

AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL

- is one of the largest of the seven public high schools in Aiken County with an enrollment of 1400 students
- is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the S.C. Department of Education
- employs 141 faculty and staff members for 2018-19

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Aiken High School is to prepare students to become productive members of an increasingly inter-dependent and technological world by offering up-to-date and challenging academic and technical programs and by emphasizing the positive values of character, citizenship and humanity.

BELIEFS OF AIKEN HIGH

- All students can learn and be successful at an acceptable level as measured by state and local academic achievement standards.
- Education is a partnership of the learner, school, home, and community.
- Everyone is worthy of recognition and respect, which is achieved through a positive school environment.
- An understanding of cultural diversity enhances education.
- Aiken High School deserves the best resources and facilities.

PERFORMANCE GOALS

- Help all students meet challenging academic standards
- Build a solid academic foundation for all students
- Prepare our students for post-secondary education, the armed services, or employment and life-long learning
- Help prepare students to become productive and well-rounded citizens through a challenging curriculum and extracurricular activities

ACCELERATED COURSES

Aiken High School has a varied and challenging curriculum. College Prep and Honors courses are available in the core curriculum areas. Advanced Placement courses are offered in Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science Principals, English Language and Literature, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Music Theory, Physics, Psychology, Statistics, Studio Art, United States History, and World History. Successful completion of Advanced Placement courses and the required exams allows students to receive college credit.

Students also have opportunities to earn additional high school credits through the SC Virtual School Program, Aiken County Virtual School Program, and APEX learning.

TEACHER CADET PROGRAM

Aiken High School offers a Teacher Cadet course that introduces students to the teaching profession. Students can receive college credit for successful completion of the course.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Athletic Programs

Baseball	Basketball
Cheerleading	Cross Country
Football	Golf
Soccer	Softball
Swimming	Tennis
Track and Field	Volleyball
	Wrestling

Activities/Clubs

Academic Team	Math Team
Art Club	Mock Trial Team
Art Honor Society	NHS
Beta Club	NTHS
Buddy Club	NJ Academic Team
Class Execs	NJ Drill Team
Concert Band	NJ Rifle Team
DECA	Quill and Scroll HS
FBLA	Robotics Team
FCA	Rotary Interact Club
FCCLA	Serteens
FFA	Spanish Club/HS
GEM	Student Council
German Club/HS	SVC
Hornet Herald	Video Game Club
Key Club	Writing Club
Literary Magazine	Yearbook
Marching Band	Young Democrats

HORNET HIGHLIGHTS **“Points of Pride”**

Absolute rating of Good on SC State Report Card.

CLASS OF 2018

- 9 Watson Brown Scholarships
- 4 SC Teaching Fellows Scholarships
- 1 National Merit Commended Student
- 24 Palmetto Fellows
- 64.7% eligible for the LIFE Scholarship
- 8 Rotary Scholarships
- 1 bronze medals in the FCCLA Culinary Arts Competition
- 6 ProStart Certificates of Achievement
- Scholarships totaling **\$18,632,652**

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

Aiken High School is the 1st Cambridge International Assessments Program in the state of South Carolina. AHS students have joined a global community of learners from over 10,000 schools in over 160 countries. A Cambridge education prepares students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. Students have the opportunity to earn a Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) diploma. The AICE diploma offers an international pre-

university curriculum and examination system which emphasizes the value of broad and balanced study.

AWARD WINNING PROGRAMS

Academic Team, Art, Culinary Arts, FBLA, FFA, Foreign Language, NJROTC, Robotics, Yearbook

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Serteens, Student Council, NJROTC, Interact (Rotary) Club, Key Club, Student Volunteer Club

HSTW INITIATIVE

High Schools That Work is an initiative directing school improvement. Aiken High School has chosen to focus on improving achievement in our literacy and graduation rates.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- All Sports Booster Club
- Band Boosters
- PTSO
- NJROTC Booster Club
- School Improvement Council
- Volunteer Program
- Lunch Bunch Mentoring Program
- Lunch & Learn Career Talks

SIC MEMBERS

Phillip Blacha, Christos Bourdovilas, Missy Byrne, Amy Conkelton, Wendell Edwards, Diane Floyd, Charlotte Hill, Kathryn Larlee, Susan LeGrand, Katy Lipscomb, Heather Thurmond, Malynda Young, Garen Cofer (Principal), Alisa Hamrick (Asst. Principal)

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**SIC Report to the Parents
2018-2019**



**South Carolina's 1st Cambridge
International Assessments School**

**United Way of Aiken
2018 School of the Year**

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