

## School Improvement Council

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Sandra Walker, community  
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Act 135 requires School Improvement Councils to report to parents by April 30 the progress the school is making to achieve the goals and objectives of the strategic plan. It is a report unique to each school developed by the council to share the challenges and successes of the school, students, parents, and teachers for the *current school year*.

*Pelion Middle School is accredited by Advanced Ed (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools).*

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## Report to the Parents

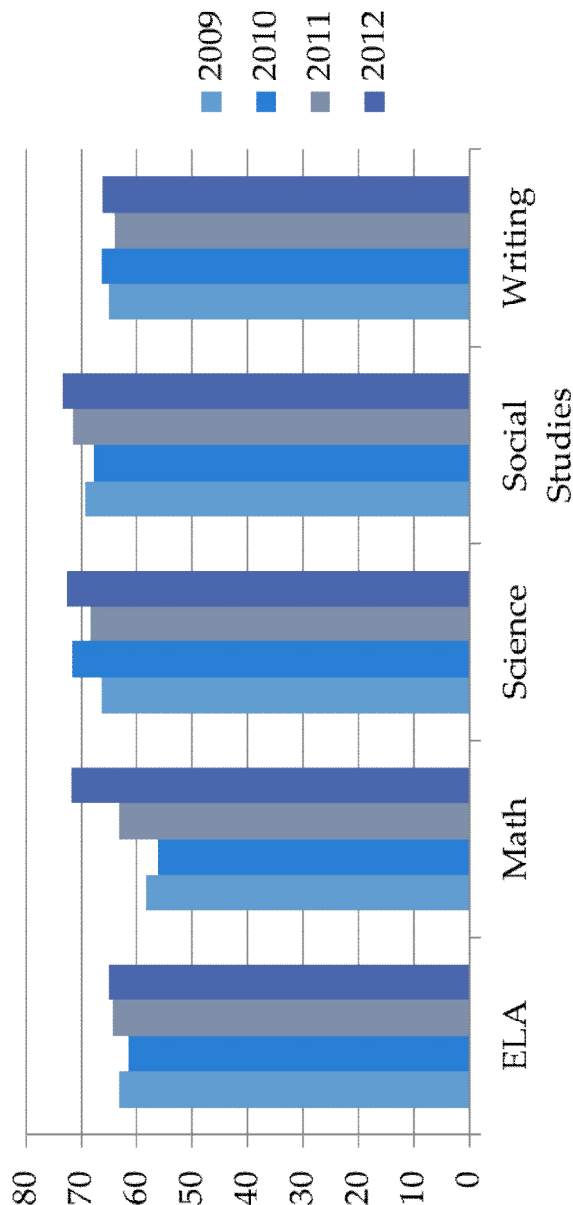
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**The mission of Pelion Middle School—where caring people, academics, the arts and athletics connect—is to prepare students for successful transition to high school as they work towards becoming productive 21<sup>st</sup> century graduates. We will accomplish this mission while serving as a center for community learning.**

## PASS Scores

This chart shows the percentage of students whose PASS scores met or exceeded the standard from the 2009-2010 to 2012-2013 school years.



## We are proud that ...

- Pelion Middle School is a Palmetto Silver Award winner for the second year in a row
- Jessica Keisler is representing PMS as the 2012-13 PMS Teacher of the Year. She is also a finalist for district teacher of the year.
- Five teachers have qualified for National Board Certification
- Valerie Price's classroom was selected by the district for a model technology use video.
- Suzanne Peterson is serving as secretary for the 2012-2013 SC Council of Teachers of Mathematics.
- Five Eighth graders qualified as Junior Scholars.
- Seven Seventh graders participated in the Duke TIP Scholars Talent Identification Program.
- Two 6<sup>th</sup> graders were selected to participate in the Choral Tri-DAC summer program for 2013.
- Four students made Region 2 Honor Band, and one student was selected for All-State Band.
- Pelion Middle School band was given an Excellent rating at the South Carolina concert festival.
- We had a first and third place winner in the SC State Fair Art competition.
- Our drama program will present their first production this Spring.



## Innovative School Programs

Pelion Middle Student Council received the Fort Jackson' Commanding General's Helping Hands Award for community service.

Students participate in service learning projects including a food drive and by raising money for Cystic Fibrosis and Relay for Life.

Focus on Learning, a professional development program for teachers, meets bimonthly.

High School credits are offered in Algebra I, English I, French 1 and Spanish I.

Science /Math Family, Family Literacy, and Guidance nights give families a chance to participate in academic activities.

Teachers and students have worked enthusiastically to enhance instruction with one to one computing.

The 2012-2013 school year marked the introduction of world language into the core curriculum at PMS as well as two new exploratory class offerings, drama and iCivics.

Response to Intervention programs serving students struggling academically in reading and math have shown tremendous success.

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2012	Average	Good
2011	Average	Average
2010	Average	Average
2009	Average	Average
2008	Below Average	Below Average