

School Achievements

The Pickens Middle School Band earned an Excellent rating for their Concert Band Performance Assessment. Four students were invited to participate in the All-County band; one student in Region band; one student in All-State band; and one student received a summer scholarship.

Seventeen Pickens Middle School students are in the Pickens High School band, winners of the 3A State Band Competition.

Lilly Holder won 2nd place and Katie Anderson won 3rd place at the SDPC All-County Juried Exhibition at the middle school level.

Pickens Middle School had twenty participants involved in Mathcounts.

Elaine Trouten won the school Geography Bee and attended the state competition.

Ten students were named Junior Scholars and one was recognized as a Duke Tip Scholar.

The three Robotics teams each received an invitation to the State Competition in Columbia.

Pickens Middle School 7th graders scored above the district average and state average on the SC READY ELA and Math test as well as the SCPASS Science and Social Studies test.

The Pickens Middle School football team won the Region Championship title.

The Pickens Middle School volleyball team won the Region Championship title.

The Pickens Middle School boys' basketball team placed 2nd in the Region Championship.

Pickens Middle SIC Members

*Chair: Mr. Don Lundquist,
Community/Former Parent*

*Roger Greiner, Community Member
Frances Wannamaker, Community Member
Mitzi Bowles, Parent
Lynne Romanczuk, Guidance Counselor
Jennifer Hendrix, Teacher
Michael Searcy, Support Employee
Dylan Bryant, Student
Brooke Smith, Student*

*Principal: Mrs. Reggia Stapleton
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Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the Pickens Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.”

Pickens Middle School Annual School Improvement Council “Report to the Parents” 2017-2018



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*“From SPARKS of knowledge grow
FLAMES of success.”*

SIC Annual Goals

Identify areas of need on the school campus regarding academic programs.

Provide information to the general public about what is occurring on the Pickens Middle School campus.

Identify incentive programs that could support the academic programs of the school.

Meet regularly to stay informed of the changing educational landscape of South Carolina and understand new changes related to the adoption of the South Carolina College- and Career- Ready Standards in ELA and Math.

Be active and informed in order to assist the general public in understanding educational trends in South Carolina and the School District of Pickens County.

Student Achievement

We have a student attendance rate of 93.9%.

Students scoring 70% or higher on Algebra I End-of-Course exam: 100%

Students scoring 70% or higher on English I End-of-Course exam: 96%

Our character development program was rated “Excellent” on our 2016 S.C. School Report Card.

We serve 22.4% of our students in gifted and talented programs.

17.3% percent of our student body receives Special Education services.

Forty of our 8th graders were selected to participate in a Career Cohort which afforded them several field trips and an inside look at a career of their interest. The two cohorts were Manufacturing and Pre-Engineering.

For more information, you may view Pickens Middle’s “S.C. School Report Card” online at www.ed.sc.gov.

Additional Information

Mrs. Reggia Stapleton is in her fourth year as principal at Pickens Middle School. She is dedicated to making this the number one school in Pickens County, not only academically, but through respect for all students regardless of their differences.

Our school currently serves 649 students from five feeder elementary schools; 65.7% of our students are identified as students in poverty.

100% of our teachers are highly qualified in their subject area.

77.5% of our teachers have advanced degrees (Masters or Doctorate).

We have a 98.5% teacher attendance rate.

Our students are 1-to-1 with technology.

We offer a variety of classes and accommodations for our students with special academic and physical needs. Our main goal is to maximize the potential of *every* student, and we hope to achieve this with high expectations for academics and behavior.

This success, however, can only come with the support of our parents. If you would like to get more involved at Pickens Middle, please contact the main office at 397-4100 and we will find opportunities for you to volunteer in our school.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and your children each day.

