

## PICKENS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



### 2018-2019 SCHOOL STATISTICS

Designated in 2009

Re-Designated in 2012, 2015, 2018

Community Size – Rural

School Enrollment – 702

Grade Levels – 7 & 8

School Calendar – Block

Free and Reduced Lunch – 54.15%

English Learners – 0.7%

Students with Disabilities – 15%

### Pickens Junior High School

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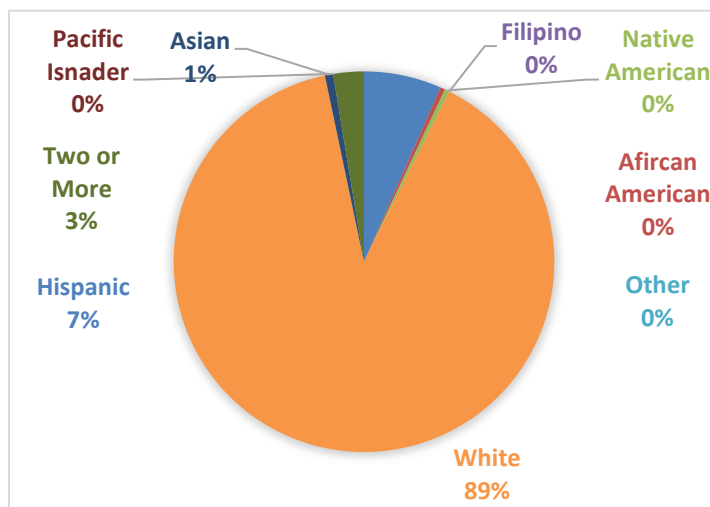
Principal – Chad Flatt

<http://pickensjr.pickenscountyschools.org>

### ***School Characteristics and Replicable Practices***

#### **Academic Excellence**

- High quality instruction is pervasive at each gradelevel and in every discipline.
- High level instruction takes place in every classroom on a daily basis.
- There is an emphasis on cross curricular planning in order to implement an integrated curriculum throughout the school.
- Students have the opportunity to earn high school credit in Algebra I, Physical Science, Spanish I and Basic Agriculture.
- STEM opportunities are provided to all students in grades 7 and 8.
- PJHS is a 1 to 1 technology school with all students being assigned a Chromebook.



## **Developmental Responsiveness**

- The PJHS house system in place serves all students of every academic level equally as well as provides them a sense of security and authentic belonging
- Community involvement through the Learning Academy enhances student understanding of real world application of abstract standards.
- Teachers are enthusiastic and positive in their interactions with students.
- The school counselors address student needs in various formats including individual, small group and classroom settings.
- PJHS utilizes the services of a school-based mental health counselor.
- A wide variety of clubs are offered bi-monthly during the school day.
- A variety of athletic and fine arts opportunities are made available to all students.
- Remedial classes are provided in ELA, as well as an opportunity for struggling learners to receive intensive remediation three days per week in Math.

## **Social Equity**

- Student government participation is open to all students.
- Students with learning differences are exposed to the same content and learning activities as general education students and are supported by the special education teacher.
- Instruction is student-centered rather than teacher-centered.
- Students state that the best thing about PJHS is the teachers, and that their teachers will do everything to help students learn.
- Tutoring is offered for all students before school every morning and Tuesday through Thursday after school.

## **Organizational Support**

- Teachers credit a supportive administration as the catalyst for curriculum innovations and changes they have made to challenge students in their learning.
- PJHS adheres to best practices for young adolescents.
- The school counselors are responsive to the needs of all students.
- The Supportive Learning Environment leadership team helps to celebrate faculty accomplishments and organizes team building opportunities.
- School Advisory Council is an active participant in school improvement.
- The academic coach provides job-embedded professional learning to all teachers.
- Student government provides a platform for the voices of all students to be heard and feel a part of the decision making process within their building and community.