

PICKENS ELEMENTARY

School Improvement Council

Report to Parents and Community 2025-2026

Mission:

The mission of Pickens Elementary School, supported by the home and the community, is to enable students to achieve their fullest potential and to be positive contributing citizens by engaging them in valuable learning experiences in a safe, child-centered environment.

We believe:

- Students are our first priority.
- In the pursuit of excellence.
- In a safe, caring learning environment for all students and staff.
- 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.
- Education is a shared responsibility between home and school.
- Education is the key to success.
- Cultural diversity promotes the full development of the individual and society.
- The parent is the child's first teacher.
- Today's schools shape tomorrow's workforce.



School Information:

Address:

567 Hampton Avenue
Pickens, SC 29671

Principal:

Shannon Lawton

Assistant Principals:

Anita Richardson
Lacey Rogers

SIC Members:

Stephanie Bates
Tiffany Hobart
Danae Langston
Kelly Layton
Billie Pfifer
Katie Smith

Contact Us and Follow:



Pickens Elementary

Pickens Elementary is a school of Hope, Happiness, and High Expectations for ALL!

Special Programs & Events:

- Meet the Teacher
- One-to-One Technology
- Early Childhood Instruction
- Student Council Service Learning Projects
- Computer Technology Instruction
- One Book One School
- Robotics Club

- Golden Harvest Backpack Program
- Scholastic Book Fairs
- Field Day
- Awards Day
- Student Council
- United Way Campaign
- Hope Garden Club
- Chorus

- After School Homework Center
- Leadership 101
- Coop Club
- Pre-School Storytime
- YMCA Mentoring Program
- School-wide Character Education Program

Testing Data:

SC Ready 3rd Grade

In the Spring of 2025, the percentage of 3rd graders scoring DNM decreased from 24.7% to 17.9% as determined by SC READY.

iReady Growth 2nd

In the Spring of 2025, we were able to reduce the percentage of students scoring 2 or more grade levels below as determined by iReady from 36% to 11%

SC Ready 4th & 5th Grade Growth

On SC Ready, 61.2% of students met their MAT and 49.3% met their AVT, both exceeding the district and state averages.

Business Partners:



United Way of
Pickens County

