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## **Aiken County high schools garner academic performance awards**

South Aiken High and North Augusta High each earned two performance improvement awards on the SAT and ACT college entrance exams. *(Seventy-two high schools from 37 school districts across South Carolina have been recognized for this achievement.)* South Aiken High earned the Summa Cum Laude Award for Distinguished Performance on the ACT exam, while North Augusta High earned the Cum Laude Award for Excellent Performance. Both high schools earned Cum Laude award for Excellent Performance on the SAT exam.

"This is an accomplishment both students and educators can celebrate. South Aiken High earned the highest recognition possible for improvement on the ACT exam, while North Augusta High improved at an excellent level for both exams. This speaks volumes for the hard work that occurs in our classrooms. With recognitions such as this, we are definitely on the right path for academic excellence," states Superintendent Elizabeth Everitt.

In their second year, the ACT/SAT Performance Improvement Awards (ASPI) were created to salute schools that showed high performance on the ACT or SAT and those that have had rapid or continuous improvement in their scores. The recipients receive banners and certificates of achievement as part of the state's SAT/ACT Improvement Program.