

School Achievements

The Pickens Middle School Band earned a Superior rating for their Concert Band Performance Assessment and the Outstanding Performance Award, the highest honor a band can receive in our state.

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

Katie Anderson received honorable mention for Youth Art Month at the Pickens County Museum.

Pickens Middle School had sixteen participants involved in Mathletes.

Lily Holder won the school Geography Bee.

Eleven students were named Junior Scholars and two were recognized as Duke Tip Scholars.

The 8th grade robotics team received two invitations to the State Competition in Columbia.

Four students were named to the USC Middle School Honor Choir: Jordan McCoy-Bruce, Emma Wilson, Brianna Elmore, and Abi-Ruth Jordan.

Pickens Middle School scored above the district average and state average on the 2016 6th grade SC Ready ELA and Math test. Our students scored above the state average on the 2016 PASS 6th grade Science and Social Studies and the 7th grade Social Studies test.

Pickens Middle SIC Members

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

*Roger Greiner, Community Member
Frances Wannamaker, Community Member
Barbara Whitesides, Parent
Lynne Romanczuk, Guidance Counselor
Justin Bramblett, Teacher
Bonnie Moody, Support Employee
Maxine Diaz, Student
Emma Wilson, 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” 2016-2017



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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

Nearly 79% of our 7th and 8th graders were enrolled in high school credit courses last year.

We have a student attendance rate of 94.6%.

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: 98.5%

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

We serve 25% of our students in gifted and talented programs.

Eighteen percent of our student body receives Special Education services.

The following students received a perfect score on the 2016 Science SC PASS test: Morgan Brown, Abi Broom, and Jackson Garrett. Jackson Masters received a perfect score on the 2016 Social Studies SC PASS test.

Sixty-eight 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 four cohorts were Manufacturing, Art/Graphic Design, Bio-Medical, 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 third 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 638 students from five feeder elementary schools; 65.1% of our students are identified as students in poverty.

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

85% of our teachers have advanced degrees (Masters or Doctorate).

We have a 96.2% 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.