

**Spring 2021 SC Ready**

**Exceeding/Meeting/Approaching Expectations:  
Reading**

Grade	Percent
3rd	78.3%
4th	65%
5th	74.3%

**Spring 2021 SC Ready**

**Exceeding/Meeting/Approaching Expectations:**

Grade	Percent
3rd	75%
4th	61.3%
5th	60%

**Winter 2021 Math FastBridge Reading**

**Some Risk/Low Risk**

Grade	Percent
5K	65%
1st	59%

**Winter 2021 Math FastBridge Math**

**Some Risk/Low Risk**

Grade	Percent
5K	73%
1st	74%

**Fast Facts:**

Student Enrollment: 540  
Number of Certified Staff: 47

**School Improvement Council  
2021-2022**

Lisa Fallaw.....Principal, Ex-officio  
 Anna Beth Harbeson.....Assistant Principal,  
 Ex-officio  
 Virginia Walker.....Parent  
 Mallory Walp.....Parent  
 Christian Sturgis-Edwards.....Chair/Teacher  
 Shannon Green .....Teacher  
 Carrie Power .....Community Member  
 DeeDee Vaughters.....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

East Aiken  
School of the Arts



**2021-2022  
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 and 60.4% of all 3rd-5th grade African American students will meet or exceed standard on the ELA portion of SC Ready, 70% of all 3rd-5th grade East Aiken students and 56.4% of all 3rd-5th grade African American students will meet or exceed standard on the MATH portion of SC Ready, and 70% of all 4th grade East Aiken students and 60% of all 4th grade African American students will meet or exceed standard on the SCIENCE portion of SC PASS.
- By 2024, 78.6% of all 5K-2nd grade students will meet or exceed grade level benchmarks in reading as measured by formative assessment system such as FastBridge (earlyReading/aReading), and/or RI and 76% of all 5K-2nd grade students will meet or exceed grade level benchmarks in reading as measured by formative assessment system such as FastBridge (earlyMath/aMath) and/or MI.

### 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, 88% of parents will indicate satisfaction with home-school relations as measured by the state report card survey.

### Supporting Activities:

- Analyze testing data to identify strengths and weaknesses in order to make instructional decisions and meet student needs.
- Employ three full-time Reading Interventionists
- Employ a half-time Math Interventionist for 5K-3rd
- Employ a full-time Literacy 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.



## 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

- Awarded \$1,000 in SRNS Innovative Teaching Grants
- Awarded a \$750 AFCEA Central Savannah River Area STEM Teaching Tools Award.
- Awarded the Distinguished Arts Program Grant by the SC Department of Education.
- 2022-2023: Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Melissa Tindall
- 2021-2022 1st Year Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Jordan Jackson
- 2022-2023 Classified Employee of the Year/ GEM Winner: Mrs. Brenda Still

## 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.
- 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.

