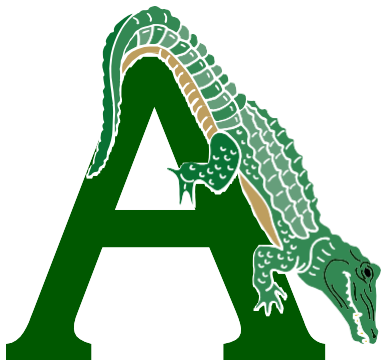


## Our Beliefs at Aiken Middle School:

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

Kelly Koon, Parent (Chair)  
Amy McCutcheon, Teacher  
Scott Floyd, Principal

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



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### 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."*

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**Aiken Middle School**  
*"Home of the Gators"*

## 2015-2016 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.*

## 2015 School Report Card Summary

574 students, 34 teachers  
Absolute Rating: Below Average  
Growth Rating: Average

52.6% Exceeding and Ready/ English  
24.4% Exceeding and Ready/Reading  
18.7% Exceeding and Ready/MATH  
40.6% Met and above grade level/ Science  
49.7% Met and above grade level/SS  
17.6% Exceeding and Ready/ Writing  
98.4% End of Course Tests Passage  
Rate 93.6% Student Attendance Rate  
ESEA Grade – 49.8

### ***Student Achievement/Awards***

- \*4 Junior Scholars
- \*AMS placed 4th in the District Spelling Bee
- \*AMS was represented in the State Geography Bee
- \*Student Artwork was chosen and presented to a Board member during Board Appreciation Week
- \*2015 AMS Academic Team- 2nd Place Region Champs!
- \*1 student qualified for Region Band
- \*7 students qualified for All-County Honor Band
- \*9 students qualified for Da Capo Band
- \*Honor Band received a rating of Excellent at the USC Aiken Concert Festival and a rating of Good at State Concert Performance Assessment
- \*20 students participated in Solo and Ensemble

### ***PTO Events:***

Open House~ 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 ~

## Summary of Report

Aiken Middle School is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a safe, caring, intentional, and academically challenging learning environment. "Achievement, Motivation, Success" is our guiding principle. We demonstrate this by providing our students with constantly evolving and improving instructional methods and student recognition services. Our teachers are seeking to acquire and implement new methods of instruction through rigorous professional development and individualized instruction. Our teachers implement the use of technology in our classrooms and the school is striving to continue expanding our use of technology throughout the school experience. We have also begun to focus on intensive literacy strategies and interventions to improve fluency and comprehension. Our guidance department uses the My Campus Committee to provide students with tools to alleviate bullying. The student focused group is designed to build confidence in our students to prevent bullying behaviors. The Preventive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program has been revamped to recognize and reward positive student behavior. We continue to use the Buddy Program which pairs regular education students with special education students to build relationships and appreciate diversity. Some of our students participate in the community sponsored program Positive Men, Positive Choices, which teaches how to make good decisions. The academic and athletic teams enjoy another successful year, with the focus being on team work. Thirty-six of our students are be served via the Project Success Grant.

## 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

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.