

State of SC Annual Report Card

Ratings over 3 year period

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

2015 PASS Scores

Percent Met or Exemplary

Area	4th	5th
Science	77.3%	55.1%
Social Studies	88.7%	57.7%

2015- 2016 Mid-Year Data Summary

Reading Inventory Percent At or Above Benchmark

Grade	Percent
3rd	69%
4th	79%
5th	81%

Fountas and Pinnell Percent At or Above Benchmark

1st	85%
2nd	73%

DRA 2+ Percent At or Above Benchmark

Kindergarten	95%
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Fast Facts:

Student Enrollment: 630
Number of Certified Staff: 44

School Improvement Council 2015-2016

Lisa Fallaw.....Principal, Ex-officio
Christin Sosa-Gatson.....Assistant Principal
Allyson Tejada.....Chairperson/Parent
Jessica Overstreet.....Parent
Tina Atkinson.....Parent
Mike Rozovich.....Parent
Andrea Jenkins.....Teacher
Christi McWaters.....Teacher
Angela Zaremba.....Community Member
Jimmy Callahan.....Community Member
Elizabeth Porras.....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



2015-2016 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 83% 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, 94.6% of the school stakeholders (teachers, parents, students) will indicate satisfaction with the learning environment, 92.6% (teachers, parents, students) will indicate satisfaction with social and physical environment, and 94% (teachers, parents, students) will indicate 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 two full-time Reading Interventionists one for grades 5K-2nd and one for grades 3rd-5th.
- Employ a full-time Instructional Aide to provide interventions in reading 5K-5th.
- Employ a full-time Literacy 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 grade level sets of laptops and/or iPads.
- 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 instructional materials to effectively implement strategies such as small group instruction, visual thinking, 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, Student, and School Achievements

- Continued our partnership, Rotary Readers, with the Aiken Rotary Club.
- Awarded \$4,500 in SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini Grants.
- Awarded a \$1,000 SRS STAR Grant for sixth consecutive year.
- Awarded the Distinguished Arts Program Grant by the SC Department of Education.
- Hosted the fall state Arts in Basic Curriculum site meeting.
- 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year and District Teacher Of the Year Honor Court Member: Ms. Kathy Linton.
- 2016-2017 1st Year Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Jessica Cutler.
- 2016-2017 Classified Employee of the Year/GEM Winner: Ms. Lisa Francis.
- 2015-2016 Distinguished Teacher of Reading: Mrs. Mallory Walp.



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. 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 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.
- Low cost after-school opportunities in violin, guitar, piano, and dance instruction.
- No school fees beyond those required at other Aiken County elementary schools.

