



Pickens County Middle School

Established in 1988 Pickens County Middle School (PCMS) was the first middle school in Pickens County, and has a current enrollment of approximately 500 students in grades 6-8. It was originally accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in 1998. PCMS is committed to providing the best quality education and the best learning opportunity possible for all of our students. Its goal is to maintain a friendly, safe, secure, and orderly environment and atmosphere in all of our classes and on all of our buses. It will continually strive to develop a school climate that is characterized by mutual respect between students and staff who work cooperatively to produce high levels of quality schoolwork. Some of the PCMS highlights since 2011 include:

- Finished 1st and 2nd place in 2011 Pickens County Spelling Bee Competition
- Recognized as the regional 2011 Boys Cross Country Champions
- Won the 2011 7th Grade Boys Basketball Regional Championship
- Won the 2011 regional science fair and 3rd place state finalist.
- PCMS band has scored consecutive "superior" scores at the Georgia Music Educators Association's District Nine West's Large Group Performance Evaluation for the last three years.
- Has had several students win county art competitions sponsored by the Jasper Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, Bus Safety, and Sharp Top Mountain Art Gallery.
- Awarded "Superior" rating and trophy at the 2011 High Note Festival for both band and chorus programs.
- Three PCMS students were part of a winning junior team that competed in the Livestock Evaluation Contest held on September 20, 2011 at Northwest Georgia Regional Fair in Calhoun.
- Received 97 percent operational and full operational in Georgia Assessment of Performance on State Standards (GAPSS) in January of 2011. PCMS was fully operational in 4 out of 8 domains (Leadership, Assessment, School Culture, and Family and Community Involvement).
- Qualified for 2011 Title I Distinguished School status for three consecutive years of Adequately Yearly Progress (2009-2011).
- Won the 2012 7th Grade Girls Basketball Regional Championship
- Competed in the 2012 Future Cities State Competition and won 1st place in Residential Design and Most Sustainable City Design)
- Finished in first place at 2012 Spring Berry College Math Contest (6th grade team).
- Redesignated a Georgia Lighthouse School To Watch (2012-2015) in the fall of 2011 by the Georgia Middle School Association (GMSA).
- Recognized by the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL) at their Winter Conference (February) with the 2012 School Achievement Award.
- Several students won at the 2012 Fall Sassafras Writing Competition
- Recognized by the Georgia Association of Middle School Principals (GAMSP) at their Fall Conference (November) in St. Simons with the 2012 Effective Schools Program Award.

- Received the “Distinguished 2012 Breakout School” Award and a \$500 check from the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals (GASSP) at their Fall Conference (November) in Savannah.
- Won finishing in first place at 2013 Fall Berry College Math Contest (6th grade team) and second place (7-8th grade team)
- 2014 Boys Region Cross Country Champions
- Received second re-designation as a Georgia Lighthouse School to Watch (2015-2018), December 2014
- Received award as a National School to Watch, June 2015