

Pelion Middle School

2021-2022

SIC Report to the Parents

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“Celebrating Our Past. Building for Our Future.”

Enrollment Summary (Total Number of Students)	Statistics (Staff and Students)
6th Grade: 178 7th Grade: 169 8th Grade: 174 Total Student Enrollment: 521	National Board Certified Teachers: 5 Highly Qualified Teachers: 100% Teachers with Advanced Degrees: 27 Students qualified for Duke TIP Testing: 1
Total Faculty and Staff: 90	

Clubs, Sports, Organizations, and Extracurricular Activities

<i>FFA Robotics LOCC PMS News Crew</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

Students and teachers work to build powerful relationships through our Advocacy structure. Teachers and students work together to build PowerSkills in students of accountability, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, interpersonal skills, integrity, perseverance, and a willingness to take risks.

Family Engagement Nights

We host regular Family Engagement Activities in an effort to encourage family involvement in the educational process. Lexington One Families Day, Ready4K Family Fun Workshops, Are you Smarter Than a Middle Schooler?, and Let's Get Crafty! are just a few of the events that we sponsor to welcome families and continue strengthening relationships.

Paideia Partnership

In order to provide students with learning opportunities to practice critical thinking and communication skills, PMS continued a partnership with the Paideia Center. Through this active learning, students and staff participated in Paideia Socratic seminars that provided access to complex texts. This work increased our student-to-student dialogue and a deeper understanding of content.

Learning Supports

We 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 implementation of 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. Our school's partnership with Teachers College, implementation of the *Lucy Calkins Units of Study*, and ELA Model Classroom provides us with the necessary tools and resources to collaborate, remediate instruction, and enrich as necessary. In addition, students were provided with take-home books that matched their reading level to build a home library.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Pelion Middle School staff successfully moved from 758 Magnolia Street to a new campus at 325 Main Street in December 2020 and January 2021.

Our Spanish teacher, Mrs. Jessica Oberly, was selected to present at SCOLT 21.

Ms. Whitney Wiles, 6th grade Math teacher, was selected as a Top Ten Finalist for District Teacher of the Year.

Brandy Wood (7th grade Social Studies teacher) and Jen May (8th grade Science teacher) earned the prestigious Dr. Elizabeth Gressette Scholarship from the Palmetto State Teachers Association.

Our Director of Counseling, Clayton Henke, was highlighted by SCETV during National School Counseling Week.

Successful student participation in the virtual Veteran's Day program

Several students participated with the Floriculture team, Tool ID team, and Agronomy team. One of our students also won the Middle School division in Mr. FFA.

School Improvement Council (SIC)

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