

Pendleton High School

Annual Report to Parents

2018-2019

Pendleton High School has many highlights to share from the 2018-2019 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 through our Equal Opportunity Schools Program. 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, Bulldog Success, and AP Ramp Up. Staff is also focusing on raising the rigor of honors level course curriculum through vertical alignment initiatives. The school continues to promote opportunities for students to be involved in our Career Technology Education programs. For the 2019-2020 school year, 610 students have requested to take CTE courses through either the Anderson Institute of Technology or Pendleton High School next year. When a student completes a CTE program and earns an industry certificate, the state of South Carolina recognizes the student as career ready. 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.

One to World Initiative

This year the staff development emphasis at Pendleton High School was to continue updating our one-to-one computing environment. Teachers are using Google Classroom as a learning management system and are updating weekly lesson plans in Google Calendar, which is visible to students and parents. Chromebooks have been updated to touch screens to provide students with more interactive learning tools. A chromebit was added to each classroom as an additional instructional device. In addition to the chromebit, teachers have been able to pilot using ClearTouch screens in their classrooms this year. Due to the positive impact on instruction, ClearTouch screens are currently being added to each classroom as a learning station as we prepare for full implementation next year.

Student Achievement

We are very proud of the achievements of our students and our school. Career and Technology programs continue to excel. Pendleton High School met all of the Perkins Indicators for the current school year. The CATE department also won several state championships in FFA, HOSA, and FCCLA. The Career and Tech depart also awarded national level certifications to many students. The Pride of

Pendleton Marching Band won the Class AA State Championship. Our football and boys basketball teams won the region titles and our track teams will soon be competing in the state meet.

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.