

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Aiken Middle
Aiken
Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 640**
Principal: Brooks Smith
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		
2009	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	R
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	R
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	RP

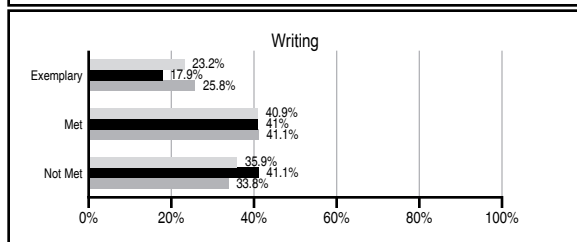
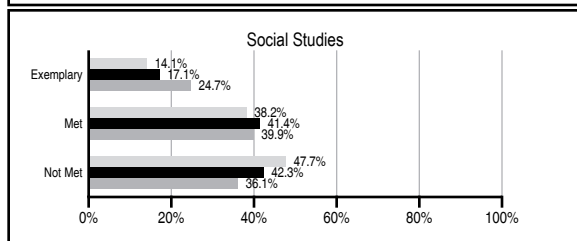
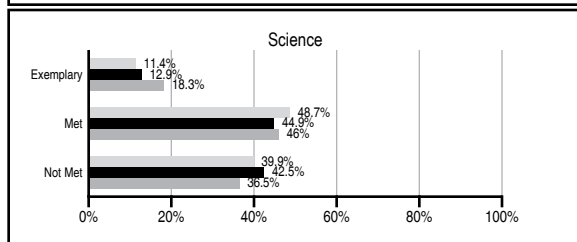
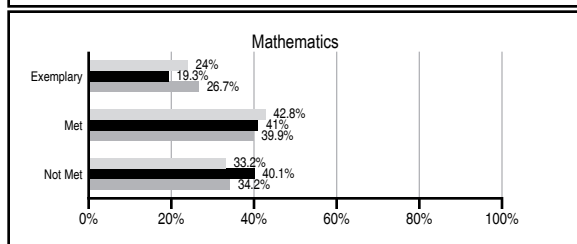
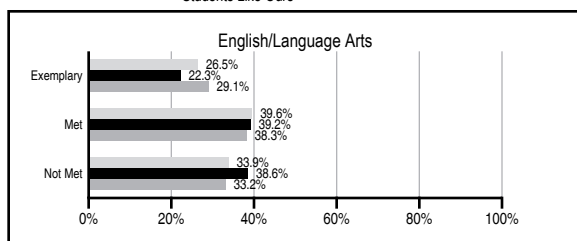
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	26	15	3

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING - GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	31	44	23	2
Nation	27	43	27	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

MATH - GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	29	39	24	7
Nation	30	39	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)

South Carolina	46	31	21	2
Nation	43	30	24	3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0	91.4
English 1	91.8	89.7
Physical Science	N/A	94.8
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	95.8	91.1

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	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=640)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	49.2%	Down from 50.2%	20.5%	21.6%
Retention rate	4.0%	Up from 3.1%	1.8%	1.2%
Attendance rate	94.0%	Down from 95.1%	95.4%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.0%	Up from 14.5%	10.6%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	15.3%	Up from 12.9%	15.3%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.4%	Up from 2.9%	3.8%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	2.3%	Up from 1.6%	1.1%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	Down from 0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=42)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	59.5%	Up from 55.8%	56.9%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	85.7%	Up from 76.7%	67.6%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	2.6%	Down from 5.0%	9.1%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.5%	Down from 90.5%	78.9%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	92.6%	Down from 94.2%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,126	Up 2.5%	\$45,974	\$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 3.4%	4.1%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	14.0 days	Up from 12.6 days	11.4 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.6 to 1	Down from 26.7 to 1	18.9 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.1%	Down from 88.6%	89.8%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.6%	Up from 94.8%	97.8%	97.8%
Character development program	Average	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,003	Up 15.2%	\$8,113	\$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.5%	Up from 66.1%	62.4%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	54.0%	Down from 62.0%	55.2%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	Up from 60.9%	90.5%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	26	179	80
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.2%	72.6%	75.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.3%	70.5%	64.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	34.6%	76.1%	70.5%

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

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The mission of Aiken Middle School is to provide a strong educational foundation, enabling students to become life-long learners and productive citizens who are able to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. For the 2008 – 2009 school year, programs including performing arts, visual arts, athletics, and academics for both the general population of students as well as for the academically gifted students have continued to thrive. Our Parent Teacher Organization, Title One Planning Team and School Improvement Council have worked in concert with our school's leadership team to insure our efforts are meeting our students' needs. We provide remedial programs for students who are not making satisfactory academic progress and need additional assistance as well as advanced classes to challenge our academically gifted students. Our exploratory programs also provide students the opportunity to develop their interests in the arts and vocational fields.

Aiken Middle School continued the implementation of a "pod" teacher teaming system in the 6th and 7th grades for 2008-2009. This enables our school to have "schools within a school" giving each of our students in those groups more individualized strategies of instruction. Each of these "pods" is a family or learning community.

Some of our notable accomplishments this year include: Fourteen AMS 8th graders qualified as S.C. Junior Schors; State Geography Bee finalist; Area Spelling Bee Champion; 11 students made County Honor Band; 4 Students made South Carolina Region Band; 1 Student made All-State Band; 7th Grade & 8th Grade Bands earned Excellent and Superior Ratings at The USCA Concert Festival; and Five AMS Math students received Raytheon \$1000.00 scholarships.

As we continue to enthusiastically assist our students toward achieving success in our school and beyond, we welcome and appreciate the continued support from our parents and the community.

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