



Pleasant Hill Elementary School

Preparing and Honoring Every Student

LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

- **Motto:** “Preparing and Honoring Every Student”
- **Mission:** The mission of Pleasant Hill Elementary School is to prepare all 21st century learners by providing a healthy and caring community, innovative instruction and support to ensure that all students achieve excellence in academics and the arts.
- **Vision:** To prepare and honor students as they become lifelong learners, leaders and global citizens who have the ability to communicate in multiple languages, collaborate and think creatively and critically in the 21st century.
- Palmetto Gold School Award winner

Schools of the Future — Now!

LexLeads—Student Leadership Opportunities

Pleasant Hill Elementary incorporates strategies from The Leader in Me program and lessons provided by the school’s counselors to help students develop leadership skills. The school provides students multiple opportunities to demonstrate leadership skills while they serve as classroom helpers, flag helpers, Principal’s Cabinet representatives, Safety Patrol members and school store managers.

LexLearns—21st Century Skills Emphasis

Teachers help students develop and utilize the 21st century skills of collaboration, communication, creative thinking, critical thinking and problem solving. Students practice these skills through participation in project-based learning experiences and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) activities.

LexLearns—Technology

Students frequently use personal mobile computing devices to make real-world connections and extend learning. They participate in a keyboarding initiative and a digital citizen program to help them become fluent in a digital society. Teachers actively seek opportunities to integrate technology into their standards-based curriculum.

LexLearns—Goal Setting

Every student keeps a data notebook to set academic and personal goals, record progress and share results with teachers and parents.

LexLearns—Spanish Partial-Immersion program

Beginning in kindergarten, parents can enroll their child in the Spanish Partial-Immersion program. Mathematics and science are taught in Spanish and English language arts and social studies are taught in English. All spoken language and print text in mathematics and science are in Spanish, while all materials in ELA and social studies are in English.

LexLearns—Lexington One Language Acquisition Program

All third- through fifth-graders not enrolled in the immersion program participate in the Lexington One Language Acquisition (LOLA) program. They receive 90 minutes of Spanish instruction each week.

LexLives—Student Wellness

Students are encouraged to take part in the morning fitness walk offered each day before school. They can join physical education teachers and walk for up to twenty minutes. PHES also helps students learn about the importance of healthy eating. Each grade level maintains and harvests a raised-bed garden.

LexLives—Environmental Stewardship

PHES is a South Carolina Green Steps School. It received that designation for taking annual steps to become more environmentally responsible. Each year, the student-led Recycling Team recycles batteries, cans, cardboard, glue sticks, paper and water bottles. Students also participate in activities that encourage others to reuse, reduce and recycle.