

## AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL

- One of the largest of the seven public high schools in Aiken County with an enrollment of 1214 students
- Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the S.C. Department of Education
- Employs 135 faculty and staff members for 2020-2021

## 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

- 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 a challenging curriculum and extracurricular activities

## ADVANCED COURSEWORK

Aiken High School has a varied and challenging curriculum. College Prep and Honors courses are available in the core curriculum areas. Advanced Placement and Cambridge AICE courses are offered in the following subject areas. Advanced Placement: Biology, Calculus AB, Computer Science A, English Lang/Comp, English Lit/Comp, Psychology, Spanish Lang, Statistics, Art Studio Drawing, US History. Cambridge AICE: English General Paper, English Language, Environmental Management, Global Perspectives & Research. Successful completion of Advanced Placement and Cambridge AICE 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, Aiken County

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
Cheerleading	Cross Country
Football	Golf
Soccer	Softball
Swimming	Tennis
Track and Field	Volleyball
	Wrestling

### Activities/Clubs

Academic Team	Marching Band
Art Club	Math Team
Art Honor Society	NHS
Beta Club	NTHS
Buddy Club	NJ Academic Team
Class Execs	NJ Drill Team
Concert Band	NJ Rifle Team
DECA	Quill and Scroll HS
Drama Club	Quiz Bowl
FBLA	Red Cross Club
FCA	Robotics Team
FCCLA	Rotary Interact Club
FFA	Serteens
GEM	Spanish Club/HS
German Club/HS	Student Council
HOSA	SVC
Harry Potter Club	Video Game Club
Hornet Herald	Yearbook
Key Club	Young Democrats



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

Absolute rating of Good on SC State Report Card.

### **CLASS OF 2020**

- 10 Watson Brown Scholarships
- 22 Senior Scholars
- 2 SC Teaching Fellows Scholarship
- 1 National Merit Scholarship
- 1 Call Me Mister Scholarship
- 22 Palmetto Fellows
- 73% eligible for the LIFE Scholarship
- 1 Coca-Cola Scholarship
- 10 Rotary Scholarships
- 19 Palmetto Fellows
- Scholarships totaling **\$15,213,174**

### **CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM**

Aiken High School is the 1<sup>st</sup> Cambridge International Assessments Program in the state of South Carolina. AHS students have joined a global community of learners from over 10,000 schools in over 160 countries. A Cambridge education prepares students for life, helping them

develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. Students have the opportunity to earn a Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) diploma. The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education recently passed a policy that requires all SC public colleges and universities to accept passing scores on AICE examinations for college credit.

### **AWARD WINNING PROGRAMS**

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

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Serteens, Student Council, NJROTC, Interact (Rotary) Club, Key Club, Student Volunteer Club, Day of Caring, HOSA (Health Science).

### **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.

### **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

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

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**SIC Report to the Parents**  
**2020-2021**



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International Assessments School**

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