

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

Amy Miller, Parent (Chair)
Jennifer Coffey, Teacher
Patsy Davis, Teacher
Daylynn Farr, Parent
Trey McKenzie, Community Member
Amy Cook, Teacher/Community Member
John Bradley, Principal

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Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
(SACS)*

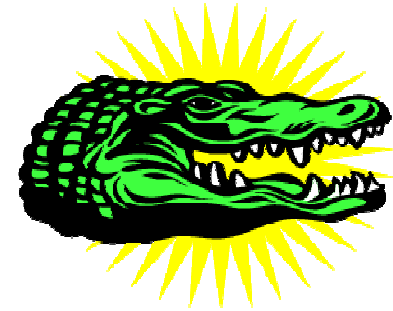


Purpose of the Report

“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”*

2010-2011 Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents”



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Mission Statement

Our mission at Aiken Middle School is to provide a strong educational foundation, enabling students to become life-long learners and productive citizens able to meet the challenge of the 21st century.

2010 School Report Card Summary

620 students, 39 teachers
Absolute Rating: Below Average

59.2% Met/Exemplary ELA
61.4% Met/Exemplary MATH
56.8% Met/Exemplary Science
54.8% Met/Exemplary SS
62.2% Met/Exemplary Writing
100% End of Course Tests Passage Rate
95.9% Student Attendance Rate

Outstanding Faculty/Grant Recipients

Margaret Fussell: Unsung Hero's Grant
Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC 2011 Grant

Jennifer Coffey: Savannah River Nuclear Solutions,
LLC 2011, DHEC Grant

Margaret Brown: Savannah River Nuclear Solutions,
LLC 2011, Air Force Association Grant

Elizabeth Noffsinger: 2 Donor Choice Grants

Student Achievement/Awards

*The AMS Academic Team finished an undefeated season
and was crowned

Aiken County Champions.

*Thirteen students were named as
South Carolina Junior Scholars

*Six students were recognized as Celebration of Character
Award winners

*Ben Hall represented AMS in the state
Geography Bee Competition

*Kira Bacon-DAR Essay Contest Winner and
Children Services Consumer of the Year Award

*Leanne Summers 2nd place USC Aiken Language Arts
Festival

AMS Band Awards/Honors

One student~All-Region Band

Two students~All-State Band

Thirteen students~All-County Band

7th and 8th Grade Bands received Superior ratings
at the USCA Concert Festival

Summary of Report

For the 2010-2011 school year, programs including performing arts, creative arts, athletics, and academics for both the general population of students as well as for the academically gifted students have continued to thrive. Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Title One Planning Team and School Improvement Council have met monthly to insure our efforts are meeting our students' needs. We provide remedial programs for students who are not making satisfactory academic progress and need additional assistance as well as advanced classes and carnegie classes to challenge our academically gifted students. Our exploratory programs also provide students the opportunity to develop their interests in the arts and vocational fields. We also have team teaching (PODS) in our 6th grade while our 7th and 8th grade teachers work hard to prepare our students for high school. As we continue to enthusiastically assist our students toward achieving success in our school and beyond, we welcome and appreciate the continued support from our parents and the community.



Home~School~Community Connections

Evening of the Arts held in Winter and Spring
Band Concerts
Drama Play Performance
Family Movie Night-Starlight Cinema

PTO Events:

Bingo Night~Talent Show~Open House
Relay for Life~Student Dance~Fundraisers
Weekly Positive Behavior Drawings
Teacher Appreciation Activities

Beta Club held a canned food drive for the local food bank, a pet food drive for the SPCA and a dance to raise funds for the SPCA after a fire destroyed the facility.

Newsletters were sent home to update parents on school activities. Training was provided to parents on how to use ParentPortal to view their student's grades and additional information. A computer was also made available for parent use to access ParentPortal. 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 Banquets were held to honor students as well as quarterly award programs were held to recognize students with perfect attendance and honor roll grades.

A Back-to-School Rally was held to allow parents an opportunity to meet with school administrators. Workshops were organized and led by community organizations to build partnerships between the school and the community.