

**Spring 2023 SC Ready**

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

Grade	Percent
3rd	82.1%
4th	80.5 %
5th	86.1%

**Spring 2023 SC Ready**

**Exceeding/Meeting/Approaching Expectations:  
Math**

Grade	Percent
3rd	81%
4th	77.4%
5th	75%

**Winter 2024 Math FastBridge Reading**

**Some Risk/Low Risk**

Grade	Percent
5K	84%
1st	82%

**Winter 2024 Math FastBridge Math**

**Some Risk/Low Risk**

Grade	Percent
5K	82%
1st	81%

**Fast Facts:**

Student Enrollment: 544  
Number of Certified Staff: 45

**School Improvement Council  
2023-2024**

Lisa Fallaw.....Principal, Ex-officio  
 Kyle Blankenship.....Assistant Principal,  
 Ex-officio  
 Jerry Beck.....Parent  
 Mallory Walp.....Parent  
 Mary O'Connor.....Chair/Teacher  
 Annie Thirkell.. ....Teacher  
 Carrie Power .....Community Member  
 Megan Kinard.....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



**2023-2024  
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 2027, 70% 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 MAP Reading and 60.08% 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 MAP Math

### 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 two full-time Reading Interventionists
- Employ a full-time Reading/Math Interventionist 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

- Began a 2 year partnership with ArtsNOW for high-quality professional development in arts integration
- Awarded the Distinguished Arts Program Grant by the SC Department of Education.
- 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Lori Jordan
- 2024-2025 Classified Employee of the Year/ GEM Winner: Mrs. Kim Pollina
- Ms. Christi McWaters was awarded a SCCTM grant for \$1500 and a AFCEA grant for \$750
- 3rd grade musical students performed Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer at Hopeland Gardens
- 4th/5th grade musical students performed Matilda Jr. The Musical 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.

