

# Pelion High School

2021 Annual Report to Parents

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Empower and Inspire  
each child to design their future.

The vision of Pelion High School is to empower and inspire each child to design their future. We pursue this vision by focusing on building a relationship that raises expectations, providing relevant and rigorous coursework, and striving to develop all students as effective learners, ethical people, and contributors to a better world. PHS students are driven to engage in leadership opportunities and a high percentage of our current students also participate in athletics. These choices help students develop habits and skills that will help them succeed and live healthy and productive lives.

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*Pelion High School is committed to fulfilling the vision and mission of Lexington County School District One to **empower each child to design the future and cultivate a caring community where ALL learners are extraordinary communicators, collaborators, creative and critical thinkers.***

Through elevated course rigor, dual enrollment, Advanced Placement, CTE certifications, and JROTC training and experience. PHS students are prepared to be competitive in college classrooms, industry and the armed forces. Students at PHS possess a variety of skills that are cultivated and developed through a multifaceted and collaborative model. Through guided introspection, students examine, explore, and hone power skills. This work makes them confident in displaying these skills and motivated to further develop them after they leave PHS.

The Pelion schools are the hub of the Pelion Community. Community organizations sponsor various activities on the PHS campus and provide scholarships to our students. In turn, students and staff contribute to the needs of the community through service projects. Spearheaded by PHS, our annual Pelion Area Schools Showcase is a community event where we interact with our students and their families to celebrate and support our students and programs.

At PHS, we believe that making connections and lasting relationships is essential to the development of good citizens. Every student is assigned an adult mentor. The mentor meets with the student at least once a week in a group known as PRIDE. Using a collaborative approach, PRIDE mentors are equipped to deliver lessons on life skills, study skills and self awareness.



This year at PHS it has been our goal to test all students through STAR 360. With students not being in school F2F five days a week for almost a year, we wanted to get a gauge on where each student stood in regard to their reading, writing and math skills. We are testing 9th grade students every month to track their progress and each ninth grade student is also having individual conferences each month with a teacher to go over their most recent score and to set goals for the next STAR 360 assessment. In grades 10-12 grades students are STAR 360 testing three times throughout the year, in the Fall, Winter and Spring. These students will have individual conferences with a teacher before the Spring Assessment of STAR 360. Administration and teachers are using this data to come up with strategies to help every student be as successful in all classes here at PHS.

As we move into the summer and prepare for next school year, we are hopeful that things will continue to get back to normal even more by the start of next school year. With more people getting vaccinated and restrictions being lifted, we have started planning a vision to empower and inspire each child to design the future as effective learners, ethical people, and contributors to a better world no matter the setting. I know this vision will be realized because of the support and partnership with our community, our local businesses, and faith-based organizations who regularly support our students, teachers, and families. We are Stronger Together and will continue to do whatever it takes to remove any and all obstacles that prevent our students from achieving their goals and dreams.



## 2020 - 2021 Highlights

- 162 students on track to receive diplomas
- 52 students will graduate with honors
- 2 students received SAT/ACT honors
- 1 student received the South Carolina Teaching Fellows scholarship
- 75 students received Completer status through CTE
- 1 student earned Chorus All-State
- 1 student earned Orchestra All-State
- 7 Team Region Champions
- 2 Region Players of the Year, 1 Coach of the Year
- 8 Individual Region Champions
- 2 Individual AA Lower State Champions
- 1 Individual AA State Champion
- 3 Individual AA State Qualifiers
- 8 College Athletic Signees