



2025 - 2026

SIC REPORT TO FAMILIES

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ARTS ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

- Arts in the Basic Curriculum Certified School and Grant Recipient
- Fine Arts Showcase (Winter & Spring) showcasing dance, creative writing, fine arts, music, and theater.

ART

Four entries submitted to SCAEA Central Region Art Show

BAND

Superior with Distinction at Concert Performance Assessment (CPA)

CHOIR

11 Students were accepted into Lexington One's District Honor Choir

2 Students were accepted into SCADA

21 Students participated in SCMEA 6th Clinic

5 Students will go for Judication on April 18 at Solo and Ensemble

DANCE

Dance Team SCDA State Championship first place in Pom, second place in Jazz, and 3rd place in Hip Hop.

ORCHESTRA

Superior at CPA

18 orchestra students accepted to the Lexington One Honor Orchestra

3 students in Orchestra won the 2025 SCMEA Region

MUSICAL THEATRE/THEATRE

Productions of Dare to Dream for 7th and 8th grade; Participants in State-level Theatre Competition Team: 1st place readers theatre, 1st place musical theatre, 2nd place group acting, 2nd place oral interpretation, 3rd place impromptu, and 3rd place duet acting

% of Students At or Above Grade Level

i-Ready Reading	6	7	8
Fall	46	42	53
Winter	55	51	54
Spring	65	52	57
+/-	+19	+10	+4

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, INITIATIVES, & AWARDS

- For the third consecutive year, we achieved an EXCELLENT rating on the School Report Card.
- Merrissa Ritch was named as PHMS Teacher of the Year.
- Jon Williams was recognized as Support Staff Member of the Year.
- Lori McKelvey was awarded State Communication Arts Teacher of the Year.
- We welcomed a third Assistant Principal to our team.
- Our PTSA generously donated three new water stations for our students.
- We celebrated the Top Summer Student Readers Award.
- We held our first-ever Ice Bucket Challenge, raising over \$1,300 for the Special Olympics.
- The Washington D.C. trip returned for our 8th graders.
- We received a Happy Coffee Grant with help from our PTSA.
- We received funding through the SCPTA Endowment Fund for an outdoor space for our teachers.
- Our Exploratory and World Language teams collaborated with our 6th-grade team to present "A Night at the Museum," highlighting the integration of core disciplines into art and bringing it to life!

% of Students At or Above Grade Level

i-Ready Math	6	7	8
Fall	39	29	38
Winter	55	37	44
Spring	63	45	50
+/-	+24	+16	+12

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

VOLLEYBALL

2 LEX 10 All-Conference Performers

FOOTBALL

2 LEX 10 All-Conference Performers

CHEER

2nd Place in The Tomahawk Classic

2 LEX 10 All-Conference Players

BASKETBALL

LEX 10 Playoffs (girls)

2 LEX 10 All-Conference Players (girls)

2 LEX 10 All-Conference players (boys)

TRACK AND FIELD

3 Event Winners in the Lex 10 Conference Meet



8th Grade Symphonic Band CPA Superior with Distinction



PTSA Year Ahead Student Event

BE COMMITTED.  **BE CARING.**  **BE COURAGEOUS.**



8th Grade DC Field Study