



Pelion Middle School

LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

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Principal: Jessica Keisler

Assistant Principals: Jason Lehmann and Joi Walden

Grades Served: 6–8

Student Enrollment: 571

**Pelion Middle is a Paideia Seminar
Nationally Certified School**

Empower each child to design the future.

Pelion Middle School is committed to fulfilling the vision and mission of Lexington County School District One to empower each child to design the future and cultivate a caring community where ALL learners are extraordinary communicators, collaborators, creators and critical thinkers.

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

Pelion Middle School students have access to quality instruction. They regularly apply critical thinking and problem solving to meaningful, real-world tasks. Teachers implement several strategies and practices that aid students in achieving academic success in the classroom and beyond. Through the full implementation of the Reading and Writing Units of Study and the Response to Intervention Model, student learning is both propelled and supported. Partnerships with the National Paideia Center all us to target all core literacy skills while increasing student voice and participation.

Teaching and learning develop power skills in all students.

Students are presented with several opportunities to demonstrate critical life and work skills throughout the school year. Through the Paideia Socratic seminar students utilize critical and creative thinking as well as respectful communication. Through our advocacy structure, Pelion Middle strives to establish a social-emotional environment in which all students build confidence, discover their full potential, and explore their interests through a variety of course offerings that cater to the needs of the whole child.

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

As a result of gaining a deep understanding of the culture that represents and supports the students at Pelion Middle, staff members regularly solicit and facilitate community involvement. A parent and community action team focuses on planning interactive nights to encourage family engagement in the learning process.

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

Adhering to the school-wide commitment to provide multiple layers of support for students, Pelion Middle implements an advocacy structure to ensure that each student has an advocate that facilitates his or her character growth and guides student-level goal setting. Staff members utilize tools, such as Paideia Notebooks, to empower student ownership of learning, reflection and improvement.