

Pendleton High School

Annual Report to Parents

2019-2020

Pendleton High School has many highlights to share from the 2019-2020 school year. The entire Pendleton High School community has continued to strive for academic excellence during the past school year. All of the stakeholders that are involved with PHS and Anderson District 4 make student achievement our top priority.

College and Career Readiness

The school spent time this year recruiting underrepresented groups into taking Advanced Placement classes. We are one of only 1% of all schools nationwide that have attained AP equity. This means that our Advanced Placement population matches our overall student population. Research shows that taking an AP course in high school helps students be more successful in college courses. Supports are in place to help students enrolled in AP classes be successful. These include advisor remediation, peer tutoring, a partnership with the Clemson University Honors College, Bulldog Success, and AP Ramp Up. Staff has worked to continue raising the rigor of honors level course curriculum through vertical alignment initiatives. We had over 70 students take AP Computer Science Principles where they had the opportunity to learn within the Edhesive Program which makes Pendleton High School a Future Engineering school, one of only about 100 schools in the United States.

The school continues to promote opportunities for students to be involved in our Career Technology Education programs. Over 600 students have requested to take CTE courses through either the Anderson Institute of Technology or Pendleton High School during the academic year. When a student completes a CTE program and earns an industry certificate, the state of South Carolina recognizes the student as career ready. During the 19-20 school year CTE teachers were trained in and began implementing MicroBurst Employability Skills curriculum which prepares students for workplace success and an Employability certification.

Pendleton High School is committed to prepare students to be college or career ready and has proven success with this through the large selection of AP courses offered, the CTE courses on campus and at AIT where students earn credentials, ACT and SAT preparation, WIN training, and ASVAB preparation.

COVID-19 Update

This year the staff was virtual from March 16 through the end of the year. The faculty and staff went above and beyond to make sure that our students continued to receive instruction during the pandemic. Pendleton High School was already a one to one device school so the staff and students were more prepared than most schools in the state and nation. We also understood that not all students were able to access the internet and the other resources that were available to some students. The staff distributed free WiFi hotspots to some families and made alternate assignments that did not require the internet for others. The staff of Pendleton High were heroes during the Spring.

Student Achievement

We are very proud of the achievements of our students and our school. Career and Technology programs continue to excel. The CTE department earned several honors. FFA brought home a national championship to start the academic year and won regional competitions in tractor operations, rabbitry,

and show. They also earned a state championship in Floriculture. FCCLA competed at the national level earning a silver rating in addition to participating in the fall leadership conference and competing in Star events at the state level. The Career and Tech depart also awarded completer status and credentials to many students. The Pride of Pendleton Marching Band won the Class AA State Championship. Our athletic teams were able to excel given the extraordinary circumstances.

Pendleton High School continues to work to maintain a learning environment where all students can be successful. We believe that the education of the whole child is our most important job, and we strive to provide each student with a personalized learning experience. We are very proud of the students in our school and the community that we serve. We will continue the endeavor to provide the very best educational opportunities possible to every child.