

School Sponsored, Student

Activities & Opportunities

- Accelerated Reader Program
- Artist in Residence Program
- Hope Garden Club/ Recycle Program
- Career Awareness Program
- Character Education Program
- Chorus
- Family Reading and Writing Night
- Recycling Program
- School-wide discipline program
- Science Fair
- Math and Science Family Night
- Good News Club
- Student of the Month
- Character Kids
- Honor Roll
- Lt. Governor's Writing Award
- Most Improved Awards
- Perfect Attendance Awards
- Safety Patrol
- Student Council
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- After School Care

Community Outreach

- American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- It's in the Genes Scholarship
- March of Dimes
- Donations to Pickens County Council for Prevention of Child Abuse
- Leukemia Foundation/Pennies for Prevention
- PTO Box tops for Educaton/PTO Bingo night
- Country Santa/ Angel tree
- Pickens County Annual Art Show
- Annual Pickens County Special Olympics
- Souper Bowl of Caring canned food drive

Recognitions

- Red Carpet Award Winner 2003/08
- Palmetto Silver Award Winner
- 08-2013 SACs Accreditation
- 5 National Board Certified Teachers
- United Way School of Year/Star Supporter Award
- Several SDPC Science Fair award winners

Our History

Pickens Elementary School dates back to the early 1900's when the school served area students in all grades through graduation. The current building was constructed in 1962. Since then, the school has served students in Kindergarten through fifth grade as well as self-contained special education classes.

Our School Today

- Currently, 494 students are enrolled
- The average daily student attendance for the 2010-2011 school year was 96.5%
- State of South Carolina School Report Card
2011 Absolute Rating– GOOD
2011 Improvement Rating—GOOD
- School Board Representative
Alex Saitta
- PTO Officers
Kristin Garrett—President
Tracey Collier—President Elect
Amanda Sheriff-Secretary
Amanda Sheriff—Treasurer
- School Improvement Council Members
Scott Kelley—Chair
Brad Short
Susan Acker
Joan Summey
- Donna Wyatt
Jeannie Bramel

Pickens Elementary School

“Home of the Sparklers”



“Where sparking minds and sparkling smiles
learn together “

School Summary Report 2011-2012

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Pickens Elementary School is accredited by the Southern
Association of Colleges and Schools.

Mission Statement

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.

Our Beliefs

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 full development of the individual and society.
- The parent is a child's first teacher.
- Today's schools shape tomorrow's workforce.

MAP Summary Data Fall 11'-Spring 12'

Reading

Grade Level	National Avg. Fall/Spring	PES Avg. Spring	Annual Growth
2	175.9/189.2		
3	190.2/199.2		
4	199.6/206.3		
5	207.1/212.4		

Math

Grade Level	National Avg. Fall/Spring	PES Avg. Spring	Annual Growth
2	178.7/191.3		
3	192.3/203.5		
4	203.5/212.4		
5	212.7/220.7		

School Renewal Plan Goals for 2011—2012

Curriculum

- Use MAP RIT-Band information to drive Math and ELA instruction
- Continue Accelerated Reader program, DRA2 kits, and Reading Recovery to support balanced literacy
- Purchased district science kits to achieve hands-on learning
- Continued individual student conferences to set MAP goals and share progress
- Continued a Response to Intervention for teachers which provided intervention strategies for students

School Environment

- Teachers participated in TAP professional development which helped students to achieve the school and district strategic renewal plan goals.

Home-School Connection

- The Volunteer Program continued to seek active involvement from parents and community members.
- Computer resources for parents were available including NWEA to assist in MAP testing samples.
- School website assisted parents with current information.