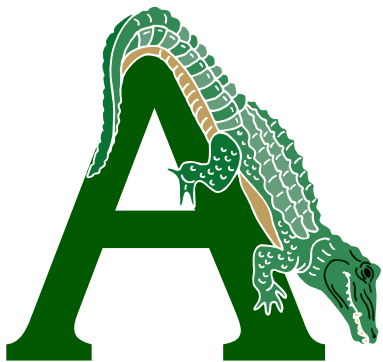


Our Beliefs at Aiken Middle School:

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)
Patsy Davis, 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 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”

2013-2014 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.*

2013 School Report Card Summary

578 students, 36 teachers
Absolute Rating: Below Average
Growth Rating: Average

56.7% Met/Exemplary ELA
52.4% Met/Exemplary MATH
53.8% Met/Exemplary Science
56.2% Met/Exemplary SS
61.6% Met/Exemplary Writing
100% End of Course Tests Passage Rate
94.9% Student Attendance Rate
ESEA Grade – 60

Outstanding Faculty/Grant Recipients

Margaret Brown & Kelli Kilbourn: SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini Grant

Margaret Fussell: AFCEA Grant

Emilee Meek: Aiken County First Year Teacher of the Year Award

Student Achievement/Awards

*3 Junior Scholars

*AMS was represented 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

*3 students qualified for Region 2 Honor Band

*Our band received best band in Aiken Parade

*9 sixth grade students were selected to participate in the 2013 Da Capo Clinic

Summary of Report

During the 2013/2014 school year, Aiken Middle School has experienced some exciting changes. The faculty and staff have spent time addressing the CCSS and have focused specifically on increasing the writing opportunities presented to our students. Our school offered workshops on violence prevention and extended invitations for parents to participate in activities with their students. 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 Student Council participated in numerous school activities including a fundraising basketball tournament for the American Heart Association. Our band was selected best band in the Aiken Parade. Our school has set up a Buddy club this year that allows our students to work with special needs students. 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
Right Choices Parent Meeting
Open House
Volunteer Opportunities
Monthly Newsletter
Automated Informational Calls
Academic Awards Banquet
Athletic Awards Banquet

PTO Events:

Open House~Bus Behavior Encouragement and awards
Relay for Life~Student Dances~Fundraisers
Teacher Appreciation Activities~Student Appreciation
Faculty Luncheons~Student Celebrations.

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.