



Pelion Elementary School

LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

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Principal: Debbie Poole

Assistant Principals: Deanne Ricard and Shirley Waldy

Grades Served: K3–5

Student Enrollment: 615

- Michelin Golden Apple grant recipients
- Donors Choose grant recipients
- LEAP Campaign Award for 100% participation (2019, 2020, 2021)
- LEAP Campaign Award Largest Increase in Giving (2019)
- Computer Science Immersion School
- USDA Healthier U.S. School (2018 –2019)
- Pelion Elementary Archery Team State Champions (2020, 2021, 2022)
- Pelion Elementary School 2022 National Archery in Schools Program Bullseye and 3D National Champions
- Pelion Elementary School 2022 3D World Champions.

Empower each child to design the future.

The vision of Pelion Elementary School is for all students to have P.R.I.D.E.: Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence.

The mission of Pelion Elementary School is to inspire students to achieve their maximum potential through having P.R.I.D.E. in a safe and caring environment.

All students, regardless of circumstances, advance on time, prepared to graduate and ready to enter college, the military or industry with certification.

Pelion Elementary School supports academic growth by meeting students where they are on the learning continuum. Our students are taught through the Workshop Model in both ELA and math. The Workshop Model ensures the individual needs of students are being met. Pelion Elementary School's Response to Intervention, Special Education and Reading Recovery programs provide targeted instruction to aid in closing the achievement gap for our students.

Pelion Elementary School is also a Computer Science Immersion School. Coding is used to prepare our students for the future of technology. Our students are exposed to the world of computer science while integrating coding into core subjects. This deeper knowledge of critical thinking, communication, and collaboration establishes a foundation which prepares our students for the future.

Teaching and learning develop power skills in all students.

There is nothing so fundamental to the future success of our children as their character and values. At Pelion Elementary School, we focus on the five simple, but powerful Lifelong Guidelines to help point the way: Trustworthiness, Truthfulness, Active Listening, No Put-Downs and Personal Best. Personal Best is defined by 18 LIFESKILLS to help provide a clear road map to success in order for our students to use their talents and abilities to the fullest extent possible. Pelion Elementary School also focuses on Lexington County School District One's Power Skills of Accountability, Communication, Critical Thinking, Interpersonal Skills, Integrity, Perseverance, Collaboration and Willingness to Take Risks. Through our focus on Power Skills, LIFESKILLS and Lifelong Guidelines, we equip our students with tools for success.

Pelion Elementary School is also a Responsive Classroom School. Responsive Classroom is an evidence-based way of teaching that offers practical strategies for bringing together social-emotional and academic learning throughout the day. This approach is associated with greater teacher effectiveness, higher student achievement, and improved school climate. Each day begins with a Morning Meeting where a climate of warmth, inclusion and safety is provided. This helps to build trust essential for learning. At the end of each day, the class gathers for Closing Circle. This meeting helps conclude the day, end on a positive note and reminds everyone they're a part of a community in which each person is valued.

Our schools are service-oriented centers of learning, committed to family and community partnerships.

Pelion Elementary School is one of thirteen Title I schools in Lexington County School District One. We work hard to provide opportunities for our families and community members to participate in learning experiences such as Title I Family Nights, Open House, Panther Moms, Panther Dads, Veteran's Day, Books and Bingo Night, Math-a-Palooza, Winter and Spring Student Showcase Nights, School Improvement Parent meetings, PTO family events, Reading Prize Patrol Nights, Child Find Clinics for preschool children, World Read Aloud Day, and many other events.

Our Parent Liaison provides resources for parents and hosts monthly parent events. She also hosts our Little Panthers program each month for children and parents of preschoolers. She also manages our Pelion Family Resource Center where families have access to free resources (food, household goods, clothing, hygiene supplies, etc.) due to financial hardship/emergency situations.

Pelion Elementary School is part of the Centergy Project which uses student voice to guide school improvement efforts. The Centergy Project addresses the needs of students impacted by poverty, to help ensure that all students are learning effectively, coming to school regularly, and graduating.

Every adult will be equipped with the skills and resources necessary to advocate for and ensure the success of all students.

The staff at Pelion Elementary School are lifelong learners who continuously develop their personal skill set by collaborating with experts in core curriculum areas. Teachers receive training in the Units of Study through the work with our literacy coach, Columbia University staff developers, and through our district's summer Homegrown Institute. Teachers have also participated in iReady training with a seasoned instructor. Ready Math professional learning is provided by our school math coach in order to equip teachers with ways to use math data to guide math workshop groups. Our teachers participated in summer curriculum camps where they study state standards at each grade level and focus on Power Standards. This work guides the work in weekly professional learning collaboration where teachers develop smart goals, analyze data, and create lesson plans. Teachers meet together monthly with interventionists, school counselors, administration, and our school psychologist to review student data and plan additional reading, math and behavior support for our students. Our school counselors plan our monthly Mental Wellness team meetings to discuss students who may need additional support. At Pelion Elementary School we grow together to meet the needs of all our students.