

## Welcome to Our Award Winning School District Dr. Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent of Schools



With continued teamwork and collaboration with our parents, teachers, administration, schools, community and civic organizations, and other stakeholders, our students were provided tremendous opportunities to make the 2008-09 school year one for the record books! First and foremost, the Consolidated School District of Aiken County is a district where students achieve at high levels in every realm of education.

Educating approximately 25,000 students enrolled in our 41 schools is a challenging task and honor we take pride in. As the sixth largest school district in South Carolina, ACPS has continued its path of excellence to include prestigious honors and noteworthy accomplishments.

Three of our schools - Warrenton Elementary, East Aiken Elementary, and Mossy Creek Elementary - were recognized as South Carolina Red Carpet Schools, bringing our total to 20 honorees. Ten schools were named Palmetto Gold and Silver recipients due to attaining high levels of absolute performance and high rates of improvement. Ridge Spring-Monetta High and Aiken High received Bronze Award recognition by the US News and World Report magazine as two of the best high schools in America.

District FFA programs and Aiken County Career and Technology Center students received numerous first place state awards for career and vocational achievements. Volunteerism and community projects reached new heights with Kennedy Middle's Serteen Club and Silver Bluff High's Key Club both being named their respective International Clubs of the Year. Several of our high school NJROTC units won state and national acclaim in drill, rifle, and academic team competitions. North Augusta Middle won first place in the South Carolina Future City competition for the engineering and mathematically elite. The Class of 2009 set a district record by receiving approximately \$33+ million in scholarships for post-secondary education. Single gender classes continue with academic success and confidence building for boys and girls. Twelve of our graduates earned twelve years perfect attendance, proving that Aiken County is a great place to learn every day! We are on target with our reading initiative goal to have all primary grade students reading at grade level by 2010. We remain focused on "High Schools That Work," an initiative that calls for rigor and relevance in the high school curriculum in order to prepare graduates for post secondary employment. Our commitment to safe and functional academic facilities continues. An \$8.9 million renovation/addition project is underway at North Augusta Middle School. Powerschool, a new student information system, will be implemented by each of our schools during the 2009-2010 school year.

It is an honor to serve as the superintendent and work in a community that supports high student achievement and a safe learning environment. Being an active representative and supporter of our motivated, professional faculty and staff is a distinct pleasure. With your assistance, ACPS will continue to be the leader in K-12 education. I look forward to school year 2009-2010 bringing even more insurmountable recognitions to this outstanding school system. My sincere 'Thanks' for a great school year!

### - MISSION -

- To create in students a passion for learning and achievement that will serve them as they compete and contribute in a global society.

### - DISTRICT GOALS -

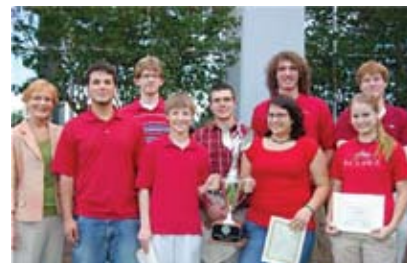
- Students will graduate and be academically competitive
- Teachers will be highly qualified and effective
- Parents and the community will be satisfied with the learning environment, social environment, and physical environment

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT DATA

2009 PASS SCORES						HSAP SCORES	
Grade	Writing	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies	Math	ELA
3	69.8	79.8	68.9	62.6	71	District '09 83.0	86.4
4	65.5	75.5	76.6	67.7	74.9	State '09 80.2	84.9
5	74.2	83.4	76.7	72.5	66.4	District '08 86.1	89.4
6	72.5	74.6	73.6	65.4	77.9	State '08 84.6	87.7
7	74.2	72.2	71.2	69.4	53.2	District '07 84.3	91.8
8	69.5	72.4	67	63	69.1	State '07 79.6	88.1

2009 SAT SCORES				ACT SCORES			
	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Total	2007	2008	2009
District	493	510	474	= 1477	District 20.7	20.5	21.0
State	486	496	470	= 1452	State 19.6	19.9	19.7
Nation	501	515	493	= 1509	Nation 21.2	21.1	21.1



**South Aiken High School**  
2008 - 09 District Academic Champions



**Kennedy Middle School**  
2008 - 09 District Academic Champions

### - FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT -

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is a state-aligned computerized adaptive assessment program that provides Aiken County educators with the information they need to improve teaching and learning and make student-focused, data-driven decisions. Students in grades one through nine are tested three times per year in mathematics, reading, and language usage. Educators use the growth and achievement data from MAP to develop targeted instructional strategies and to plan school improvement. More information regarding the use of MAP testing in Aiken County Public Schools can be found on the district website.

### - POWER SCHOOL'S PARENT PORTAL -

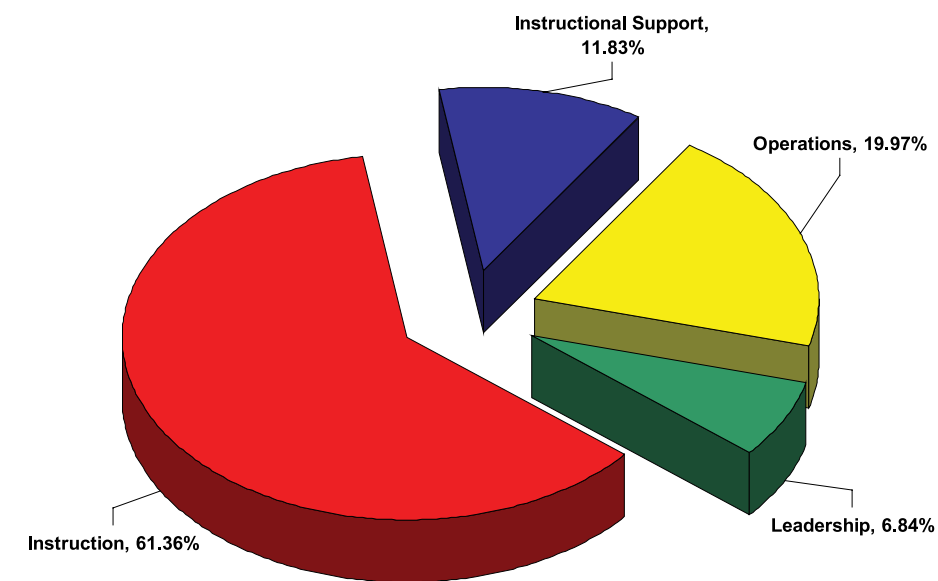
The parents and guardians of Aiken County Public School students have a new web-based, secure Internet tool to give them real-time access to all grades that have been posted in a teacher's grade book. Power School also lets parents see their child's attendance as well as request to receive automated emails reflecting timely updates to their child's grades and attendance records. In addition, parents will be able to email teachers through the Parent Portal. More information can be found at the parent link on the school district's website.

### - PARENT WEBSITE -

Parents who need additional information about topics related to their child's education should visit the parent link on the school district's website, located at [www.aiken.k12.sc.us](http://www.aiken.k12.sc.us).

## Your Education Dollars at Work

Expenditures		
Instruction	\$ 124,339,868	61.36%
Instructional Support	23,975,047	11.83%
Operations	36,092,702	17.81%
School Leadership	10,643,472	5.25%
District Leadership	3,213,015	1.59%
Program Management	2,549,658	1.26%
Transfers to Charter Schools	<u>1,835,046</u>	<u>0.90%</u>
	\$ 202,648,808	<b>100.00%</b>
Debt Service (Excluded from Above)	14,280,218	
Capital Projects (Excluded from Above)	<u>13,850,000</u>	
	<u>\$ 230,779,026</u>	



## At A Glance ...

### Students

Student Population	
Elementary (4K-5th).....	11,823
Middle (6th-8th).....	5,462
High (9th-12th).....	7,414
Adult Education.....	1,358

**93% of Aiken County's school-aged children attend public schools.**

### Ethnic Composition

Caucasian .....	57.0%	Hispanic .....	6.0%
African-American .....	34.0%	Asian/Other .....	3.0%
*28 International Languages			

### Staff

Average Teacher Salary: \$48,691  
First Year Teacher Salary is the Highest in South Carolina: \$35,729  
59% of our teachers have a Masters Degree or higher.  
3,150 Employees: Second largest employer in Aiken County  
11 National Board Certified Teachers named in 2009



Over 3,964,806 meals (breakfast and lunch) were served in our cafeterias last year.

### Facilities/Programs

Elementary Schools: 20  
Middle Schools: 10  
High Schools: 7  
Career and Technology Center: 1  
Charter Schools: 3  
Alternative Schools: 6  
Area Offices: 5  
Freshmen Academies: 5  
Single Gender Classrooms: 30

We continue to maintain a Five-Year Facility Improvement Plan to assure the upkeep of all learning environments. Safety and functionality remain top priorities for all school facilities. Our cyclic maintenance for 2008-2009 consisted of the completion of Midland Valley High's HVAC project, roofs at Clearwater Elementary, in addition to tornado repairs at New Ellenton Middle. The demolition phase of an \$8.9 million project at North Augusta Middle began as we completed our second school bus lot at Mossy Creek Elementary. An energy conservation grant was awarded resulting in significant savings. Energy stimulus funds have also been applied to upgrade light fixtures at many schools.

### Transportation

The transportation program consists of 198 school buses transporting nearly 11,000 students daily. Our buses travel over 11,298 miles daily totaling 2,033,708 miles annually.

### Community



High school graduation ceremonies are held at the USC-Aiken Convocation Center. Local businesses and community leaders donate funds to make this possible.



Public Education Partners was named the Champion of Education for 2009. An independent, community managed educational foundation, PEP support has provided funding for numerous projects, including Synergistic labs, string music programs, and teacher grants through the years.

With higher education colleagues, business leaders, law enforcement, community leaders, and parents working cooperatively, our goal to provide an excellent education with appropriate resources and funding mechanisms for all Aiken County students will be attained.

**- SCHOOL DIRECTORY -**

<b>Area 1 Office</b> - Peggy Trivelas, Assistant Superintendent.....	Phone 641-2720
105 Gator Lane, Aiken 29801.....	FAX: 641-2721
Transportation.....	AHS- 641-2507 and SAHS- 641-2605
Aiken Elementary - 2050 Pine Log Road, Aiken 29803.....	Phone: 641-2740
Sharon Cagle, Principal.....	FAX: 641-2524
Chukker Creek Elementary - 1830 Chukker Creek Road, Aiken 29803.....	Phone: 641-2474
Amy Gregory, Principal.....	FAX: 641-2537
East Aiken Elementary - 223 Old Wagener Road, Aiken 29801.....	Phone: 641-2450
Mary Robinson, Principal.....	FAX: 641-2527
J.D. Lever Elementary - 2404 Columbia Highway, Aiken 29801.....	Phone: 641-2760
Renee Mack, Principal.....	FAX: 641-2402
Millbrook Elementary - 255 East Pine Log Road, Aiken 29803.....	Phone: 641-2580
Denise Huff, Principal.....	FAX: 641-2449
North Aiken Elementary - 100 Bears Rock Road, Aiken 29801.....	Phone: 641-2690
Rhonda Ray, Principal.....	FAX: 641-2674
Oakwood-Windsor Elementary - 3773 Charleston Highway, Aiken 29801.....	Phone: 641-2560
Janice Kitchings, Principal.....	FAX: 641-2561
Aiken Middle - 101 Gator Lane, Aiken 29801.....	Phone: 641-2570
Brooks Smith, Principal.....	FAX: 641-2578
Kennedy Middle - 274 East Pine Log Road, Aiken 29803.....	Phone: 641-2470
Ben Osborne, Principal.....	FAX: 641-2405
Schofield Middle - 224 Kershaw St. NE, Aiken 29801.....	Phone: 641-2770
Carl White, Principal.....	FAX: 641-2529
Aiken High - 449 Rutland Drive, Aiken 29801.....	Phone: 641-2500
Garen Cofer, Principal.....	FAX: 641-2501
South Aiken High - 232 East Pine Log Road, Aiken 29803.....	Phone: 641-2600
Bryan Skipper, Principal.....	FAX: 641-2607
Rosie Berry, Assistant Superintendent.....	Phone: 442-6250
<b>Area 2 Office</b> - 738 Old Edgefield Road, North Augusta 29841.....	FAX: 442-6252
Transportation.....	442-6106
Belvedere Elementary - 201 Rhomboid Place, Belvedere 29841.....	Phone: 442-6330
Alison Churm, Principal.....	FAX: 442-6131
Hammond Hill Elementary - 901 W. Woodlawn Avenue, North Augusta 29841.....	Phone: 442-6170
Janet Vaughan, Principal.....	FAX: 442-6112
Mossy Creek Elementary - 421 W. Five Notch Rd., North Augusta 29841.....	Phone: 442-6090
Stephanie Hammond, Principal.....	FAX: 442-6092
North Augusta Elementary - 400 E. Spring Grove Avenue, North Augusta 29841.....	Phone: 442-6280
Laurie Reese, Principal.....	FAX: 442-6282
North Augusta Middle - 725 Old Edgefield Road, North Augusta 29841.....	Phone: 442-6200
Barry Head, Principal.....	FAX: 442-6202
Paul Knox Middle - 1804 Wells Road, North Augusta 29841.....	Phone: 442-6300
John Murphy, Principal.....	FAX: 442-6302
North Augusta High - 2000 Knobcone Avenue, North Augusta 29841.....	Phone: 442-6100
Kyle Smith, Principal.....	FAX: 442-6127
<b>Area 3 Office</b> - Dr. Tim Yarborough, Assistant Superintendent.....	Phone: 593-7200
P.O. Box 1800, Langley 29834.....	FAX: 593-7111
Transportation.....	593-7103
Byrd Elementary - 1225 Weldon Way, Graniteville 29829.....	Phone: 663-4320
Russell Guter, Principal.....	FAX: 663-4321
Clearwater Elementary - P.O. Box 397, Clearwater 29822.....	Phone: 593-7240
Susan Malcom, Principal.....	FAX: 593-7120
Gloverville Elementary - P.O. Box 220, Gloverville 29828.....	Phone: 593-7280
Michelle Padgett, Principal.....	FAX: 593-7281
Jefferson Elementary - 170 Flint Drive, Warrenville 29851.....	Phone: 593-7180
Pam Hart, Principal.....	FAX: 593-7112
Warrenville Elementary - 569 Howlandville Road, Warrenville 29851.....	Phone: 663-4270
Brenda Smith, Principal.....	FAX: 663-4271
LBC Middle - 29 Lions Tail, Warrenville 29851.....	Phone: 593-7260
Brenda DeLoache, Principal.....	FAX: 593-7119
Leavelle McCampbell Middle - 82 Canal Street Graniteville 29829.....	Phone: 663-4300
Jacquelyn Barnwell, Principal.....	FAX: 663-4302
Midland Valley High - 227 Mustang Drive, Graniteville 29829.....	Phone: 593-7100
Dr. Doris Hickson, Principal.....	FAX: 593-7106
<b>Area 4 Office</b> - Joy Shealy, Assistant Superintendent.....	Phone: 564-1075
2243 Old 96 Indian Trail, Batesburg 29006.....	FAX: 564-1077
Transportation.....	685-2103
Busbee Elementary - 20 A.L. Corbett Circle, Wagener 29164.....	Phone: 564-1000
Rose Marshall, Principal.....	FAX: 564-1010
Ridge Spring-Monetta Elementary/Middle - 422 Hazzard Circle, Ridge Spring 29129.....	Phone: 685-2000
Jim Hooper, Principal.....	FAX: 685-2008
A.L. Corbett Middle - 10 A.L. Corbett Circle, Wagener 29164.....	Phone: 564-1050
Dr. Deborah Bass, Principal.....	FAX: 564-1058
Ridge Spring - Monetta High - 10 J.P. Kneec Drive, Monetta 29105.....	Phone: 685-2100
Mason Cummings, Principal.....	FAX: 685-2108
Wagener-Salley High - 272 Main Street S., Wagener 29164.....	Phone: 564-1100
Pat Keating, Principal.....	FAX: 564-1109
<b>Area 5 Office</b> - Dr. Randy Stowe, Assistant Superintendent.....	Phone: 652-8250 or 279-9571
60 DeSoto Drive, Aiken 29803.....	FAX: 652-1346
Transportation.....	652-8102 or 279-1373
Greendale Elementary - 505 S. Boundary Avenue, New Ellenton 29809.....	Phone: 652-8170
Rebecca Koelker, Principal.....	FAX: 652-8173
Redcliffe Elementary - 6741 Atomic Road, Aiken 29803.....	Phone: 827-3350
Julie Reville, Principal.....	FAX: 827-3354
Jackson Middle - 8217 Atomic Road, Jackson 29831.....	Phone: 471-2237
Marc Funderburk, Principal.....	FAX: 471-2202
New Ellenton Middle - 814 Main Street, New Ellenton 29809.....	Phone: 652-8200
Elsa Sanders-Pee, Principal.....	FAX: 652-8203
Silver Bluff High - 64 DeSoto Drive, Aiken 29803.....	Phone: 652-8100
Todd Bornscheuer, Principal.....	FAX: 652-8104
Aiken County Career and Technology Center - Patrick O'Neill, Director.....	Phone: 593-7300
2455 Jefferson Davis Highway, Warrenville 29851.....	FAX: 593-7115
Pinecrest Center - Geneva Thompson, Principal.....	Phone: 641-2680
1050 Pinecrest Ave., Aiken, SC 29801.....	FAX: 641-2681
Freedman Parenting Center - Cherell Williams, Coordinator.....	Phone: 663-4204
P.O. Box 463 Graniteville, SC 29829.....	FAX: 663-4200
Aiken Performing Arts Academy Charter School/ Lloyd - Kennedy Charter School - Keisha Lloyd-Kennedy, Director.....	Phone: 644-4824
130 Avery Lane/P.O. Box 418, Aiken, SC 29802-0418.....	FAX: 641-1155
Midland Valley Preparatory Charter School - Betty Jean Doggett, Director.....	Phone: 594-1028
2432 Jefferson Davis Highway, Graniteville, SC 29829.....	FAX: 594-0511

## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Red Carpet School Awards.....	20
National Board Certified Teachers.....	105
Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards .....	80 (52 Gold; 28 Silver)
Class of 2009 Scholarships .....	\$33,984,990+
District-Wide Grants.....	\$13,940,616+
Attendance Rate Among Teachers ...	95%
Palmetto's Finest Awards.....	3
National Blue Ribbon Awards .....	3
Title I Distinguished School Award.....	1



### 2009-10 Teacher of the Year

**Lisa Lader, German Instructor**  
Aiken High School



Mrs. Lader has over 23 years teaching experience with 20 years in Aiken County. Her educational background includes a B.A. in German Education and an M.A. in German Literature from the University of South Carolina and a year abroad working on a Fulbright Research Grant at the Universität Bamberg, Bavaria, Germany. Mrs. Lader plans to

continue to share her love of education and the German language with Aiken County students for many years to come. She will represent the school district in the SC Teacher of the Year awards program for 2010.

#### Honor Council

- **Faith Barber** - South Aiken High
- **Christi McWaters** - East Aiken Elementary
- **Julia Baldwin** - Paul Knox Middle
- **Jodi Brown-Hooks** - North Augusta Elementary
- **Barbara Simonson** - Kennedy Middle

#### Advanced Placement

Aiken County has 20 Advanced Placement courses offered to high school students. These courses include Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, Micro Economics, English Composition, English Literature, European History, French Language, French Literature, German Language, Government and Politics, Human Geography, Physics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, and U.S. History. These courses are challenging, rigorous classes that serve as a predictor of college performance. The number of high school students enrolled in these classes has increased considerably. AP courses provide a solid foundation and preparation for college. Aiken County is fortunate to provide such an extensive course offering.

#### College Credit Programs

Aiken County Public Schools offers Advanced Placement courses, Concurrent Admission, and Concurrent Enrollment/Dual Credit Enrollment for qualifying high school students. These courses give students the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. More information on these programs can be obtained from the parent link on the school district's website.

## Aiken County Board of Education

- District 1 – Dr. John Bass**
- District 2 – Levi Green**
- District 3 – John Wesley Hightower**
- District 4 – Keith Liner**
- District 5 – Ray Fleming**
- District 6 – Dr. Christine Harkins, Chair**
- District 7 – Rosemary English, Vice-Chair**
- District 8 – Donna Moore Wesby**
- District 9 – Richard Hazen**



### Aiken County Public Schools

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## AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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by AdvancEd and The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.