

## **Our Mission**

Aiken Intermediate School prepares a community of learners with academic skills, habits of mind, and leadership abilities necessary to succeed in a global society.

## **Our Vision**

Our vision is to forge strong, positive relationships with students so they can build confidence, gain academic knowledge, and achieve independence.

## **School Improvement Council**

E. Denise McCray, Principal

Jamie Byrne, Assistant Principal

Alecia Kinard, Assistant Principal

Cheryl Curtis, Faculty Representative

Melissa Steiner, Faculty Representative

Kyle Blankenship, Parent Representative

Christa Turner, Parent Representative

Rashad Roland, Community Member

Lesun Stewart, Community Member

Aiken Intermediate School (AIS) offers an all sixth-grade experience. The academic and arts programs at AIS are specifically designed to meet the unique needs of 11- and 12-year-old students. The staff is committed to helping students transition from elementary school to middle school by providing academic instruction in small learning communities or learning camps. In addition, the single-grade school concept focuses on building confidence in students through a Social, Emotional Learning emphasis.

Social and emotional learning (SEL) provides the structure and process for adults and students to develop fundamental emotional and social competencies and experiences to:

- understand and manage emotions,
- set and achieve positive goals,
- feel and show empathy for others,
- establish and maintain positive relationships and make responsible decisions.

In addition, Aiken Intermediate School's SEL program, Capturing Kids' Hearts:

- builds and deepens a positive,
- nurturing school which in turn
- leads to long-term success for students.

# **AIKEN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

SIC ANNUAL REPORT  
TO THE PARENTS  
2024-2025



Title I School

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Principal

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Assistant Principal

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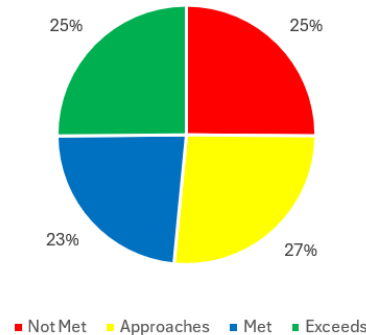
## Student Opportunities

- Social, Emotional Learning Focus
- COMPASS: Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Program
- Community Partnerships
  - Aiken Chapter of the Links, Inc.
  - Aiken Public Safety
  - Golden Harvest Food Bank
  - Local Area Schools (Kennedy Middle, North Aiken Elementary, Schofield Middle)
  - Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots
- Academic Team
- Artsfest (Winter and Spring)
- Battle of the Books
- Book Buddies Partnership
- Book Fairs
- Expedition AIS
- Explorer TV Crew
- Explorers of the Week
- Exploratory Program:
  - Art
  - Band
  - Dance
  - Keyboarding
  - Music
  - Physical Education
  - Strings
- Literacy Nights
- Lunch Time Activity Tournaments
- Media Center Assistants
- Office Assistants
- Purple Out for the Military Child Awareness Day
- Quarterly Goal Celebrations

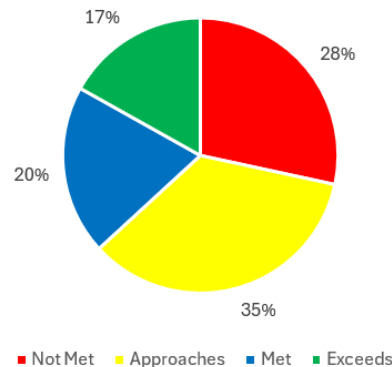
- Read Across America Week
- Reading Challenge Incentive Program
- Red Ribbon Week Drug Prevention Awareness Week
- Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Night
- School Dances
- Serteen Club
- Spelling Bee
- Student Council

## Student Achievement Data

Spring 2024 SC Ready ELA



Spring 2024 SC Ready Mathematics



## Aiken Intermediate Recognition

- Capturing Kids' Hearts Campus
- Battle of the Books Middle School 2<sup>nd</sup> Place District Winner
- All-County Band Recognition earned by 3 students
- DaCapo Music Festival Recognition earned by 10 students
- City of Aiken Character Award given to 5 students
- Teacher of the Year- Ms. Jessica Goss
- First Year Teacher of the Year- Meagan O'Quinn
- "Giving Even More" Recognition- Mr. Mark Courtney



**HOME OF THE  
EXPLORERS**