

ATHLETICS

School Colors: Blue and White
School Mascot: Blue Flame
PHS Athletics are Region 1 4A

Men's Sports: 8

2023 Top 15 - Cross Country
2023 Wrestling, 1 student placed 3rd in State
2023 Best Record in 10 Years- Soccer
2022 State Qualifier- Wrestling

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

Women's Sports: 9

2022, 2023 Region Champions- Volleyball
2022, 2023 Region & State Champions- Golf
2023 Placed 3rd in Region- Softball
2023 Placed 4th in Region- Soccer
2022 Region Champions- Basketball
2022 State Champion - Softball

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

JROTC

Teams: Raiders (Adventure / Athletic), Air Rifle, Drill & Ceremony, Academic / Leadership, Weekly Physical Fitness

2022 1st & 2nd Place in Raider Competitions
2022 (3) Americanism Essay Winners
2023 Participated in Marksmanship Competition

Ceremonies & Special Programs: Veteran's Day, Flag Retirement, Drill & Ceremony Competitions, Flags In, Flag Day, Memorial Day, Vietnam Veterans Commemoration, Dining In / Dining Out Formal, Military Ball

PERFORMANCE GROUPS

2022, 2023 SCBDA Jazz Performance - State Finalist
2022, 2023 Winter Guard Jr Varsity -Scholastic AAA
2023 Upper State Band Competition - 2nd Place
2023 SC Thespian Festival - Excellent/Superior
2022 Marching Band Grand Champ (Enka, NC)
2022 Bands of America Participant
2022 Winter Guard Scholastic Level- (4) 1st Place
2021 Musicians Selected to All-County Band

Groups: Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic, Marching Band, Theater

DISTRICT

Pickens High School aligns its focus with the vision of the superintendent, the school board of Pickens County, and the community it serves. PHS cooperates with the following feeder schools:

Ambler Elementary Dacusville Middle
Dacusville Elementary Pickens Middle
Hagood Elementary Youth Leadership Academy
Pickens Elementary

COMMUNITY

Located in the Upstate of South Carolina, Pickens is located at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. With a tradition of hardworking, blue collar jobs, the community takes pride in the future of its youth.

PHS VISION & MISSION

VISION: Ignite the blue flame of excellence in every student by providing a safe, caring, and rigorous academic school environment through providing opportunities that enhance student achievement.

MISSION: PHS strives to reach all students in a caring environment that supplies students with rigorous instruction, inspiring each to be of great character, lifelong learners, and leaders in the community and beyond.

STUDENT DATA

Enrollment: 1,217
Seniors: 262
Juniors: 293
Sophomores: 328
Freshmen: 334

Peoples in Poverty: 58%

Demographics:
87.5% White, 6.5% Hispanic, 3.7% Two or More Races, 2.1% Black, 0.2% Asian

PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BLUE FLAME



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2023 - 20234 Annual SIC Report to the Parents

Superintendent, Dr. Danny Merck



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE GOALS

- Show growth in membership
- Increase student involvement in the community
- Increase communication with families
- Improve literacy skills and improve college and career readiness

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Connor Bost, Chair
 Madison Hammond, Vice Chair
 Courtney Jarrett, Secretary
 Lenette Hernandez, SIC Coordinator
 Char Burgner, Community Partner
 Ashley Butler, Teacher
 Erin Wilson, Teacher
 Shannon Haskett, Parent
 Ted Tallman, Parent
 Sarah Duncan, Student Body President
 Katie Clevenger, Student Newspaper Editor

ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STAFF

Administrators: 4 Faculty: 70
 Counselors: 4 Staff: 30
 Resource Officers: 2 Nurses: 2
 Teacher Retention: 81%
 Certified Teachers: 100%
 Teachers with a Master's Degree or Higher: 77%

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

Career & Technology Education (CTE)
 English
 Fine Arts
 Mathematics
 Performing Arts
 Physical Education / ROTC
 Science
 Social Studies
 Special Education
 World Languages

SC COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS REQUIREMENTS

Pickens High School strives for all students to be prepared for success after graduation. Students must earn **one** of the following qualifiers:

College

- 20 or higher on the ACT
- 6 hours of dual credit with a grade of "C" or higher
- 1020 on SAT
- Score a 3 or higher on an AP exam

Career

- Approved SC work-based learning
- Earn Silver status or higher on WIN test
- Earn a score of 31 or higher on ASVAB test
- Earn CTE completer on one of the pathways

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS DATA

Career Readiness Exam Passing Rate: 57%
 Students Attending Career Center: 33%
 Students Participating in Work-Study: 12%
 Students in AP Courses or Dual Enrollment: 21%

GRADUATION DATA & AWARDS

Graduation Rate- 84%
 Scholarship Totals: Over \$ 2.5 Million
 LIFE Scholarships: 180
 Hope Scholarships: 5
 Palmetto Fellows: 17
 Military Enlistments: 0

SC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECTS	UNITS REQUIRED
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
US History	1
Economics	0.5
Government	0.5
Social Studies	1
PE or ROTC	1
Computer Science	1
Foreign Language	1
Personal Finance	0.5
Electives	6.5
TOTAL	24

2023 EXAM DATA

<u>PHS Average</u>		<u>SDPC Average</u>
61%	Algebra 1 EOC	69%
55%	Biology 1 EOC	66%
77%	ENGLISH 2 EOC	87%
68%	U.S. HISTORY EOC	69%

Standardized Test Score Averages:

ACT - 21 SAT - 1002

AP Exam Passing Rates:

80%	Chemistry	33%	Environmental Sci.
85%	Calculus AB	100%	Statistics
32%	Macro Economics	30%	US Government
16%	Psychology	32%	US History
46%	Human Geography	50%	Spanish
90%	English Literature	75%	English Language
100%	Drawing		