

Our Beliefs at Aiken Middle School:

- 1) Education is the foundation of the future because it leads to productive and responsible citizenship.
- 2) Student achievement depends on the combined efforts of students, families, educators, and the community.
- 3) Students and teachers have the right to a safe, nurturing, orderly environment that promotes and encourages student learning.
- 4) Each student is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs.
- 5) Students learn in different ways and should be provided with a variety of assessment opportunities to demonstrate their achievement.



Aiken Middle School SIC Members

Bridget Coleman, Parent (Chair)
Jennifer Coffey, Teacher
Patsy Davis, Teacher
Joyce Smith, Parent
Tomika Holston, Community Member
Amy Cook, Teacher/Community Member
John Bradley, Principal

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(SACS)*

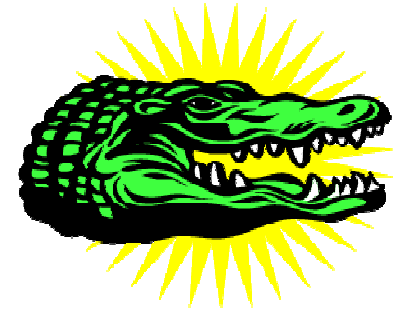


Purpose of the Report

“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”*

2011-2012 Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents”



Palmetto Silver Award

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Mission Statement

The mission of Aiken Middle School is to prepare students to be successful at the next grade level and for their ultimate success in high school.

2011 School Report Card Summary

627 students, 38 teachers
Absolute Rating: Below Average
Growth Rating: Average

53.5% Met/Exemplary ELA
63.1% Met/Exemplary MATH
53.1% Met/Exemplary Science
47.5% Met/Exemplary SS
100% End of Course Tests Passage Rate
94.7% Student Attendance Rate

Outstanding Faculty/Grant Recipients

Margaret Fussell: Savannah River Nuclear Solutions

Jennifer Coffey: ING

Kelli Kilbourn: Savannah River Nuclear Solutions

Eljielyn Espiritu: Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, AFCEA

Tammy Lord: AFCEA, Ken-A-Vision

Russell Saunders: MathMovesU

Individual Teacher Grants totaled more than \$12,000 with all proceeds being used to benefit our students

Student Achievement/Awards

*Drama Group honored on "Cool Schools" on WJBF

*Four students received scholarships of \$1000 each from MathMovesU

*22 care packages collected and shipped to soldiers overseas as well as 90 letters of support to American soldiers deployed overseas

*6th Grade students began a school-wide recycling program

*AMS was represented in the District Spelling Bee

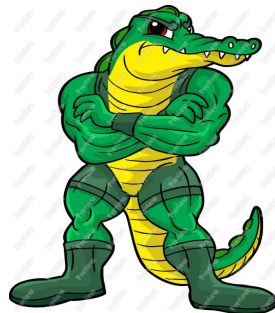
*Group of 6th grade students competed in the Eco-Meet

*12 AMS students were accepted into the National Scholarship Program for Social Studies

Summary of Report

During the 2011/2012 school year, Aiken Middle School has seen several changes take place in course offerings and opportunities for students.

The faculty continued to focus on increasing student achievement with professional development focused on Common Core State Standards and increasing rigor and engagement in our classroom settings. Many of our teachers have participated in courses to further their knowledge in advanced teaching strategies. AMS also hosted several student teachers and numerous practicum students from USCA. We have added several pieces of new technology to increase student interest and engagement. We also added several new course offerings. We added a publishing course in which students produce the school yearbook and newspaper. Gator TV is a student produced morning news show. CSI was added as a science enrichment to grow students' investigative skills. We also added a Student Council to give students the opportunity to have input in decisions affecting our school. Our PTO, SIC, and Title I committees continue to work diligently to support our students in their advancement academically as well as socially.



Home~School~Community Connections

Evening of the Arts held in Winter and Spring
Band Concerts
Drama Performance
Grits for Gators and Guardians

PTO Events:

Night of Talent Show~Open House
Relay for Life~Student Dances~Fundraisers
8th Grade Breakfast
Teacher Appreciation Activities
Mister and Miss AMS Pageant

Several student groups held canned food drives to benefit local food banks.

Newsletters were sent home to update parents on school activities. AlertNow 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 receptions were held to honor students as well as quarterly award programs were held to recognize students with perfect attendance and honor roll grades.

Students showed improvement in MAP tests scores and were rewarded with recognition and a celebration dance at the end of the school day.

Aiken Middle School

***2011 Palmetto Silver Award
Recipient for Continued Student
Growth***