

### Community

Located in the upstate of South Carolina, Pickens is located at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. With a tradition of hard working blue collar jobs, the community takes pride in the futures of its youth.

### College and/or Career Ready

Pickens High School strives for all students to be College and/or Career ready.

Students must earn ONE of the following:

#### COLLEGE

Earn a 20 or higher on the ACT.

6 hours Dual Credit with grade "C" or higher.

Earn a 1020 on SAT.

Score a 3 or higher on AP Exam.

#### CAREER

Approved SC Work-Based Learning.

WIN Score of Silver or higher.

ASVAB score of 31 or higher.

CATE completer.

### College and Career Readiness Data

2020 Career Ready results: 61.7%

2021 Career Ready results; 79.7%

Class of 2021: 41.3% students completed CTE Pathway, highest in SDPC

### Student Data

Enrollment: 1238 students.

Seniors—273

Juniors—259

Sophomores—347

Freshmen—359

Percentage of students on Free Lunch:

32.2%; Reduced Lunch: 7.4%

### Test Data 2019-2020

Students averaged a score:

ACT - 18.7

SAT - 1051

Graduation Rate = 83.2%

Score of "C" or higher (Accountability data not available 2019-2020)

Algebra I - 54.5%

Biology - 47.7%

English I - 67.8%

### Athletics

- School Colors—Blue and White
- School Mascot—Blue Flame
- PHS Athletics are Region 1 AAAA
- Men sports - 8

Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Track & Field and Wrestling

- Women sports - 9

Basketball, Cross Country, Cheer, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Track & Field, Volleyball and Tennis

- Volleyball State runner-up
- Girls Golf competed in State Championship
- Athletes selected to All Region Team—10
- Athletes selected to All State Team—2
- PHS is a Special Olympic Unified Champion School



# SOLDBLUE

### Band

- 2016 & 2018 3A State Champions
- 2019 3A State runner-up
- Musicians selected to 2021 All-Region Band-14
- Musicians selected to the 2021 All County Band-18
- Community performance planned for Pickens Amphitheatre.

### JROTC

- Raiders - Adventure/Athletic team
- Air Rifle Team
- Drill & Ceremony Team
- Academic /Leadership Team
- Weekly physical fitness

# Pickens High School

*Home of the Blue Flame*

*Principal*

**Dr. Corey M. Willimon**



**2020-2021**

**Annual SIC Report to the Parents**

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**School District of Pickens County  
Superintendent, Dr. Danny Merck**

### SIC Goals

- SIC will show growth in members
- Increase Community Involvement
- Increase community involvement w/ students
- Increase family communication
- Partner with school and home to aid literacy

### Motto

Integrity - Service - Excellence

### Vision

Ignite the Blue Flame of excellence in every student by providing a safe, caring, and rigorous academic school environment through providing opportunities that enhances student achievement.

### Mission

In a challenging academic and technological environment, Pickens High School prepares students to be productive citizens.

### We believe ...

- In the pursuit of excellence.
- Learning and education are life-long processes.
- All students must have equitable educational opportunities.
- All people are unique and valuable.
- All people can learn and contribute to society.
- Students are our first priority.
- Education is the key to success.
- In a safe, caring learning environment for all students and staff.
- Cultural diversity promotes full development of the individual and society.
- The "parent" is a child's first teacher.
- Today's schools shape tomorrow's workforce.
- Everyone deserves sensitivity, respect, and fair treatment.
- Encouragement, motivation, and a standard of excellence promote success.



### Administration, Faculty, and Staff

- Administrators – 4
- Faculty – 82
- Staff—35
- Teacher retention for 19-20 & 20-21 – 96.6%

### Academic Departments

Math	Science
English	Social Studies
Science	Fine Arts
Special Education	P.E./JROTC
World Language	CATE

### Academic Achievements Data

#### **Class of 2021 Scholarship and awards:**

Totaling - \$6,400,000  
Palmetto Fellows—19  
LIFE Scholarship—218  
Hope Scholarship—10  
US Military Academy Appointment—1  
Military enlistments—4  
Palmetto Boys State Participants—3  
Palmetto Girls State Participants—2

### School Improvement Council Members

Jessica Cantrell (Chair)  
Leslie Rhinehart (Vice Chair)  
Madison Hammond (Secretary)  
Sarah Allison  
Carolina Mayer  
Gerald Mengel  
Tim Murphy  
Brennen Perkins  
Ted Tallman

### Curriculum

Pickens High School aligns its focus with the vision of the superintendent, the school board of Pickens County and the community within Pickens County. Pickens High School cooperates with the following feeder middle and elementary schools.

- Ambler Elementary
- Dacusville Elementary
- Dacusville Middle School
- Hagood Elementary
- Pickens Elementary
- Pickens Middle School

### SOUTH CAROLINA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT	UNITS REQUIRED
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
U.S. History	1
Economics	1/2
Government	1/2
Social Studies	1
Phys. Ed. Or JROTC	1
Computer Science	1
Foreign Language	1(CP)*
Electives	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

\*CP = College Preparatory

\*CB = Career Based