

School Achievements

Emily Holliday, Jackson Holliday and Tristan Bolding were named to the All-County Band and Region One Honor Band. Thomas McCoy-Bruce was named to the All-County Band and the All-State Honor Band.

The Festival Honor Band received an EXCELLENT rating at our state assessment.

Two students received awards in the Superintendent's Christmas Card Contest: Sarah Stewart won 1st place and Logan Redding won 3rd place.

The following students were recognized during Pickens County Youth Arts Month 2015 at the Pickens County Museum: Sarah Stewart-2nd place; Tahya Vallery-Ritchie, Abi Broom, and Logan Redding - Museum Choice Award.

Ethan McClain was the school Geography Bee winner.

The Mathletes team consisting of Leah Stewart, Emily Parrish, Rachel Brown, and Gracie Dellinger placed 3rd in the District competition. Rachel Brown placed first in the target round. Regionally, we placed 16th and Micah Jordan placed 20th overall (out of 145 competitors).

The Flying Squirrels glider team (sponsored by Dr. Alan Weekes) won second place in the Regional Glider Competition. Team members were Lexi Wierzbicki, Reba Coyner, Donna Mosley, Lilly Morris and Iva Bryan.

Six students were named Reading All-Stars by the Greenville Drive. This year's top readers were Kelsy Gilstrap, Emma Wilson, Myra Kate Bowers, Caitlyn Brougham, Zachary Stewart, and Hannah Garrick.

Pickens Middle SIC Members

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

*Vice Chair: Frances Wannamaker,
Community/Retired Teacher*

Secretary: Melissa Gilstrap-Crowe, Parent

Recorder: Terri Anthony, Parent

*Roger Greiner, Community
Ashley McCoy-Bruce, Parent
Caroline Bolding, Parent
Lynne Romanczuk, Guidance Counselor
Avis Tuttle, Teacher
Darla Atkins, Support Employee
Ivy Bryant, Student
Kelli Callahan, 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" 2014-2015



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*"From SPARKS of knowledge grow
FLAMES of success."*

SIC Annual Goals

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

Provide information to the general public in regards to 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 what educational trends are transpiring in South Carolina and the School District of Pickens County

Student Achievement

Nearly 78% of our 7th and 8th graders were enrolled in high school credit courses last year. We intend to increase that number to 100% by next school year.

Pickens Middle received a score of 73.6 (C) on the ESEA federal accountability rating system for progress on our statewide assessments. This rating means that we **meets** the state’s expectations for progress.

We have a student attendance rate of 94.5%.

93% of our teachers are highly qualified in their subject area.

Students passing Algebra I
End-of-Course exam: 100%
Students passing English I
End-of-Course exam: 100%

Our character development program was rated “Good” on our 2013 S.C. School Report Card.

Our “Absolute” rating and “Growth” rating on the S.C. School Report Card for 2014 were **Average**.

The following students received a perfect score on the 2014 PASS test: ELA, Math, and Social Studies: Micah Jordan; ELA: Wesley Bowen, Thomas McCoy-Bruce, JoAnna Gunter, and Maleah Kelly; Math: Morgan Brown, Rachel Brown, Sydney Davis, and Jackson Masters; Writing: Tristan Bolding.

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

Additional Information

Our school currently serves 755 students from five feeder elementary schools; 56% of our students receive free or reduced lunch.

This year, we welcomed a new Principal, Mrs. Reggia Stapleton. She had previously served as an Assistant Principal at Pickens Middle several years ago. Her mission is to make Pickens Middle the number one middle school in Pickens County.

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.
