

Pelion Middle School

2021-2022

SIC Report to the Parents

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“Always Growing”

Enrollment Summary (Total Number of Students)	Statistics (Staff and Students)
6th Grade: 229 7th Grade: 182 8th Grade: 184 Total Student Enrollment: 595	National Board Certified Teachers: 5 Highly Qualified Teachers: 100% Teachers with Advanced Degrees: 28 Students qualified for Duke TIP Testing: 1
Total Faculty and Staff: 87	

Clubs, Sports, Organizations, and Extracurricular Activities

<i>FFA Robotics LOCC PMS News Crew PMS Dance Team District Honors Art Archery</i>	<i>Football Volleyball Girls and Boys Basketball Cheerleading ***Baseball, Golf, Softball, Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis, Track, Wrestling, Marching Band, and Winter Guard are all available through Pelion High</i>
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Power Skills and Student Success

Relationships: Advocacy Structure

At Pelion Middle, students are encouraged to “find their voice” in the classroom and through school leadership roles. Through this guidance, students learn and apply life-ready leadership skills. In the school’s advocacy structure, students participate in service, acknowledge multiple perspectives, participate in team-building, and conduct character reflection as a means of laying the foundation for success in middle school and beyond. Students also plan family engagement nights, school orientations, and school-level service projects. Through the facilitation of this work, students lead their learning and craft their destinies.

Family Engagement Nights

We host regular Family Engagement Activities in an effort to encourage family involvement in the educational process. Navigating Schoology Support Session, Navigating PowerSchool Support Session, Panther Family Engagement Night, Title I Annual Parent Meeting, Title I Planning Team, School Improvement Council Meeting, Turkey Bowl Food Drive, Community Coat Drive, Ready4K Family Fun Workshops, PMS Family Bingo, Dealing with Digital Drama, Mayhem Maze and our End of the Year Drive-Thru Celebration are just a few of the events that we sponsor to welcome families and continue strengthening relationships.

Paideia Partnership

Pelion Middle has been able to increase student engagement, impact student achievement, and provide sources of support and advocacy across all grade levels and content areas. Through a most recent partnership with the Paideia Institute, Pelion Middle continues to foster an environment in which students learn actively, make connections, think critically, and set academic goals. As a Paideia Institute partner, students have grown in their ability to communicate and access more complex texts.

Learning Supports

Staff continue to strengthen practices in order to establish and leverage relationships among a collaborative team and are committed not only to student growth but also to professional growth. All certified staff members participate in professional learning sessions in an effort to identify and implement best practices, self-assess and reflect upon their own instructional practices, and engage in the implementation of strategies that represent the most effective, impactful pedagogy. Staff members work to gain a deep understanding of the culture that represents and supports PMS students, their families, and the community while building and maintaining relationships, structures, and systems.

We continue to employ a push-in model for Response-to-Intervention (RTI) in both English Language Arts and math to ensure that student needs are being met in the general education setting. Through the Workshop Model, we maximize student learning opportunities and provide timely, meaningful feedback and assessment through which to adjust instruction and enrich learning experiences across content areas.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Eight students won 1st place in the State FFA Conduct of Chapter Development Event.
Orchestra/Band: Superior in sight-reading, Excellent in Performance in CPA
The Archery team made Regionals and will head to Kentucky to compete in Nationals.
District Honors Art: 6 students
One student was named a Junior Scholar (PSAT score).
Thirty-two 8th grade students participated in the Midlands Regional Business and Industry Showcase.
Four students won 2nd place in middle school Livestock judging.
FFA - Represented in Nationals in Indianapolis for state chapter award
Four students won 1st place in middle school in floriculture
Five students made it into Tri-Dac: Visual Arts, Band, Chorus, Orchestra (2)
Three students won an Honorable Mention (and \$25) for their entry in a French video contest. The video was to encourage people to visit a French speaking country (other than France). Their video was in French and about Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa.
Students who participated in the PMS Counseling One Team small group reduced the number of overall failing grades by 46%.
Brandy Wood, 6th Grade Math Teacher, was announced the 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year.
Meshia Gantt, Resource Teacher, Completion of an advanced degree
Amy Thomasson successfully renewed her National Boards
PMS Counseling renewed their RAMP certification (the only department in SC)
Laura Beckham, our DLC, was certified as an Apple Learning Coach (first in district).
Andrew Chavarria - awarded the SC Arts Commission Grant (Arts teacher support grant)

School Improvement Council (SIC)

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