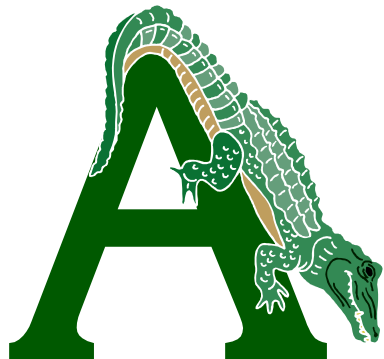


Our Beliefs at Aiken Middle School:

- 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

Tina Burrell, Parent (Chair)
Eszter Madi-Szabo, Teacher
Patsy Davis, Teacher
Joyce Smith, Parent
Michelle Cahill, Community Member
Amy Cook, Teacher/Community Member
John Bradley, Principal

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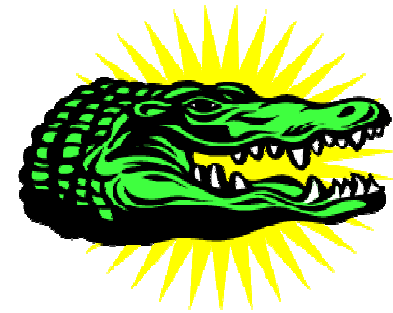


Purpose of the Report

“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”*

2012-2013 Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents”



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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.

2012 School Report Card Summary

583 students, 39 teachers
Absolute Rating: Below Average
Growth Rating: Average

53.0% Met/Exemplary ELA
59.2% Met/Exemplary MATH
50.1% Met/Exemplary Science
46.4% Met/Exemplary SS
100% End of Course Tests Passage Rate
94.9% Student Attendance Rate
ESEA Grade – 40.3

Outstanding Faculty/Grant Recipients

Margaret Brown: SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini Grant, Nominated for The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Faculty: Recognized as Most Outstanding Middle School in the United Way Campaign Drive

Margaret Fussell: SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini Grant

Eszter Madi-Szabo: Project Unify

Whitney Jenkins: Recognized as Outstanding Student in the USC-A Teacher Preparation Program

Student Achievement/Awards

*6 Junior Scholars

*AMS was represented in the District Spelling Bee

*Group of 7th grade students competed in the Eco-Meet

*6th Grade Science Enrichment classes recognized for participation in the Aiken Bluebird Society

*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

*9 AMS students chosen for AC-Gateway

*17 students qualified for Aiken All-County Honor Band

*2 students qualified for Region 2 Honor Band

*7th & 8th grade bands were selected to participate in the Disney performing arts “You’re Instrumental Workshop” as well as perform onstage in Downtown Disney

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

Summary of Report

During the 2012/2013 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. Aiken Middle School served as a pilot school while field testing the SmarterBalanced 8th grade math test. AMS hosted several student teachers and numerous practicum students from USC-A as well as served as a Professional Development partner school with USC-A. We have upgraded the computers in one of our computer labs and 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 to perform at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Our Junior BETA Club enjoyed the largest induction class in school history and 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:

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