

School Improvement Council

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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*.

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Report to the Parents

2012

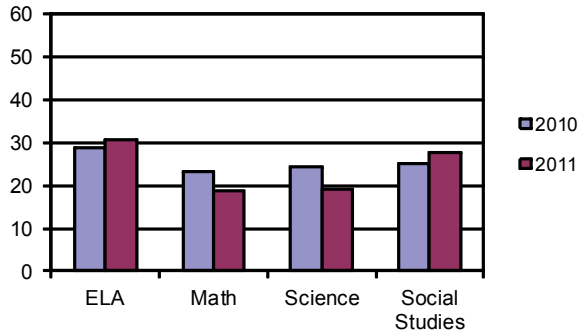


The mission of Pelion Middle School—where caring people, academics, the arts and athletics connect—is to prepare students for successful transition to high school as they work towards becoming productive 21st century graduates. We will accomplish this mission while serving as a center for community learning.

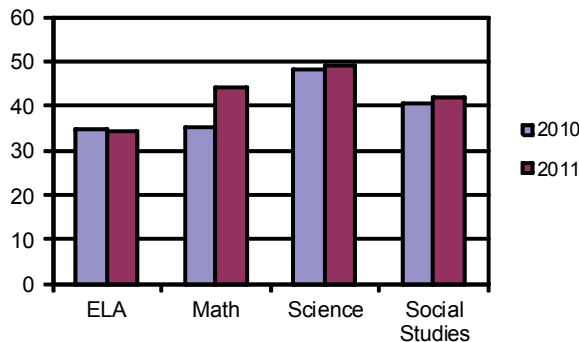
PASS Scores

These charts show an average of PASS scores for the 2009–2010 and 2010–2011 school year.

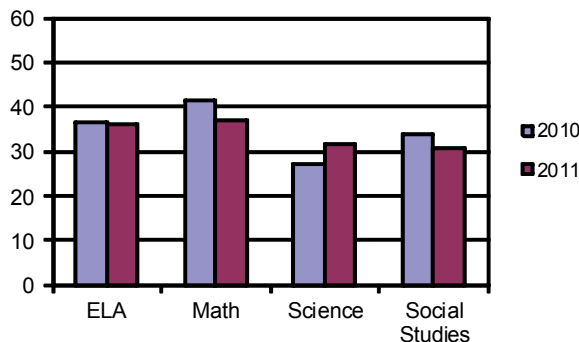
Percent of Students Scoring Exemplary



Percent of Students Meeting Standard



Percent of Students Not Meeting Standard



We are proud that within the last year...

- Pelion Middle School is a Palmetto Silver Award winner.
- Eight eighth-graders qualified as Junior Scholars.
- Seventeen seventh-graders qualified as Duke TIP Scholars.
- We exceeded our Fall MAP growth targets at all three grade levels for Reading and for Mathematics.
- 100% of the Algebra 1 and English 1 students passed the End of Course Tests.
- Three students made District One Honor Band, five students made Region 2 Honor Band, and one student was selected for All-State Band.
- Pelion Middle School band was given a superior rating at the South Carolina concert festival.
- Seven students made District Orchestra.
- A sixth grade student's drawing was chosen as a winning entry for the Spare the Air Calendar contest.
- Over 98% of parents attended eighth-grade conferences.
- We are proud to name Stephanie Creed as the 2011–2012 PMS Teacher of the Year.
- The robotics team placed first in the Research Based Project at the Regional Robotic Qualifier.
- We had nine art entries displayed at the state fair. Two received SC Merit Awards and one was a third place winner.
- Suzanne Peterson is serving as secretary for the 2011–2012 SC Council of Teachers of Mathematics.
- Amy Thomasson received a Michelin Golden Apple Grant for \$250 to put on a drama production.
- Five teachers are currently enrolled in the administrative programs.



Innovative School Programs

To show students how science, technology, engineering, and mathematics are integrated in the real world a STEM lab was added to PMS and Project SOAR brought a Cobra helicopter for students to see.

An Advisor/Advisee Small Group Program based on student interests meets three times a month.

Students participate in service learning projects including a food drive, cell phone drive, Hero Mail, military care packages, and spring treat bags for Eldercare.

Pelion Middle French students collaborate with a Beffroi Middle School of France via Skype, blogging and VoiceThread.

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

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

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

A PBIS system rewards student for positive behaviors.

A Healthy Schools team was created to educate staff, students and the Pelion community about living healthy lifestyles.

An iPad pilot program was launched in an eighth-grade classroom.

A summer book club featured a visit from author Ann Haywood Leal.

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