

## Aiken High School

- ✧ is one of the largest of the seven public high schools in Aiken County with an enrollment of 1376 students
- ✧ is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the S.C. Department of Education
- ✧ employs 135 faculty and staff members for 2011-2012

## Mission Statement

The mission of Aiken High School is to prepare students to become productive members of an increasingly inter-dependent and technological world by offering up-to-date and challenging academic and technical programs and by emphasizing the positive values of character, citizenship and humanity.

## Beliefs of Aiken High School

- All students can learn and be successful at an acceptable level as measured by state and local academic achievement standards.
- Education is a partnership of the learner, school, home, and community.
- Everyone is worthy of recognition and respect, which is achieved through a positive school environment.
- An understanding of cultural diversity enhances education.
- Aiken High School deserves the best resources and facilities.

## Performance Goals

- Help all students meet challenging academic standards
- Build a solid academic foundation for all students
- Prepare our students for post-secondary education, the armed services, or employment and life-long learning
- Help prepare students to become productive and well-rounded citizens through the curriculum and extracurricular activities

## Accelerated Coursework

Aiken High School has a varied and challenging curriculum. College Prep and Honors courses are available in the core curriculum areas. Advanced Placement courses are offered in Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Language and Literature, European History, French, German, Spanish, Physics, Psychology, Statistics, Studio Art – 2D Design, Studio Art 3D – Design, Studio Art – Drawing, and United States History. In 2012-2013, we will add AP Human Geography and AP Music Theory. Successful completion of Advanced Placement courses and the required exams allows students to receive college credit.

Students also have opportunities to earn additional high school credits through the

SC Virtual School Program and APEX learning.

## Teacher Cadet Program

Aiken High School offers a Teacher Cadet course that introduces students to the teaching profession. Students can receive college credit for successful completion of the course.

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### **Athletic Programs**

Baseball	Basketball
Cheerleaders	Cross Country
Football	Golf
Soccer	Softball
Swimming	Tennis
Track and Field	Volleyball

### **Activities/Clubs**

Academic Team	Art Club
Beta Club	Art /HS
DECA	FBLA
FFA	FCA
FCCLA	Concert Band
French Club/HS	GALTG
German Club/HS	Hornet Herald
Literary Magazine	Marching Band
Math Team	NTVHS
NHS	NJROTC
Robotics Team	Serteens
Spanish Club/HS	Dance Team
Student Council	Teen Cert
Virtual Enterprise	Web-Hornets
Yearbook	Wind Ensemble
NJ Academic Team	NJ Rifle Team



## **HORNET HIGHLIGHTS “Points of Pride”**

- Three Foreign Language Programs
- 56% pass rate on AP exams (2011) students scoring 3 or higher

### **Class of 2011**

- 2 National Merit Scholars
- 1 National Achievement Scholar
- 27 Palmetto Fellows
- 87 eligible for the LIFE Scholarship
- Scholarships worth a total of **\$13,002,000**

### **Award Winning Programs**

Academic Team, Art, Culinary Arts, DECA, FBLA, FFA, Foreign Language, NJROTC, Robotics, Yearbook

### **Community Service Opportunities**

Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society,

Serteens, Student Council, Teen Cert., NJROTC, Interact (Rotary) Club

### **HSTW Initiative**

High Schools That Work is an initiative directing school improvement. Aiken High School has chosen to focus on improving achievement in our literacy and graduation rates.

### **Opportunities for Parent Involvement**

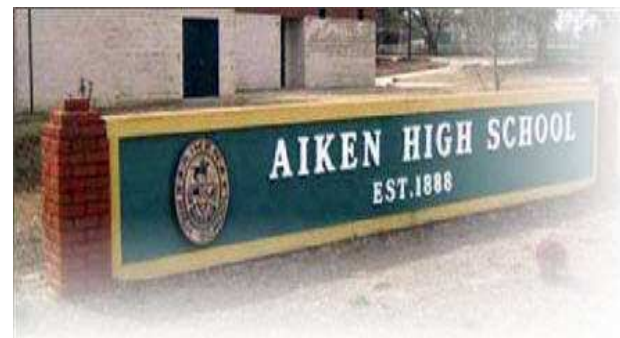
- All Sports Booster Club
- Band Boosters
- Hornet Helpers PTSO
- NJROTC Booster Club
- School Improvement Council
- Volunteer Program

### **School Improvement Council Members**

Amy Conkelton (Chair), Ann Grooms, Carl Cole, Joanna Berry, Paige Johnson, Gray Hagler, Katie Osteen, Brenda DeLoache, K. Dickerson (Student Member), A. Jackson (Student Member)  
Garen Cofer, Principal  
Ute Aadland, Assistant Principal

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