

Pelion Middle School

2022-2023

SIC Report to the Parents

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Enrollment Summary (Total Number of Students)	Statistics (Staff and Students)
6th Grade: 167 7th Grade: 215 8th Grade: 178 Total Student Enrollment: 560	Certified Employees: 54 Support Staff: 28 National Board Certified Educators: 3 Teachers with Advanced Degrees: 27 Teachers in 1st or 2nd Year of Teaching: 8

Clubs, Sports, Organizations, and Extracurricular Activities

<i>Archery District Honors Art Fellowship of Christian Athletes Future Farmers of America Intramural Soccer LOCC Pep Squad Robotics</i>	<i>Football Volleyball Girls and Boys Basketball Cheerleading Wrestling Baseball ***Golf, Softball, Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis, Track, Marching Band, and Winter Guard are all available through Pelion High School</i>
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Goals

1. Increase family engagement and community partnerships.

Family Engagement

We host regular Family Engagement Activities in an effort to encourage family involvement in the educational process. Mayhem Maze, Spooky STEAM Night, Pelion Area Schools Showcase, and Literacy Night are just a few of the events that we sponsor to welcome families and continue strengthening relationships.

Community Partnerships and Outreach

This year we have worked to establish and strengthen many community partnerships with area businesses and churches. Throughout the year these groups have supported us with supplies and at our engagement nights. We have also continued our community outreach with Turkey Bowl Food Drive, Community Coat Drive, Pelion Middle Pantry, and restocking the Pelion food cabinet and lending library.

2. Accelerate student academic growth.

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. This school year marked our first as a Nationally Certified Paideia Certified School.

Learning Supports

We employ a continuum of supports for Response-to-Intervention (RTI) and special education. Based on student need, this could include push-in services in English Language Arts and/or math or additional support during an exploratory.

Workshop Model

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 intentional professional learning and partnerships with district coordinators provide us with the necessary tools and resources to collaborate, remediate instruction, and enrich as necessary. We are also thrilled to have an ELA, Math, and Science Model Classroom. These classrooms allow our teachers as well as those across the district to see best practices in action.

After-school Program

This year we were excited again to offer our after-school program for students in need of additional academic support. Teachers prepared enrichment lessons, tracked student data, and aided with work completion. The six to 1 student to teacher ratio helped to personalize learning and meet the individual needs of the students served.

3. Provide students with more experiences outside of the classroom.

Field Trips

All grade levels were able to go on field trips again this school year. Sixth grade students visited the Battle of Aiken and Duke Energy. Seventh graders visited RiverBanks Zoo and Gardens. Eighth grade students visited Historic Camden and the Revolutionary war Visitor Center. Eighth graders also were able to visit Pelion High School and the Lexington Technology Center to explore speciality areas they can pursue in high school. Our FFA was able to take several trips to see agribusiness at work and even visited the State House to learn about current laws impacting agriculture and farmers. Our French 1 students took a trip to experience authentic French food and our 7th grade Spanish students traveled to Pelion Elementary to present plays in Spanish to kindergarten students.

Accomplishments

Our school counseling department is a Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP). We are one of only eleven RAMP certified programs in South Carolina.
Pelion Middle became a Nationally Certified Paideia Seminar School.
Pelion Middle Archery placed 1st in state.
17 students were selected for District Honors Orchestra, one student was selected for Region Orchestra, and one student was accepted to Tri-DAC for the violin.
Pelion Marching Pride placed 3rd in SC 2A State Championship.
Three students were selected for District Honors Band and four students were selected for Region Band.
Two students were selected for District Honors Chorus.
15 students were selected for District Honors Art.
John Leneschmidt was awarded the Michelin Robotics Grant and Vex Robotics Grant.
Two of our teachers and coaches were named coaches in the North/South All-Star Games. Elizabeth Peeples was named Head Volleyball Coach for the North and Larry Poole was named as the Defensive Coordinator for the North for football.
Our FFA placed second in the State Middle School Dairy Judging and had a member place first in Dairy Handling.

School Improvement Council (SIC)

<i>Tabitha Causey - Chair</i>
<i>Amanda Bass, parent</i> <i>Ashley Bishop, teacher & 7th grade lead</i> <i>Casey Hill, parent</i> <i>Christopher Johnson, lead interventionist & Teacher of the Year</i> <i>Jason Lehmann, assistant principal</i> <i>Jessica Keisler, principal</i> <i>Jen May, teacher & 8th grade lead</i> <i>Kayla Meerman, parent liaison & project specialist</i> <i>Bonnie Owens, parent</i> <i>John Rebolji, community partner & parent</i> <i>Anna Russell, business partner & parent</i> <i>Kearstin Van Buren, parent</i> <i>Joi Walden, assistant principal</i> <i>Ashley Wilson, parent</i> <i>Brandy Wood, teacher & 6th grade lead</i>