

## **Pendleton High School**

### **Annual Report to Parents**

**2020-2021**

Pendleton High School has many highlights to share from the 2020-2021 school year. The entire Bulldog 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**

This school year has been unlike any other. Pendleton High School successfully brought students back to the building for face-to-face instruction while adhering to CDC, SC DHEC, and district guidelines. We also rolled out a Virtual Learning Academy to accommodate the educational needs of a portion of our learners and redesigned instruction to address learning gaps based on power standards. Teachers integrated AVID instructional strategies in their classrooms, and we enhanced schoolwide literacy with self-selected book clubs. Our AP program continues to promote learning and rigor in the classroom; our partnership with Clemson University's Honors College has provided invaluable academic support to our Honors and AP students.

The school continues to promote opportunities for students to be involved in our Career Technology Education programs. For the 2020-2021 school year, 320 students have requested to take CTE courses through either the Anderson Institute of Technology or Pendleton High School next year and enrollment continues to be high in the CTE programs we house on our campus. When a student completes a CTE program and earns an industry certificate, the state of South Carolina recognizes the student as career ready. This year students who are completers on our campus have participated in Microburst Learning EmployABILITY Training to earn industry certificates. There are 62 CTE completers in the class of 2021. We will continue to work as a school to prepare more students to be college or career ready through AP courses, CTE courses, ACT and SAT preparation, WIN training, and ASVAB preparation.

#### **COVID-19 Update**

This year the staff development emphasis at Pendleton High School was focused on updating our learning management system to become more efficient in digital instructional strategies. Teachers transitioned from using Google Classroom as our primary learning management system to using Schoology. Teachers have worked to build entire courses in Schoology that combine teaching, learning, and assessment all in the same, easy to access platform. Approximately 180 high school students received instruction through our Virtual Learning Academy. Course content was delivered through Apex Learning in addition to daily meetings with their teachers through Zoom. Teachers relied heavily on technology including, chromebooks, chromebits, laptops, cleartouches, and tablets.

## **Student Achievement**

We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and our school; despite restrictions on extra-curricular activities and competitions, the Bulldogs have continued to work towards excellence both in and out of the classroom. Our CTE department found ways to involve students in hands-on activities and have overcome challenges faced due to the pandemic. Pendleton High School met all of the Perkins Indicators for the current school year. FFA won a state championship in Soil Judging and Land Evaluation and placed 2nd in the state in Agronomy. The Career and Tech department also awarded national level certifications to many students. In athletics, Pendleton competed in Region 1-3A, bringing home the region championship in Boys Cross Country.

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 to endeavor to provide the very best educational opportunities possible to every child.