



# *Aiken County School System*

## *2022-2023*

### *Calendar*

<b>August 15</b>	<b>First Day of School</b>
<b>September 5</b>	Labor Day Holiday
<b>September 15</b>	Interim Reports (1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter)
<b>October 14</b>	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
<b>October 17-22</b>	Fall Break
<b>October 28</b>	Teacher Workday/Parent Teacher Conferences
<b>November 7</b>	Professional Development
<b>November 8</b>	Holiday – General Election
<b>November 23-25</b>	Thanksgiving Break
<b>December 2</b>	Interim Reports (2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter)
<b>December 19-30</b>	Winter Break
<b>January 2</b>	Holiday – New Year’s Day
<b>January 3</b>	Teacher Work Day – Weather Make Up Day
<b>January 4</b>	Students Return from Winter Break
<b>January 16</b>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
<b>January 20</b>	End of Quarter 2
<b>January 27</b>	Report Cards (2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter)
<b>February 3</b>	District Professional Development Day – Weather Make Up
	Weather Make -Up Day
<b>February 20</b>	President’s Day Holiday
<b>February 27</b>	Interim Reports (3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter)
<b>March 29</b>	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
<b>April 3-7</b>	Spring Break Students & Staff.







Notes from parents/guardians shall be kept on file for the duration of the school year.

When a student has 3 consecutive absences or a total of 5 unlawful absences, the attendance secretary will try to establish contact with the parent/guardian to determine the reason for the absences and to see if there is a need to involve the parent/guardian, student and principal in order to develop a written plan to insure that all involved have an understanding regarding the future attendance of the student.

Students who exceed the number of absences allowed per year may/may not receive credit for the year. This decision will be made by the principal with input from the teacher. The parent/guardian will be notified immediately when the determination is made that credit shall not be granted.

The law

## ***DELIVERIES/INVITATIONS***

No deliveries of flowers, balloons, etc., will be accepted at school. This causes a disruption in the class.

notice to parents. In case a student has already been suspended, the suspension time will increase.

**Third Offense** – Up to two weeks suspension from riding the school bus. Conference at the end of this period among parents, assistant principal, bus supervisor and student will be held before bus privileges may be restored.

**Fourth Offense** – If after a third offense, a student persists in uncontrollable conduct while riding a school bus to and from school, he/she will then be suspended from riding any bus for the remainder of the school year then in progress. In such cases, all circumstances will be thoroughly reviewed by school officials before the action is taken. Once the action is taken, it is to the Tribunal, whose decision is final.

4. It is expected that the driver will report all incidents to the school administration. Bus students are under the supervision of the bus driver and are considered to be on school grounds as soon as they are on the bus.
5. It has been a long-standing policy of the Transportation Department of the Aiken County School District to require that students in grades K-2<sup>nd</sup> only be released from the supervision of the bus driver to a parent, adult guardian, or older sibling. If a parent, adult guardian, or older sibling is not **visually present** at the bus stop, the driver is required to return the student to the school and the supervision of an administrator. If your child is returned to school three times, he/she will lose bus riding privileges for the remainder of the semester. If a third offense occurs near the conclusion of the first semester, the administration has the authority to deny bus privileges for the remainder of the school year.
6. Students may not ride a bus without first registering through transportation. Students may only ride the bus they are assigned to.

### ***CAR TRAFFIC***

Aiken Elementary is concerned about the safety of all students, teachers and parents. As part of our continual effort to plan for the safety of our school community, the following Aiken Elementary Traffic Policy is provided for you.

### ***MORNING SAFETY PROCEEDRES***

1. Parents picking up or dropping off their children will enter the parking lot from Pine Log Road or the By-pass. Parents are not to enter the bus driveway from Huntsman Drive for the purpose of dropping off their children.
2. Cutting through the parking lot to save a few minutes is not acceptable and may result in an auto-pedestrian accident. Neither is it acceptable to park and have your child walk through the parking lot to get into the school. Please stay in car line and drop your child off at the designated area (the covered walk-way).
3. When reaching the designated area, please pull forward to the front. All drivers must stay in their vehicles. Do not exit the line when your child has left the car. The staff will indicate when the next group of cars may move forward.
4. Parents needing to enter the building will park in the designated parking visitor's areas. (Do not park by yellow lines or in the carpool line.)
5. Do not drop your child off prior 7:00 am. Students may not enter the building prior 7:00 am.

### ***AFTERNOON PROCEDURES***



4. Once all loading lines have stopped, students will be allowed to load.
5. Parents who choose to ignore these safety procedures and try to pick up their students from the carline will be jeopardizing the safety of all students as well as complicating the process.
6. If parents/visitors need to park for any reason between 12:30 and 3:00, please park in the lower concrete lot near the by-pass entrance. The front upper parking lot (nearest the building) is for staff and district personnel only!

### ***NOTICE CONCERNING FEES***

The Consolidated School District of Aiken County is authorized by statute, as are all school districts, to charge fees to help offset incidental supply and

## ***FOLDERS***

Every child will have a daily homework folder and an additional weekly folder for important papers (Thursday folder). Parents should check their child's book bag each night for these folders.

## ***GRADING SYSTEM AND REPORT CARDS (Policy IKA)***

Student performance should be evaluated based on state grade-level standards, IEPs, textbook and teacher-





## ***NOTICE OF OPT-OUT OPTION FOR PRESIDENTIAL OR GUBERNATORIAL SPEECHES***

While it is the board's policy to facilitate the opportunity for students to observe live presidential or gubernatorial speeches or presentations by electronic media when the same are offered for school-age students during school hours, parents may request in writing to the principal (or his/her designee) that their children be excused and offered appropriate alternate supervised activities.

(See Policies IHAC and IHAA for more information.)

## ***STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT***

Aiken Elementary strives to make each and every student feel special and important. Recognition programs are in place that attempt to honor/reward students in as many positive ways as possible. The following are ways we accomplish this:

**Academic Achievement** Students are recognized each nine weeks for outstanding academic achievement. Students are recognized in the following three (3) categories:

Principal's A Honor Roll: Students on grade level making all A's on their report cards (Grades 3-5)

Principal's A & B Honor Roll: Students on grade level making all A's and B's (Grades 3-5)

**Good Citizens** – Grades K – 5. One exemplary citizen is chosen each month as the "Good Citizen of the Month." These students receive certificates and incentives. They are featured on the good citizen display in the hall.

## **Educational Records Confidentiality (Certain Exceptions)**

Under federal law parents and students have a right to expect the confidentiality of student records. Educational agencies may act to declare certain aspects of a student's educational records to be "directory information," meaning information contained in such records which is not considered to be generally harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. The Aiken County Board of Education has previously determined that "directory information" could be released to third parties upon request, at the discretion of the school principal. Federal law and regulatory authority allows the

release of such information without prior consent subject to certain conditions of pre-disclosure to



