Down from 91.3%	87.1%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	94.8%	Down from 95.5%	95.5%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$48,179	Up 3.2%	\$46,527	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 6.0%	1.0%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 9.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.9 to 1	Down from 28.9 to 1	26.3 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.0%	Down from 88.2%	89.3%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,592	Up 3.6%	\$7,025	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	57.5%	Up from 54.7%	54.3%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	61.7%	Up from 60.2%	59.7%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Average	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Excellent	Average
% of AYP objectives met	76.2%		94.1%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Aiken High School offers a varied curriculum. Programs that are offered include the International Baccalaureate Program (IB), fourteen Advanced Placement (AP) courses, a college preparatory program, a business program, a Career and Technology program, a Freshman Assistance Program (LIFT), and special education services in EMD, LD, TMD, and Resource.

Aiken High School has experienced many successes this school year. One hundred forty-four seniors received over \$8.43 million in scholarships and grants. Twenty-three seniors were named Palmetto Fellows Award winners. One senior was named as a Robert C. Byrd Scholar. One student received a National Merit Scholarship. Eight students are candidates for the International Baccalaureate Diploma. Aiken High School students continue to compete and excel in local, regional, state, and national competitions in Academic Team, Band, Chorus, Foreign Language, Art, Robotics, Poetry, ProStart Culinary Team, DECA, FBLA, FFA and NJROTC. The NJROTC unit was awarded recognition as a Distinguished Unit. The Aiken High 2008 yearbook received an award for excellence by the publisher. The athletic teams had successful seasons in Region IV 4-A.

The Aiken High School staff and student body have excelled in service to the school and community through their participation in many activities. Through the leadership of the Student Council, the faculty and students raised thousands of dollars for various charities including Helping Hands, Camp Sertoma, St. Jude's, Make-A-Wish, and Relay for Life, as well as collected can items for the SPCA and the Golden Harvest Food Bank. They also provided Stuffed Stockings (toys and school supplies) for the children in the Department of Social Services custody, and donated approximately 100 pints of blood. The school Chorus provided entertainment on a regular basis to local nursing homes, schools, and community events. The FFA provided flowers to elderly residents of the community and donated fresh vegetables to the Golden Harvest Food Bank. The Aiken High Band and NJROTC actively participated in many community activities including the Veterans Day ceremony, the annual Christmas Parade, and the Memorial Day Parade. In addition, many students assisted with Special Olympics, and several students have been trained to provide peer mediation services. Together, the various student organizations logged well over 10,000 service hours.

Aiken High School students are offered academic assistance through the National Honor Society tutoring program, the Learning Logic math tutorial program, and teacher-led tutorial services. Some teachers offer their students online tutorial services. All students are encouraged to participate in the Accelerated Reader Program sponsored by the Aiken High School media specialists.

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Amy Conkelton, SIC Chairperson

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EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	92	324	145
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.6%	69.6%	74.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.3%	72.4%	58.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	87.0%	82.0%	72.7%

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

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