

PICKENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT TO PARENTS AND COMMUNITY 2022-23



Mission: The mission of Pickens Elementary, supported by the home and 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. Education is the key to success. Cultural diversity promotes full development of the individual and society.

School Information:

Address: 567 Hampton Ave.
Pickens, SC 29671

Principal: Donna Shelton Harden

Assistant Principals: Ira Kay Perry,
Jessica Hendricks

PTO Members: Casey Trotter, Marilyn King, Amy Creel and Danae Langston

SIC Members:

Jessica Cantrell	Lori Durham
Jenn Hardin	Casey Trotter
Char Burgner	Gary Edwards
Donna Harden	Jessica Hendricks

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Pickens Elementary was the recipient of a Lowe's Hometown Grant for the 2022-2023 school year. These funds were used to transform an outdoor learning area which has served as the model for other districts across our state. The Memorial HOPE Garden's purpose is to honor the memory of two PES students. In addition to the Lowe's Hometown Grant, PES has many other opportunities for parents and children to interact within the school environment. These opportunities include Meet the Teacher, Open House, Family Reading nights, after school clubs such as the Good News Club, Chorus and the HOPE Club. There is also the annual Festival of Tress during the holiday season and many more events to support our students and their families.

Special Programs and Events:

- Meet the Teacher event each year
- One-to-One technology for K5 -5th grades
- Early Childhood Instruction K4
- Student Council Service Learning Projects
- Computer Assisted Instruction
- Golden Harvest Backpack Program
- Integrated Classes for Related Arts
- Reading Incentive Programs
- Scholastic Book Fairs
- Field Day, Awards Days
- Student Council
- United Way Campaign
- Off Campus Field Trips-Greenville Zoo, Science Center, Holly Springs Center
- Family Literacy & Math Nights
- Reading Intervention (Grades 2-5)
- Quarterly Academic Awards Recognition
- After School Homework Center
- Parenting Workshops
- One Book One School Program
- Preschool Pages Program
- Partnerships with United Way and The Cliff's Residence Outreach Program
- The Reserve Community Partnership for the Book Buddy Reading mentoring Program
- YMCA Mentoring Program
- Partner with Pickens County Mental Health as well as Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County
- School-wide Character Education Program that recognizes students weekly for setting an example of the character trait of the week.
- Pickens Elementary serves self-contained students, which includes a preschool special education program.

MAP DATA Information

Indicates percentages of Average RIT

MAP MATH Fall 2020

	Pickens	District	Norm
Grade 3	183.4	189	186.3
Grade 4	198.2	201	197.8
Grade 5	200.0	210	207.7

MAP MATH SPRING 2021

	Pickens	District	Norm
Grade 3	195.2	N/A	198.8
Grade 4	204.4	N/A	208.3
Grade 5	209.0	N/A	216.7

MAP ELA Fall 2020

	Pickens	District	Norm
Grade 3	184.4	187	184.3
Grade 4	198.1	198	194.7
Grade 5	199.5	205	202.9

MAP ELA Spring 2021

	Pickens	District	Norm
Grade 3	193.5	N/A	195.4
Grade 4	201.9	N/A	204.9
Grade 5	207.2	N/A	210

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The Reserve Community

