

State of SC Annual Report Card

Ratings over 5 year period

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Average	Average
2013	Average	Below Average
2012	Average	Average
2011	Average	Average
2010	Average	Average

2014 PASS Scores

Percent Met or Exemplary

Area	3rd	4th	5th
Writing	78.9	78	79
ELA	86.9	72	80
Math	66.9	78.4	80
Science	53.4	70.9	62.2
Social Studies	89.6	79.5	63

ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System based on 2014 PASS scores:

Overall Points Total: 85

Overall Grade: B

Fast Facts:

Student Enrollment: 596
Number of Certified Staff: 48

**School Improvement Council
2014-2015**

- Lisa Fallaw.....Principal, Ex-officio
- Christin Abernethy.....Assistant Principal
- Bethany Reesor.....Chairperson/Parent
- Shannon Newton.....Parent
- Deloris Senterfiet.....Parent
- Jennie Haskell.....Parent
- Andrea Jenkins.....Teacher
- Christi McWaters.....Teacher
- Angela Zaremba.....Community Member
- Jimmy Callahan.....Community Member
- Angie Sturkie.....Community Member



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 Math Night, and ArtsFest
- Be a school volunteer

East Aiken
School of the Arts



**2014-2015
Annual
School Improvement
Council Summary
Report to Parents**

*2014-2015 Title I
Distinguished School
of Progress State
Finalist*

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**An Arts in Basic
Curriculum School**



School Renewal Plan Goals and Supporting Activities

Student Achievement:

- By spring 2019, 88% of East Aiken students will meet or exceed standard on the ELA portion of our state's standardized assessment, 78% of East Aiken students will meet or exceed standard on the math portion, 79% of East Aiken students will meet or exceed standard on the writing portion, 72% of East Aiken students will meet or exceed standard on the science portion, and 85% of East Aiken students will meet or exceed standard on the social studies portion.

Teacher/Leadership Quality:

- By Spring 2019, 100% of East Aiken School of the Arts classes will be taught by highly qualified teachers as defined by state public school laws.

School Climate:

- By Spring 2019, 90.8% of the school stakeholders will indicate satisfaction with the learning environment, 91% satisfaction with social and physical environment, and 91.8% satisfaction with home-school relations as measured by the state report card survey.

Supporting Activities:

- Analyze testing data (formative and summative, including standardized tests and classroom assessments) to identify strengths and weaknesses in order to make instructional decisions and meet student needs.
- Employ a full-time Reading Recovery Teacher for grade 1.
- Employ a full-time Math Interventionist grades 5K-5.
- Employ a full-time Reading Coach.
- Employ a full-time Behavior Management Room Aide.
- Employ one teacher at 1.0 FTE to reduce class size to provide more individual and small group academic instruction in a certain grade(s).
- Integrate technology into the classroom by purchasing class sets of iPads per classroom.
- Use research-based strategies to ensure that students receive instruction through a variety of modalities and learning styles.
- Use flexible grouping with small groups of at-risk students in the areas of math and reading.
- Purchase professional development and/or instructional materials to effectively implement strategies such as small group instruction, effective questioning techniques, and arts integration.
- Provide for a collaborative culture with a focus on action and results-oriented learning with a commitment to continuous improvement of teaching and learning.

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.

Our Vision:

Our Vision for East Aiken School of the Arts is to strive for academic excellence through the arts.

Teacher and Student Achievements

- Home to Nathan Frady, 5th grade winner of the DAR American History Essay contest. His winning essay was titled "A Child's Journey Through Ellis Island".
- Expanded our partnership, Rotary Readers, with the Aiken Rotary Club to 3rd grade.
- Awarded \$3,000 in SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini Grants.
- Awarded a \$1,000 SRS STAR Grant for fifth consecutive year
- Expanded our arts program to include full-time dance and theatre teachers.
- Awarded the Distinguished Arts Program Grant by the SC Department of Education.
- Home to Kim Entzminger, 2014-2015 Aiken County School District Distinguished Teacher of Reading
- Home to Carrie Power, 2014 SCAEA Art Educator of the Year.
- Home to Annie Stribling Thirkell, 2014-2015 Aiken County School District's 1st Year Teacher of the Year.
- 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Shannon Green.
- 2014-2015 Classified Employee of the Year: Mr. Travis Jenkins.



East Aiken School of the Arts is an 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. Because experiences in the arts are closely correlated with student achievement, the district wants to increase opportunities for students to participate in the arts. East Aiken School of the Arts offers open enrollment for all Aiken County kindergarten through fifth grade students in order to meet both of these goals. At East Aiken School of the Arts you can expect to find:

- Fully certified art, music, dance, theatre, and physical education/creative movement instructors
- 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
- Low cost after-school opportunities in violin, guitar, piano, and dance instruction
- No school fees beyond those required at other Aiken County elementary schools

