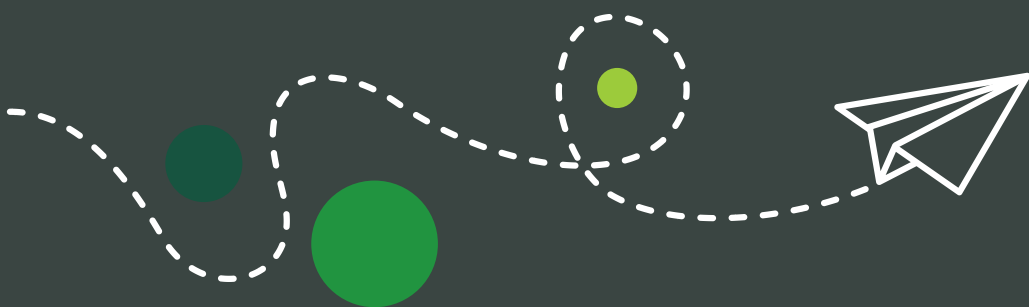


PELHAM CITY SCHOOLS ACADEMIC INSIGHTS





GREAT EDUCATORS

Our teachers are at the heart of the success of our students and our school system. 265 certified teaching professionals serve our students with a dedication and passion to live out our mission to inspire, empower, and achieve.

Over 70% of Pelham teachers hold advanced degrees, and approximately 15% of our teaching staff have attained National Board Certification or are in various stages in the process of attaining certification. At Pelham High School, one in three teachers are certified to teach Advanced Placement classes.

Teachers who are new to the profession and those new to Pelham City Schools participate in a mentoring program which provides a two-year, tiered plan to help guide teachers and develop skills that promote a successful integration into their classrooms and our school system.

Our classroom teachers are supported by a twelve-member instructional team. From reading and math coaches to ESL and instructional technology specialists, the team is dedicated to implementing best teaching practices, assessing data and test scores to refine instruction, ensuring vertical alignment of curriculum, facilitating professional development, and collaborating with classroom teachers to facilitate effective instruction.

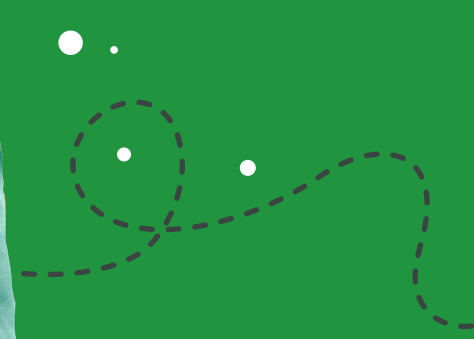


21st Century LEARNERS

With a focus on rigorous academic initiatives, our curriculum pairs Alabama state standards and innovative programs with robust technology resources to provide engaging learning experiences to support 21st century learners.

From dedicated STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) classes for elementary students and effective instructional supports for English Language Learners to learning labs and options for Advanced Placement courses and dual enrollment, our wide variety of course offerings and individualized learning programs provide diverse instructional pathways to empower students of all abilities to achieve success.

In addition, extensive college and career exploration opportunities begin as early as elementary school and continue through middle and high school with career-focused electives, job shadowing, industry-recognized credentials, and real-world experiences.



BEYOND THE . . . CLASSROOM

Students of all grade levels participate in experiences that enhance their education outside of the traditional classroom setting. Our elementary students benefit from field trips, competitions, themed assemblies, and in-school clubs that encourage students to explore interests and collaborate with fellow students from other grades and classes. Students of all ages engage in ongoing activities to enhance leadership skills, goal setting, individual accountability, and the development of soft skills.

Middle school and high school students have opportunities to take part in honor societies and academic clubs where they are empowered to lead organizations and collaborate on student-driven initiatives. Students also use skills and knowledge in a variety of competitive activities and frequently earn awards in a diverse offering of competitions for academic interests such as culinary, theater, band, Scholars Bowl, health sciences, journalism, speech writing, debate, and more.

GROWTH & . . . *Achievement*

In our mission to help students achieve personal success, we focus on academic growth throughout each school year. Students in all grades set goals, make plans, and track growth and achievement regularly. Teachers and instructional specialists are dedicated to analyzing the performance of our students on local, state, and national assessments, and they participate in monthly meetings to review data and develop detailed plans of instruction based on student learning needs and goals.

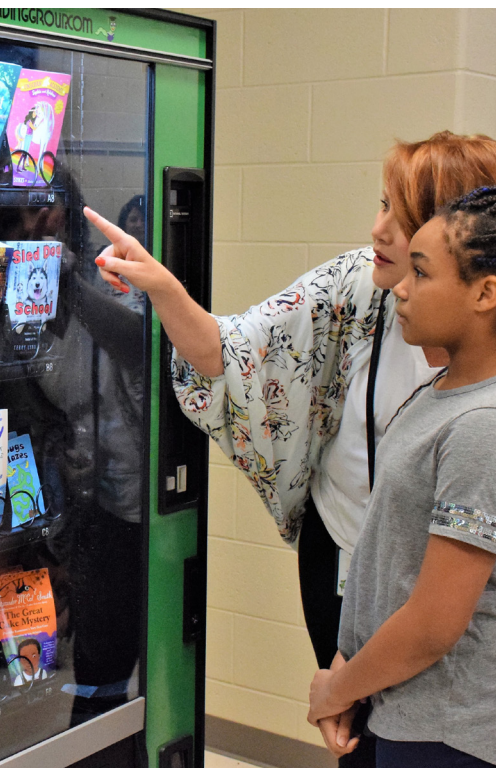
On our 2021 iReady Diagnostic assessments (for grades K-8), students exhibited an average of 18% growth in math and reading proficiency levels over a four month period. 2019-2020 data from Pelham High School's "Grow Your Score" initiative indicates 96% of students grew in at least one area of the ACT and 65% of students improved their overall composite score by an average of 2.34 points per student. In addition, Pelham students consistently score above the state average on state assessments.

COMMUNITY

COLLABORATION

OPPORTUNITIES

KNOWLEDGE



PARENT TIPS *for Student Success*

TALK ABOUT SCHOOL

Ask your student about their day, find out what they're learning and what activities they've participated in. Even short conversations create connections and opportunities for involvement in your student's education.

DEVELOP GOOD HABITS

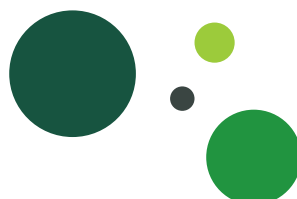
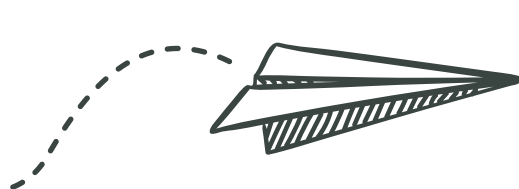
Set aside time for homework in a dedicated area of your home; help students understand the importance of planning and turning in assignments on time; use school supplies and/or digital tools to assist in organization; encourage students to seek help when they need it.

GET INVOLVED

Monitor your student's grades and progress through PowerSchool and Google Classroom; read emails from the school system, principals, and teachers to stay up to date on important information; communicate with teachers and school staff to discuss questions or concerns; connect with our school community on social media and in person at parent meetings and other school events.

HELP YOUR STUDENT DEVELOP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Your encouragement and enthusiasm will help shape how your student views school, learning, and embracing academic opportunities!





Innovative

Rachael Ruis
5th Grade Teacher
Pelham Oaks Elementary



Optimistic

Jason Harchuck
Special Education Teacher
Pelham High School



United

Elizabeth Hernandez
7th Grade Student
Pelham Park Middle School



Inspiring

Charlotte Clare Norris
Theater Arts/ Musical Theater
Teacher
Pelham Park Middle School



Committed

Khadidr Jones
Assistant Principal
Pelham Ridge
Elementary



Passionate

Abby Ayers
8th Grade Science Teacher
Pelham Park Middle School



ENCOURAGING

Zoey Snyder
6th Grade Student
Pelham Park Middle School

SUM IT UP

We asked teachers, staff, and students from all of our schools to pick one word to describe Pelham City Schools. Check out what they had to say.



Happy

Reese Sadberry
5th Grade Student
Pelham Ridge Elementary



Culture

Brayden Marlowe
12th Grade Student
Pelham High School



FAMILY

Emma Studdard
11th Grade Student
Pelham High School



AMAZING

Marion Crossfield
1st Grade Student
Pelham Oaks Elementary



CREATIVE

Jorge Beltran
Ortiz-Olazarán
4th Grade Student
Pelham Oaks Elementary



Family

Juan J. Vasquez
ESL/Language Acquisition &
Transition Teacher
Pelham High School



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