# SOUTH AIKEN

# High School



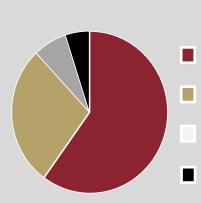
South Aiken High School is a high-achieving school that supports all students to reach their full academic and personal potential. It consistently ranks in the top 20% of schools in the state, and most recently, received the 2016 National Blue Ribbon Award for exemplary high performance and an Excellent on our report card rating. South Aiken is raising the level of achievement, with a focus on cultivating the individual talents of each student.



With a focus on accelerated learning opportunities for every student and a commitment to continuous reflection and refinement of our programs, South Aiken equips students for college and career readiness. Our curriculum focuses on offering rigorous and personalized learning opportunities through a variety of courses, preparing students for their unique high school and post-secondary pathways.



We have seen great success through the implementation of our school as an AP Academy and are very proud of what our students and faculty have been able to accomplish. South Aiken currently offer **21 AP courses.** In the 2018-2019 school year, we were recognized for having the highest number of qualifying scores in Aiken County and celebrated 3 Capstone Diplomas, 2 Capstone certificates, 56 AP Scholars, 28 AP Scholars with Distinction, 19 AP Scholars with Honors and 9 National AP Scholars Our goal is to continue to expand our program and ensure that South Aiken students are prepared for their future.



## **STUDENT COMPOSITION**

58% Caucasian/white students

29% African American/black

10% Hispanic

3% other nationalities





We offer various Career and Technology (CATE) programs on site including courses in:

- Culinary Arts
- Finance

- Management
- Marketing
- Information Technology
- Welding



Parent and community involvement is always encouraged. South Aiken offers opportunities through an active and highly-involved School Improvement Council and Parent Teacher Organization. In addition, various civic organizations and volunteer groups lend their time and talents to support our students' success.

#### **EXTRACURICCULAR ACTIVITIES**

South Aiken has over 20 student organizations that actively participate in giving back to our school and community. Students participate in activities such as campus clean up, food and clothing drives, school beautification projects, and peer tutoring. Our service clubs completed more than 4,000 thousand hours of community service last year. South Aiken also offers 22 varsity sports and is a top competitor across the state in many of our athletics.





## **SPECIAL NEEDS**

We are committed to a quality educational experience for all students, including struggling learners and those with special needs. At South Aiken High School, inclusiveness means Every Thoroughbred, Every Day — All Means All!



#### **COMMUNICATION**

We utilize our website, eflyers, an automated calling system, newsletters, regular teacher communication and teacher conferences to stay in consistent communication with the families we serve.



#### **SECURITY**

The safety of all students and staff members is our top priority. Our extensive security measures include a keyless entry system and automated background checks on all visitors and volunteers.

