

Pickens Middle School

Report to Parents

Celebrating 2025–2026 • Looking Ahead to 2026–2027

At Pickens Middle School, our vision remains clear: Empowering students to realize the best in themselves and in others. This year, our students and staff built upon prior momentum and demonstrated stronger growth, achievement, engagement, and attendance while continuing to focus on the whole child.

2025–2026 Highlights

Evidence of Impact

Student Growth & Achievement

Continued improvement over the prior year through targeted intervention, PLC collaboration, and responsive instruction.

Attendance & Engagement

Improved attendance and stronger student ownership through advisory, W.I.N. time, clubs, and house celebrations.

Advanced Opportunities

245 students earned at least one high school credit while in middle school.

STEM & Innovation

Continued recognition as a PLTW Distinguished Gateway School and GTT opportunities.

Whole Child Supports

Flex Time supported academic intervention, enrichment, leadership, and relationship building.

Programs That Made a Difference

- Daily Flex Time for advisory, intervention, enrichment, and student goal setting
- Professional Learning Communities using common formative assessment data
- Expanded Project Lead the Way and Career & Technology pathways
- 1:1 technology initiative supporting digital citizenship and personalized learning
- House system and student leadership opportunities that build belonging

Looking Ahead: 2026–2027 Priorities

- Strengthen Tier I instruction and continue refining RTI at Work practices
- Expand personalized learning and academy experiences
- Increase student ownership through academic progress monitoring
- Continue improving attendance and engagement
- Grow partnerships with families and the community

Thank you to our families, School Improvement Council, PTO, community partners, faculty, and students for making Pickens Middle a place where every student can thrive. **-Four Sparks Ignite One Flame! Go Sparks!**