

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

AIKEN PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

Aiken

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 66

Principal: Keisha Lloyd-Kennedy

Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt

Board Chair: Dr. Christine Harkins

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Not Met	CSI
2009	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	4	20	4	3

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/24/2011. 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	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
Passed 2 subtests (%)	33.3%	81.3%	67.3%	70.4%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	50.0%	6.3%	16.6%	16.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	16.7%	12.5%	16.1%	13.7%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2010

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	100.0%	86.8%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

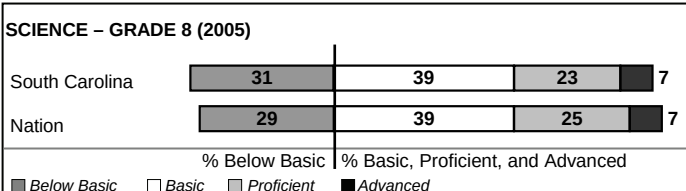
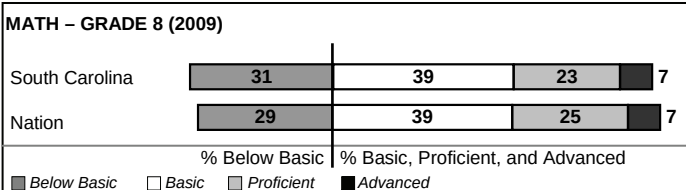
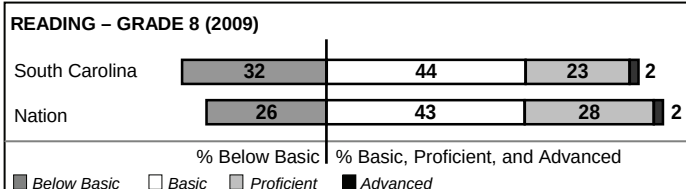
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	11	213
Number of Diplomas	8	144
Rate (%)	72.7%	69.6%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	26.7	63.9
English 1	53.8	59.8
Physical Science	28.6	45.1
US History and the Constitution	16.7	31.7
All Tests	31.5	49.7

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 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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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=66)				
Retention rate	13.7%	Up from 11.3%	4.1%	3.7%
Attendance rate	99.7%	Up from 95.4%	94.7%	95.4%
Eligible for gifted and talented	94.4%	Up from 5.3%	8.2%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	8.1%	Down from 10.3%	14.1%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	28.8%	Down from 30.4%	11.3%	9.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	1.4%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	3.9%	Down from 7.6%	7.7%	13.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	62.5%	N/A	27.3%	50.4%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	18.2%	Up from 16.7%	28.1%	30.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	Down from 2.1%	3.6%	3.1%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No Change	4.7%	2.2%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	22	Up from 20	273	424
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	50.0%	Down from 70.0%	72.3%	78.7%
Teachers (n=11)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	33.3%	Up from 0.0%	59.7%	60.4%
Continuing contract teachers	55.6%	Down from 100.0%	71.7%	76.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	14.3%	Up from 0.0%	10.4%	6.5%
Teachers returning from previous year	77.8%	N/A	84.7%	86.8%
Teacher attendance rate	100.0%	Up from 96.4%	95.3%	95.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$22,060	N/A	\$46,993	\$47,390
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 26.1%	4.0%	2.8%
Professional development days/teacher	2.7 days	Up from 2.5 days	10.1 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 4.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	12.5 to 1	Up from 12.0 to 1	23.0 to 1	25.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	99.7%	Up from 91.0%	88.3%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	N/A	N/A	\$8,809	\$7,974
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	N/A	N/A	54.2%	55.4%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	N/A	N/A	59.5%	60.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	80.2%	Up from 47.3%	95.9%	96.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	33.3%	Down from 60.0%	64.7%	69.2%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

This school year was defined by a new outlook, new teaching standards and a new attitude. The Aiken Performing Arts Academy (APAA) World Class initiative focuses on achieving excellence in teaching, student performance and increased parent involvement. Our mission is to provide performing and visual arts classes within our daily college prep curriculum. Yet, we have evidenced a trend in declining Math and Science scores on standardized testing. Since our expectation is for graduating students to attend a college, university or arts institute; the teaching staff was trained on taking the Curriculum Standards and using creative/innovative ways of translating that information to the students. Specific interest was placed on Math and Science instruction. Student and parent accountability was also an area cited for improvement this school year. The APAA plans to implement our World Class initiative for the next two years, with the trial test ending in June of 2012. At the end of the three year period, we anticipate a marked improvement in student test scores, student attendance and parent involvement.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	8	12	11
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	75.0%	90.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	75.0%	80.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	87.5%	83.3%	60.0%

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

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