

School Achievements

- National PTA School of Excellence 2022-2024
- Special Olympics Unified Champion School
- National PTA Grant Recipient
- Lexington One Educational Foundation Innovation Grant Award Winner
- Lexington One Educational Foundation Bucks for Books Grant Award Winner
- Lexington One Educational Foundation International Teacher Grant Recipient
- Bronze Level—USDA Healthier US School
- Green Steps School
- Accredited by SC Department of Education and Cognia
- 2023-2024 PHES Teacher of the Year – Catherine Hood
- 2023-2024 PHES Support Staff of the Year – Amy Rhymer



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PHES SIC Members

Crystal Levine, <i>Parent</i>	Chair
Leigh Glenn, <i>PTA President</i>	Vice Chair
Lauren Cone, <i>Parent</i>	Secretary

Jennifer Askins, *Parent*
 Gina Castaneda, *Community Member*
 Justin Hydrick, *Community Member*
 Meagan Kerr, *Teacher*
 Jim Miles, *Parent*
 Cheryl Shiffman, *Teacher*
 Izzy Wise, *Community Member*

PHES Administrators

Margaret B. Mitchum, *Principal*
 Kate Berresford, *Assistant Principal*
 Kelly Middleton, *Assistant Principal*



Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the Pleasant Hill Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.”

Pleasant Hill Elementary School

**“Preparing and Honoring
Every Student”**

Annual School Improvement Council Report to Families

2023-2024



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Our Vision:

Empower each child to design the future.

Our Mission:

Cultivate a caring community where ALL learners are extraordinary communicators, collaborators, creators, and critical thinkers.

Our Theme This Year:

Our future is bright!

SIC Accomplishments

Again this year, the SIC made goals based on a survey of families conducted to identify what areas for improvement exist at PHES. Our accomplishments, based on those goals, are explained below.

- **Increased two-way communication and feedback with families:** The SIC continued to use surveys to receive feedback from families. SIC website is updated monthly with meeting minutes.
- **Became a Unified Champion School:** The SIC, in conjunction with PTA and school staff, applied for and implemented the activities necessary to become a Special Olympics Unified Champion School.
- **Improved Field Day:** SIC worked with school administration and staff to increase the duration of field day for each grade level and partnered with Lexington High School coaches to oversee activity stations.
- **Improved grounds maintenance:** In conjunction with PTA, SIC worked to identify and fund an initial grounds cleanup. Conversations are also in place with the District to better fund grounds maintenance labor.
- **Improved school lunches:** SIC redistributed a flyer explaining lunch options to families and continued relationships with Food Service & Nutrition to include students in lunch decisions.
- **Improved outdoor lighting:** SIC and school administration worked with District staff to install additional lighting around portables to improve safety for teachers and students.
- **Diversity in school staff:** SIC worked with District staff to incorporate strategies for a more diverse teaching staff into the Strategic Plan.
- **Completed new playground installation:** A new playground was installed in August 2023.



Student Achievement

Student Test Data – SC READY/SC PASS Percent of Students Scoring Meets or Exceeds

		2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
Math (SC READY)				
	3 rd	69%	70%	70%
	4 th	53%	59%	57%
	5 th	63%	57%	48%
ELA (SC READY)				
	3 rd	74%	65%	60%
	4 th	70%	72%	68%
	5 th	79%	66%	54%
Science (SC PASS)				
	4 th	42%	62%	56%

State of South Carolina Annual Report Card Ratings

Category	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
Overall Rating	Good	Good	N/A
Academic Achievement	Excellent	Excellent	N/A
Preparing for Success	Average	Good	N/A
English Learners' Progress	Excellent	Excellent	N/A
Student Progress	Average	Below Average	N/A
School Climate	Average	Average	N/A

For more information, you may view Pleasant Hill Elementary's "S.C. School Report Card" online at screportcards.com.



Student Test Data – STAMP Spanish Proficiency for Immersion Students

The STAMP (Standards-based Measurements of Proficiency) test is an online assessment of reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills in a foreign language. Data below is from 2022-2023 school year.

	Bench- mark	Lex One Average	PHES	
Listening				
	3 rd	4	3.8	4.0
	4 th	4-5	4.8	4.8
	5 th	5	4.8	5.1
Speaking				
	3 rd	3	3.3	3.8
	4 th	3-4	4.4	5.1
	5 th	3-4	4.1	4.3
Reading				
	3 rd	3-4	3.0	3.3
	4 th	4	4.2	4.8
	5 th	4-5	4.3	5.0
Writing				
	3 rd	2-3	2.9	3.6
	4 th	3	3.9	4.5
	5 th	3-4	4.0	4.5