

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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Pelion Middle School

Report to the Parents

2011



In partnership with our community, the mission of Pelion Middle School is to enable all students to be thinking, productive, and responsible citizens in an ever-changing world. This mission is accomplished by providing innovative, challenging instructional programs characterized by effective teaching, active learning and technological integration in a safe, nurturing, and positive environment in which each student will seek his or her full potential.

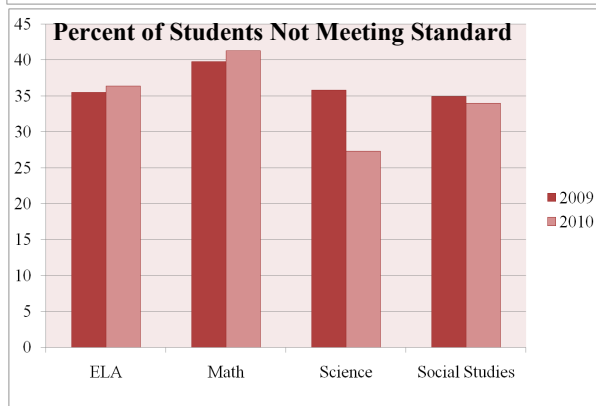
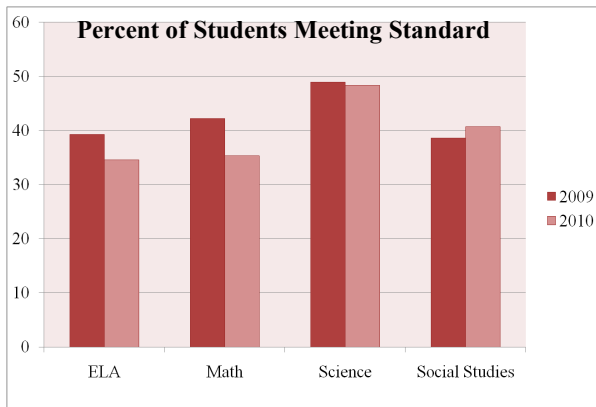
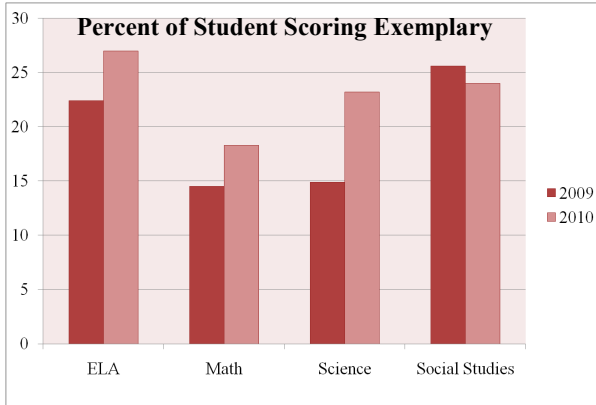
2010 South Carolina Annual Report Card Summary

Absolute Rating
Growth Rating

Average
Average

PASS Scores

These charts show an average of PASS scores for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school year.



We are proud that within the last year...

- Seven Eighth graders qualified as Junior Scholars.
- 30 Seventh graders qualified as Duke TIP Scholars.
- Seven students made District Orchestra.
- Over 98% of parents attended 8th grade conferences, up from 95% last year.
- We are proud to name Traci Holcomb as the 2010-2011 PMS Teacher of the Year. She was also recognized as a district finalist in the Teacher of the Year process.
- Seven PMS teachers are National Board Certified.
- Two of our faculty members presented at the 2010 South Carolina Business and Education Summit .
- Teacher, Elizabeth Whisennant, presented at the S. C. Formative Assessment conference.
- Five teachers presented at the 2011 District Instructional Fair.
- In the last two years, faculty members have written two grants that were funded for more than \$64000.
- 100% of the Algebra 1 and English 1 students passed the End of Course Tests.
- Teacher, Suzanne Peterson, is serving as secretary for the 2010-2011 SC Council of Teachers of Mathematics.
- Two teachers will be completing the administrative cohort this year and another four are beginning in January.
- Our Teacher of the Year has been named as a district finalist for the third year in a row.
- We are adding three outdoor learning areas to PMS with the assistance of grant funding and volunteers.

Innovative School Programs

2010-2011 marks our fifth year with a robotics program.

Student Reading Council works with our Media Specialist to plan reading activities including the Literacy night and Summer Reading festival.

Advisor/Advisee Small Group Program for all students meets three times a month and now includes student interest groups.

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

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

Literacy Tuesday, a professional development program for teachers, meets bimonthly.

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

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

Free math tutoring is offered every day after school.

Active recycling club and program is expanding at PMS

PMS school sixth grade teachers are piloting a literacy program to increase student engagement

