

Aiken High School

- ✧ is one of the largest of the seven public high schools in Aiken County with an enrollment of 1440 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 2013-14

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, Music Theory, Physics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, Studio Art – 2D Design, Studio Art 3D – Design, Studio Art – Drawing, and United States History. 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

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

Activities/Clubs

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| Academic Team | Art Club |
| Beta Club | Art /HS |
| DECA | FBLA |
| FFA | FCA |
| FCCLA | Concert Band |
| French Club/HS | GALTG |
| GEM | German Club/HS |
| Hornet Herald | Literary Magazine |
| Marching Band | Math Team |
| NTVHS | NHS |
| NJROTC | Robotics Team |
| Serteens | Spanish Club/HS |
| Student Council | Virtual Enterprise |
| Yearbook | Writing Club |
| NJ Academic Team | NJ Rifle Team |

HORNET HIGHLIGHTS **“Points of Pride”**

On the South Carolina State Report Card, Aiken High’s absolute rating increased from average to excellence.

Class of 2014

- 1 National Merit Scholar
- 2 National Merit Commended Students
- 1st place winner of the SC High School Writing Contest
- Finalist U.S. Senate Youth Program
- DAR Good Citizen District Winner
- 24 Palmetto Fellows
- 70 eligible for the LIFE Scholarship
- Scholarships worth a total of **\$17,173,456**

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, 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

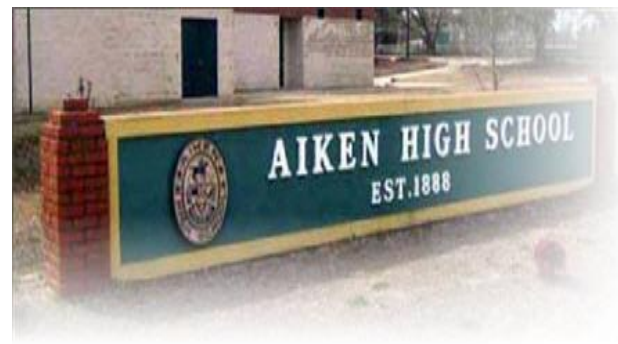
- All Sports Booster Club
- Band Boosters
- Hornet Helpers PTSO
- NJROTC Booster Club
- School Improvement Council
- Volunteer Program

School Improvement Council Members

Staff: Amy Wingate (Chair), Lydia Boswell, Justin Cumbee
PTSO: Mary Barber, Katy Lipscomb, Gwen Mulligan
Student Members: Brandon Muniz, John Barber
Garen Cofer, Principal
Jennifer Kolmar, Assistant Principal

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**School Improvement Council
Annual Report 2013-2014**



AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL

2013 School of Excellence

Palmetto Gold Award Winner

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