

PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL - HOME OF THE DRAGONS

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I am honored to serve as your principal for the 2019-20 school year. Pickens High School has been busy this summer with additions and renovations across the campus.

We hope that you have enjoyed your summer break and are ready to jump in and begin learning all that our teachers will have prepared for you.

I encourage parents and guardians to reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions, concerns, or need clarification of something. If my team and I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

What we want our Parents to know

At PHS, we encourage you to contact us when you have a question or need assistance. Someone on our team will be more than happy to help you. Additionally, please turn to our website, Facebook and Twitter pages for announcements and information. Lastly, please make sure we have current phone numbers on file so that your family can receive the automated calls from our school.

Make yourself familiar with morning and afternoon traffic plans, the building layout, PCSD Code of Conduct and our PHS Student/Parent Handbook. These resources will provide you with a great deal of information about our school and important policies/procedures to help guide you and your student(s) to a successful year.



Chris Wallace
Principal

What we want our Students to know

The one thing that I want to make sure you realize is that we exist for you. My staff and I are committed to keeping you safe, challenging you to grow academically, assisting you in determining your career goals, providing necessary supports to ensure your success, helping you achieve your potential, and being trustworthy, reliable role models for you to learn from and look up to. You are the most important people in our building and serving your needs is a top priority for us. Please use the resources we have available to serve you.

We have a staff full of caring, compassionate people who chose this profession because of you. In order for us to serve you effectively, we need you to show up, on time, and ready to learn each day. Do not settle for mediocrity. Push yourself to be the best version of you that you can be. Lastly, I would say to get involved. Challenge yourself to get involved in a Club, CTSO, or extracurricular activity that you have not yet explored. Soak up the high school experience, make memories and friendships that will last a lifetime and get all that PHS has to offer you. The more time, effort and commitment you put in, the more you will receive out of your experience and time on Dragon Drive. Make the most of your four years here. They go by quickly!

What's new at PHS this year?

We are adding a new building on our campus that will house DOVA (Dragons Opportunity and Virtual Academy). This 7,000+ square foot facility is located at the rear of the school and will be a great place to assist us in serving our students.

Additionally, we will be breaking ground on a softball/baseball complex soon. It will be placed where the existing softball field and tennis courts are currently located. To make room for this complex, we will be relocating the tennis courts to a new location on campus. We are excited to be getting a brand new, upgraded tennis facility, and a new softball/baseball complex. This will mean that our baseball team will have a home on our campus for the first time since the school was built! Many students will reap the benefits of these facilities for many years to come.

Parent Pick-up/Bus Dismissal
2:45 p.m.

Our Theme for 2019-20

Our slogan/theme for the 2019-2020 school year is "Be Relentless".

Be Relentless in...

Our pursuit to become the safest school environment possible.

Our journey to become the top performing academic high school in our RESA Region.

Our goal of achieving 96%+ Average Daily Attendance.

Our aim to make the Dragon Nation a feared competitor to all others we face.

Our quest and drive to be the best version of ourselves each day.

Our desire to show all others respect, kindness and compassion.

Let's Connect!

Our website is <http://pickenshigh.pickens.k12.ga.us/>
Find us on Facebook: Pickens High School – Jasper, Georgia
Twitter: @PickensHighGa

Final Thoughts and Important Facts About PHS

Campus: 136 acres/275,000+ square feet (under roof)

Student Population: 1,375-1,400

Staff: 125

Colors: Green & White

Mascot: Dragons

4-year Graduation Rate: 95.67%

Activities: 19 different GHSA recognized sports, 7 CTSOs (Career & Technical Student Organizations), 5 Fine Arts Performance Areas, numerous clubs & student organizations.

Career, Technical & Agricultural Education (CTAE) Pathways: 14

We are anticipating a great 2019-2020 school year here at PHS. 2018-2019 was one of the most storied years of student success in our school's 62-year history. This was evidenced by the many accomplishments that were attained by our students. These included: A FFA National Championship winner, Football and Boy's Cross-Country Region Championships, state qualifying teams/athletes in 11 different sports, six National Conference-level competitors in 3 separate CTSOs, an e-Sports GHSA State Championship, and the list goes on and on. Each year, I am amazed at what our students accomplish and how they represent our school, district and community. We are very excited for the many opportunities that exist within



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our district and at our school for the upcoming year.

There will be a great deal of construction taking place on our campus over the next six months. Please exercise caution when on Dragon Drive and throughout our campus. With 300+ student drivers, 30+ buses, 300-400 parent drop-off/pick-ups per day, 125 driving staff members and other vehicles on our campus, it gets very busy at times. Thank you in advance for obeying the speed limit and for following the traffic flow on our campus.

I hope that your student(s) finds that their time at Pickens High School to be rewarding and worthwhile. Our goal is to help prepare the Dragon Nation for the world that lies ahead of them. We plan to accomplish this by rigorous delivery of the standards, utilizing state-of-the-art technology, providing numerous AP offerings, access to many student organizations and clubs, exposure to world-class CTAE facilities and instruction and by creating a school community and culture that is centered on to success of all students.

If at any time you have questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (706)253-1800 or via email at chriswallace@pickenscountyschools.org

