

Pleasant Hill Middle School

2022-2023

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

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COUGAR ACHIEVEMENTS 22-23

Academic and Arts

- Highest Middle School STAMP (World Language) Test Scores for middle school in the district, 2022
- 22 8th Grade Junior Scholars (PSAT)
- Cougar Pride Yearbook 2022 given a superior rating by the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association
- PHMS named an Arts in the Basic Curriculum Certified School through the South Carolina Arts Commission
- Dance Team 2023 Middle School State Champions (second year in a row!);
- The CAT Orchestra (BMS and PHMS combined) first place winners in the Middle School Orchestra Division at the Smoky Mountain Music Festival in Gatlinburg, TN on 4.14.23.
- Four 6th Grade and five 7th Grade PHMS Orchestra students received Superior ratings, while three 7th grade PHMS Orchestra students received Superior Plus ratings at SCMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival held on 4.21-22.23.
- Three 8th Grade, four 7th Grade, and one 6th Grade PHMS Orchestra students selected to participate in the Lexington One Middle School District Honors Orchestra held at Lexington High School on 2.8-9.23.
- Individual Orchestra students were selected to participate in the SCMEA Region Orchestra and All-State Orchestra, and one 7th grade student was named a "Rising Star," and will be playing a violin solo at the Piccolo Spoleto in Charleston, SC on 5.29.23.
- Two 6th Grade Students represented PHMS at the 2023 ACDA National Honor Choirs in Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb 22-25.
- Teacher of the Year - Lori McKelvey, Theatre (Named Top 10 in the District)
- Staff Person of the Year - LG Denny, Head Custodian



Athletics

- Lexington Ten Girls Basketball Champions, 17 - 0 record
- Lexington Ten Track and Field Championship
 - Champions Boys Track 4 X 100 Relay
 - 2nd Place Girls Track 4 X 100 Relay
- First Place individual finishes - Boys Long Jump, Girls 100M and Girls 200M
- Cheer Team 1st Place finish at Tomahawk Classic

School Website:

<https://www.lexington1.net/PHMS>

Initiatives and Strategies

- First Annual Student-led Conferences were held on 10.6.22 and 1.31-2.1.23, in which students demonstrated responsibility for their learning by reviewing academic/personal goals with their families through an in-person meeting facilitated by the students' Empower teachers.
- Empower is class time led by faculty members who facilitate as an adult advocate; students have three Empower class periods a week with designated time to work in i-Ready Personalized Pathways, to complete class work, to seek extra help from teachers, to make up tests, and/or to participate in clubs on select Wednesdays.
- In i-Ready Personalize Learning Pathways students receive individual math and reading practice in the i-Ready platform to build skill gaps for each student as personalized intervention and extension of learning opportunities.
- PHMS received an Arts in the Basic Curriculum Grant, which paid for supplies for the 8th grade SS Exhibition, 3 artists-in-residents experiences for PHMS students, the 6th grade field study to the Columbia Marionette Theatre, and travel for a PHMS educator team of six to the National Arts Educators Association Conference in San Antonio, TX.
- In the 8th Grade Social Studies Exhibition, 20th Century American Frontiers, students selected and made a claim about a US History topic, creating projects in the form of display boards, documentaries, essays, websites, or performances to prove their claim with evidence in an exhibition on March 16, 2023.
- PHMS offers Spanish and German Immersion programs; students take two classes in the target language for the year, including a high school credit-bearing language class and Passport to the Speaking World. Students in 6th and 7th Grade are also in Immersion Empower classes three days a week.
- WEB, which stands for "Where Everybody Belongs," is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes 6th graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, the program trains selected 8th grade students to be WEB Leaders.
- Teachers participate in Professional Learning (PL) by working in content area vertical Professional Learning Communities regularly; this year, Lead Teachers participated in Learning Walks, and small teams of PHMS teachers also participated in a Learning Walk and a Lab Site with Cornelius Minor, a consulting author, speaker, and Instructional Coach, as well as school-based ELA and Math Lab Sites led by PHMS teachers.
- Based on assessment data, identified students received academic interventions in Language Arts and Math in co-taught classes with two content area teachers, and other identified students received instruction in Math Labs with a Math Interventionist. The Lead Interventionist monitored student progress through the year, meeting with teachers and administrators to discuss strategies to improve student achievement.
- In the PTSA, Parents, students, and staff work together to raise money that supports school programs, initiatives and student activities, such as the Halloween Dance, Movie Night, 8th Grade Dance, and the end-of-the-year Cougar Bash.

Student Achievement

i-Ready Reading Assessment:
On-grade level or above

i-Ready Math Assessment:
On-grade level or above

	Aug.	Jan.	April		Aug.	Jan.	April
6th	43%	34%	53%	6th	39%	51%	61%
7th	51%	50%	54%	7th	30%	38%	43%
8th	53%	52%	49%	8th	27%	35%	39%

Course	% earning "A" or "B" Sem. 1
ELA	73.2%
Math	61.8%
Science	73.7%
Social St.	72.2%

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