

A I K E N

Elementary School



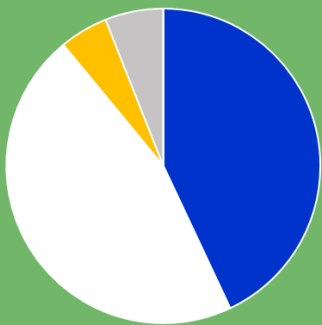
Aiken Elementary is a proud National School of Excellence winner, receiving a Palmetto Gold Award in 2016. We pride ourselves on our friendly atmosphere and outstanding customer service. Our teachers follow the Aiken County Public School curriculum and instructional model. This predictable structure can be imbedded within all content areas providing the structures students and teachers need to be successful. Our School-Wide Expectations are Be Safe! Be Respectful! Be Responsible! Our mission statement is Always Educating all Students.



Aiken Elementary teachers must employ research-based, best practices in Literacy Instruction. All students can be successful when learning to read and write. We believe in Balanced Literacy Instruction that includes: phonemic awareness, vocabulary, speaking, listening, writing, and understanding as key components of literacy development. Reading and writing are integrated in all content areas making students aware of real world connections and applications. Teaching and learning are differentiated.



The Aiken Elementary School Media Center is the “learning hub” of the school, meeting the needs of the students, teachers, administration, and community. This year we operate on a partial flex-fixed schedule. Students are able to use the media center resources independently, in small groups, and with their classes. It is our goal in the media center to cultivate successful independent learners.



STUDENT COMPOSITION

- 43% Caucasian/white students
- 46% African American/black
- 5% Hispanic
- 6% other nationalities





Afterschool care is available each day from 2:30-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday right here at our school. Quest Zone is operated by the Sunshine House Child Care Center and provides on-site afterschool homework help and engaging activities for our students.



Parent and community involvement is always encouraged. Aiken Elementary has 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. Some of those are Chick-fil-A, Chili's, McDonalds, Zaxby's, Longhorns, Security Federal Bank, Kroger, Allegra, Marco's and CommuniGraphics.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT AIKEN EL

Student Council: Canned Food Drives, Book Buddies, HERO Patrol, Flag Duty, Outdoor Classroom, ASPCA, Toys for Tots, Goodwill

Dance Team; Chorus

Robotics Wonder League; MakerSpace

Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl Team

Book Talks; Battle of the Books; Lightning Club

Student Advisory Council to the Superintendent

Olweus Bully Prevention Program; Watch Dog Program



SPECIAL NEEDS

We are committed to a quality educational experience for all students, including struggling learners and those with special needs. We have 15 teacher aides, 5 interpreters, 2 hearing teachers and 1 reading recovery teacher and a full-time nurse.



COMMUNICATION

We utilize our website, e-flyers, 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 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.



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