

Aliceville High School

Aliceville is a town 15 miles from the Mississippi state line with a population of 5,000. The town relies on agriculture and timber and a large number of its residents live at or below the poverty level.¹ Aliceville High School, located in the Pickens County School District, serves 535 students in grades 7-12. The student population is more than 99% African American and less than 1% White. About 85% of students are eligible for free or reduced lunches. The student-teacher ratio is 17:1.² The school's mission is to "develop a program of academic excellence in safe, challenging atmosphere that allows every student to maximize his or her potential to learn and achieve."³

In the 2007-2008SY, on the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test (ARMT) 44% of 8th graders scored proficient in both reading and math. In 06-07, 58% were proficient in reading and 52% in Math; in 05-06, 56% were proficient in reading, and 48% in math; and in 04-05, 38% were proficient in reading, and 41% in Math.⁴

¹ <http://www.publicschoolinsights.org/aiming-blue-ribbon-alabamas-black-belt>, accessed 07/09/09

² http://www.greatschools.net/modperl/browse_school/al/1230, accessed 07/08/09

³ <http://www.ahs.pickens.k12.al.us/MISSION%20STATEMENT.htm>, accessed 07/08/09

⁴ http://www.greatschools.net/modperl/browse_school/al/1230, accessed 07/08/09