



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Pelion High
Lexington 1
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 778
Principal: Jean N. Haggard
Superintendent: Dr. Karen C. Woodward
Board Chair: G. Edwin Harmon, Ph.D.

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Good	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	At-Risk	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2006	Excellent	Good	Gold	Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	10	22	3	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are High Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	79.7%	84.0%	74.6%	77.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	13.6%	11.0%	14.9%	12.1%
Passed no subtests (%)	6.8%	5.0%	11.3%	10.2%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	93.3%	93.3%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	191	207
Number of Diplomas	141	155
Rate (%)	73.8%	74.2%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	76.7%	68.6%
English 1	58.9%	57.2%
Physical Science	50.9%	48.0%
All Tests	62.5%	57.5%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:
By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=778)				
Retention rate	8.4%	Up from 4.2%	6.7%	6.1%
Attendance rate	94.2%	Down from 94.8%	94.8%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	9.0%	Down from 9.2%	9.5%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	11.9%	Down from 12.0%	13.8%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	2.4%	Up from 1.9%	1.2%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	6.2%	Down from 6.7%	9.1%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	42.1%	N/A	43.3%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	46.1%	Up from 43.8%	30.1%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.7%	Down from 7.9%	3.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	18.8%	Up from 16.2%	3.9%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	427	Up from 356	509	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	82.5%	Up from 77.5%	78.8%	79.6%
Teachers (n=54)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	50.0%	Down from 50.9%	52.5%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	66.7%	Down from 76.4%	72.6%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	8.2%	Down from 10.0%	8.5%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	86.6%	Down from 88.1%	85.5%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.9%	Up from 96.0%	95.3%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$46,461	Up 3.5%	\$46,087	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.4%	Down from 5.7%	4.7%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	16.0	Up from 15.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.1 to 1	Up from 27.8 to 1	26.0 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	Up from 89.8%	88.2%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,687	Down 0.5%	\$7,535	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	59.1%	Down from 59.3%	56.4%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	61.6%	Up from 61.2%	60.7%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Average
% of AYP objectives met	92.3%		88.2%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The past year at Pelion High School has been full of achievement and hard work by our students, parents, teachers, and staff as our team strove to improve all areas of the Pelion High School experience. Our students excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in the arts. We are very proud of all of our Pelion Panthers.

Our entire staff was involved in staff development in 2007–2008, focusing on literacy in the classroom. These sessions were led by three of our teachers, and 20 PHS teachers earned graduate credit in the course. Our teachers increased the emphasis on reading in every class. Our goal was to help students comprehend selections from their textbooks and outside sources.

During 2007–2008, we reviewed, revisited, and reflected upon the five-year school goals outlined in our School Improvement Plan. Though we did not reach our benchmarks for student attendance, High School Assessment Program passage, and graduation rate, we are confident in our practices, our students, and our community. For 2008–2009, we have set several interim goals, including: the average student attendance rate for PHS will be at least 95.3 percent; 95 percent of twelfth-graders will receive a high school diploma; PHS will implement the six national standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs; 92 percent of PHS students will score a “2” or above, and 67 percent will score a “3” or above on HSAP on their first attempt; and the PHS Professional Development Plan will be revised and fully implemented to meet the goals of the district strategic plan.

PHS enjoyed many successes in 2007–2008. Our PLAN, PSAT and HSAP English/language arts scores all increased. PHS athletes had successful seasons this year with 13 of 14 varsity teams qualifying for the playoffs. In fine arts, the PHS Orchestra and Chorus received “Superior” ratings at their respective festivals. The FFA wildlife identification and soil judging teams finished first and second respectively in the state and qualified for the national competition.

We invite you to visit PHS. To contact your child's teachers, call (803) 894-2100 or go to www.lexington1.net/phs to get their e-mail addresses.

Jean Haggard, Principal
Ed Lundeen, SIC Chair

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	49	127	17
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.9%	77.2%	93.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.0%	88.1%	75.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75.5%	84.3%	73.3%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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