

Our Beliefs at Aiken Middle School:

We at Aiken Middle School believe:

- 1. All students will be given the opportunity to achieve success at their highest level.*
- 2. All students will become effective communicators, problem solvers, and critical thinkers who are college and career ready.*
- 3. All educators will promote student engagement in the classroom in order for students to become invested learners who take ownership of their actions.*
- 4. All stakeholders will work to establish pride in the school community by creating and cultivating a supportive school spirit.*
- 5. The needs of all students will be met through differentiated instruction to ensure achievement, motivation, and success.*



Aiken Middle School SIC Members

Tina Burrell, Parent (Chair)
Amy McCutcheon, Teacher
John Bradley, Principal

*Aiken Middle School is accredited by the
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
(SACS)*



Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the Aiken Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.”

Aiken Middle School

“Home of the Gators”

2014-2015 Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents”



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Mission Statement

The mission of Aiken Middle School is to educate students to be successful, self-sufficient seekers of new knowledge and citizens who are actively engaged in their community and the world.

Building a better tomorrow~one child at a time.

2014 School Report Card Summary

576 students, 35 teachers
Absolute Rating: Below Average
Growth Rating: Average

50.9% Met/Exemplary ELA
51.6% Met/Exemplary MATH
51.4% Met/Exemplary Science
50.8% Met/Exemplary SS
55% Met/Exemplary Writing
100% End of Course Tests Passage Rate
94.1% Student Attendance Rate
ESEA Grade – 49.8

Student Achievement/Awards

*3 Junior Scholars
*AMS won 2nd in the District Spelling Bee
*AMS was represented in the State Geography Bee
*Group of 7th grade students competed in the Eco-Meet
*6th Grade Recycling Club collects recyclable materials weekly for the City of Aiken
*Student Artwork was chosen and presented to a Board member during Board Appreciation Week
*5 students qualified for Aiken All-County Honor Band
*1 student qualified for All-State Honor Band
*1 student won the DAR essay contest at the district level

PTO Events:

Open House~ Behavior Encouragement and Awards
Supported Veterans Day Program ~Student Dances~
Fundraisers~ Honored Teacher's Instructional
Request ~Teacher Appreciation Activities ~Student
Appreciation ~ Faculty Luncheons ~Student
Celebrations ~ Campus Beautification Projects ~
Funded Outdoor Classroom

Summary of Report

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by implementing project based learning and exposing students to a variety of career opportunities. During the 2014/2015 school year, Aiken Middle School has experienced some exciting changes. The faculty and staff continue to focus on increasing the writing opportunities presented to our students. Our school is a part of a district pilot that focuses on identifying student deficits in the areas of Reading and Math and targets those weaknesses with research based interventions. Several groups of students have had an opportunity to enhance their decision making skills through the following programs: Wise Guys, Girl Circle, and Positive Men/Positive Choices. We have given out many awards and started several good behavior reward programs. We have provided our students with new technology to use in the classrooms. The academic team enjoyed another successful season. All of our athletic teams enjoyed successful seasons. Our school continues to have a Buddy Club which allows general education students to work with special needs students. We also hosted Project Unify which afforded special needs students throughout the district to participate in basketball games. Our school guidance counselor has worked with many kids on how to deal with bullying. Our school has participated in many service projects throughout the year.



Home~School~Community Connections

Evening of the Arts held in Winter and Spring
Band Concerts
Open House
Volunteer Opportunities
Monthly Newsletter
Automated Informational Calls
Academic Awards Banquet
Athletic Awards Banquets
STEM Night

Several student groups held canned food drives to benefit local food banks including the Salvation Army and Golden Harvest Food Bank.

Newsletters were sent home to update parents on school activities. Automated phone messages were sent periodically to keep parents up to date on upcoming activities at the school. Conferences were held with parents and emails were sent to keep parents informed of student progress. Visitations were held by all rising sixth grade students and their parents. Athletic and Academic banquets were held to honor students as well as quarterly award programs were held to recognize students with perfect attendance and honor roll grades.