

Spring 2024 SC Ready

Exceeding/Meeting/Approaching Expectations: Reading

Grade	Percent
3rd	79.4%
4th	78.8 %
5th	77.5%

Spring 2024 SC Ready

Exceeding/Meeting/Approaching Expectations: Math

Grade	Percent
3rd	76.5%
4th	82.7%
5th	80%

Winter 2024 Math FastBridge Reading

Some Risk/Low Risk

Grade	Percent
5K	78%
1st	89%

Winter 2024 Math FastBridge Math

Some Risk/Low Risk

Grade	Percent
5K	86%
1st	92%

Fast Facts:

Student Enrollment: 531
Number of Certified Staff: 41

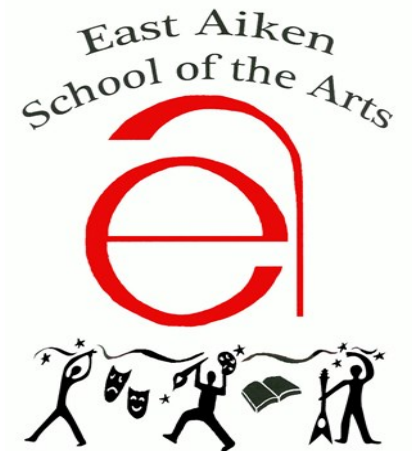
School Improvement Council 2024-2025

Lisa Fallaw.....Principal, Ex-officio
Lindsay Alexander.....Assistant Principal,
Ex-officio
Jerry Beck.....Parent
Andrea Jenkins.....Parent
Mary O'Connor.....Chair/Teacher
Annie Thirkell..Teacher
Carrie PowerCommunity Member
Selwyn Deloach.....Community Member
Tamara Smith.....Other, Ex-officio



How Parents Can Become Involved:

- Attend Parent-Teacher conferences
- Attend Title I meetings
- Be a PTO volunteer
- Attend PTO meetings
- Attend SIC meetings
- Chaperone field trips
- Attend Open House
- Eat lunch with your child
- Attend school-sponsored activities, such as Family Fun Reading Night, Family Fun STEAM Night, Pastries for Parents, and ArtsFest
- Be a school volunteer



**2024-2025
Annual**

School Improvement Council Summary Report to Parents

*2014-2015 Title I Distinguished
School of Progress Honorable
Mention*

*2016-2017 SC Exemplary Reading
Award Winner*

*2019 SC School of Excellence in
Arts Integration*

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**A Certified Arts in Basic
Curriculum School**



School Renewal Plan Goals and Supporting Activities

Student Achievement:

- By spring 2027, 70% of all 3rd-5th grade East Aiken students will meet or exceed standard on the ELA portion of SC Ready.
- By spring 2027, 66.28% of all 3rd-5th grade East Aiken students will meet or exceed standard on the MATH portion of SC Ready.
- By Spring of 2027, the percentage of 4th grade students scoring meets or exceeds in Science will increase from 53.1% to 66.24% as measured by SCPASS.
- By Spring of 2027, the number of student progress points earned will increase from 17.55 to 29.55 as measured by SC Ready.

Teacher/Leadership Quality:

- By June 2027, the percent of teachers with advanced degrees will increase from 41.2% to 51.2%.

School Climate:

- By spring of 2027, the number of school climate points earned will increase from 8.54 to 9 as measured by SC Climate Survey.

Supporting Activities:

- Analyze testing data to identify strengths and weaknesses in order to make instructional decisions and meet student needs.
- Employ a full-time Reading Interventionist
- Employ a full-time Reading/Math Interventionist
- Employ a full-time Instruction Coach.
- Employ a full-time Behavior Management Room Aide.
- Use research-based strategies to ensure that students receive instruction through a variety of modalities and learning styles.
- Purchase instructional materials to effectively implement strategies, such as small group instruction, visual thinking, effective questioning techniques, and arts integration.
- Provide professional development to effectively implement strategies, such as explicit direct instruction, small group instruction, effective questioning, techniques, and arts integration.
- Implement arts integration strategies in all content areas across all grade levels.
- Provide direct special education support services for qualifying students using a push-in and/or pull-out instructional model as well as providing appropriate accommodations in mainstream settings



Our School Mission Statement

The mission of East Aiken School of the Arts is to:

Accommodate differences,

Reveal a passion for learning,

Teach appreciation, and

Stimulate creativity.

We Believe:

- Through the arts, students learn life skills that enable them to become more creative and productive citizens.
- The arts are an integral part of the academic curriculum.
- The arts benefit students of all learning styles and abilities.
- All students are entitled to a comprehensive and sequential arts education program.
- All students should develop reading, listening, speaking, and writing skills to prepare them for meaningful work and lifelong learning.
- All students should develop mathematical skills in reasoning, computation, financial literacy, computer literacy, and engineering design to prepare them for meaningful work and lifelong learning.

Our School Vision Statement

At East Aiken School of the Arts, we are *Striving for Academic Excellence through the Arts.*

Teacher, Student, and School Achievements

- Continued our partnership with ArtsNOW for high-quality professional development in arts integration
- Awarded the Distinguished Arts Program Grant by the SC Department of Education.
- 2025-2026 Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Tara Gardner
- 2025-2026 Classified Employee of the Year/ GEM Winner: Ms. Lisa Francis
- 2025-2026 1st Year Teacher of the Year: Ms. Ally Williams
- 3rd grade musical students performed The Littlest Christmas Tree at Hopeland Gardens
- 4th/5th grade musical students performed Finding Nemo Jr. to a packed house

East Aiken School of the Arts is a Certified Arts in Basic Curriculum School

The Aiken County School District recognizes and supports the desires of families to choose the best educational setting for their children. East Aiken School of the Arts is a partial-magnet school utilizing an application process for students in kindergarten through fifth grades who live outside the East Aiken zone. Acceptance is on a first come first serve basis depending upon available spots. At East Aiken School of the Arts you can expect to find:

- Fully certified art, music, dance, theatre, and physical education/creative movement instructors.
- Opportunities for advance arts instruction in music, dance, and visual arts.
- A comprehensive and sequential arts program
- General education teachers trained in arts-infused instruction.
- Arts Integration used in all academic settings.
- A school-wide “Acting Right “ drama-based behavior management system.
- No school fees beyond those required at other Aiken County elementary schools.

