

Pendleton High School  
Annual Report to Parents  
2016-2017

Pendleton High School has many highlights to share from the 2016-2017 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.

### **High Schools That Work (HSTW)**

Pendleton High School is a member of the Southern Region Education Board High Schools That Work network. This reform model is the platform that we use to ensure that we use research-proven strategies to help our students excel. This year we focused on two of the 10 key practices. They were raising rigor in the classroom and extra-help. The school spent time this year working a department wide grading and extra-help policy. A period was added to the middle of the school day in efforts to give students the opportunity to receive remediation, tutoring, retesting. Many students are taking advantage of our tutoring period. Each department has a clear set of guidelines for the re-taking of tests. This has allowed our teachers the opportunity to give more rigorous and meaningful assessment.

### **One to World Initiative**

This year the staff development emphasis at Pendleton High School was focused on enhancing our one to one computing environment. Teachers continue to use the Google applications platform, as well as a multitude of online applications that only serve to enhance the learning environment at Pendleton. All PHS students were issued a Chromebook at the beginning of the school year for their instructional use. Training was provided for all students on appropriate use of such technology as well. This use of technology has transformed how students learn and teachers teach. All teachers are using the Google Classroom, as well as many other Google based platform applications. Using our Chromebooks continues to prepare our students for the skills and knowledge necessary in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

### **Student Achievement**

We are very proud of the achievements of our students and our school. On the South Carolina School Report Card, Pendleton High School received an Absolute Rating of Excellent. Our school was named a Palmetto Gold School by the SC Department of Education for our outstanding report card. Students won the AA Track State Championship last year, as well as multiple FFA, HOSA, and SkillsUSA championships. Students are achieving exemplary scores on a variety of Career and Technology certifications we offer at

Pendleton as well. These scores give us the confidence to know that the school is providing authentic and relevant learning opportunities for our students. Pendleton High School was recently named 21<sup>st</sup> on their list of top high schools in the state of South Carolina, by US News and World Report. Pendleton is the only high school in the Anderson, Oconee, Pickens districts to be named in this top tier. We are also increasing our enrollment in Advanced Placement courses through our Lead Higher Initiative, thus providing a more rigorous sequence of courses for students that prepare students for college and beyond.

Pendleton High School continues to work on maintaining 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 work to ensure that they receive the very best education possible.