



The mission of Aiken High School is to prepare students to become productive members of an increasingly interdependent 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.

Aiken High is the first Cambridge Assessment International Education Program in the state of South Carolina. Aiken High's students are now part of a global community of learners from more than 10,000 schools in over 160 countries.

The School Improvement Council's goal for 2017-18 was to provide opportunities for students to have exposure to Real World Work and Life Experiences.



AIKEN HIGH  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL  
PRIMARY CONTACTS

- Diana Floyd, chair - parent
- Missy Byrne, vice chair - community member
- Amy Conkelton - teacher
- Garen Cofer - principal
- Jennifer Kolmar - assistant principal
- Charlotte Hill -PTSO President

**Purpose of the Report**

This Report is issued by the Aiken High School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.



# AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL

Annual  
School Improvement Council  
“Report to the Parents”  
2017-18



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## PREPARING STUDENTS FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

### JOB SHADOWING

The SIC in collaboration with Aiken Works, provided job shadowing opportunities for 11th grade students. Over 50 students had the opportunity to spend the day out in the work force gaining first-hand insight into careers they are looking to pursue after graduation. Some of the places students had the opportunities to shadow were Family Pharmacy, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, HG Reynolds Construction, South Company, AECOM, and Aiken County Public School District.

### SCORE at AHS

SCORE a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses partnered with the SIC to provide volunteers to speak to Aiken High seniors during a 3 day workshop presenters focused on applying for jobs, what bosses expect, and interview skills. The SCORE workshops provided an opportunity for Aiken High students to hear first-hand from business executives about the skills needed to get and maintain a job.



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### SRPFCU Financial Literacy Fair

SRP Federal Credit Union's Community Development Department partnered with the SIC to present CUNA's Mad City Money program to 65 seniors at the school. Mad City Money is a simulation experience that requires students to assume a life role, complete with familial responsibilities, and to prepare and think through a personal budget. Numerous additional topics are covered including the importance of saving, paying more than the minimum credit card payment, and maintaining an accurate check/debit card register.

"The students were impacted and empowered by the program and shared positive feedback about their experience," said Grace Helms, SRP's Assistant Vice President of Community Development.



## CLASS OF 2018 ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Class of 2018 earned \$18,632,652 in scholarship money.
- 64.7% of students had a 3.0 or higher on their weighted GPA
- 24 Palmetto Fellows recipients
- 32 students qualified for free tuition at a technical or two year school due to the LIFE scholarship
- 120 students qualified HOPE or LIFE at a four-year college
- One National Merit Commended student
- 4 students received SC Teaching Fellows
- 16 students joined the Armed Forces

*For more information, you may view Aiken High "S.C.School Report Card" for the previous school year online at [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).*