

# Pleasant Hill Middle School

Be Committed, Be Caring, Be Courageous

#### LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

- Motto: "Be Committed, Be Caring, Be Courageous"
- Mission: The mission of Pleasant Hill Middle School is to produce successful life-long learners and leaders by cultivating students' confidence, creativity and intellectual independence.
- **Vision:** Through a shared responsibility in learning, the students of Pleasant Hill Middle School will become self-advocating global citizens who are technologically advanced, creatively thinking and self-directed.

# Schools of the Future — Now!

### LexLearns—WEB Leader Program

As part of the WEB Leader Program, eighth-grade Pleasant Hill Middle students serve as mentors for sixth-grade students. The program provides initial support to help sixth-graders transition to middle school and ongoing academic and social support throughout the school year.

## LexLearns—Individual Learning Time

Individual Learning Time (ILT) is a 20 minute period at the beginning of each day. Students choose how they will use that time to best fit their individual learning styles. During ILT, students can meet individually with teachers, collaborate in small groups or work individually on assignments or projects.

## LexLearns—Differentiated Learning

Through regular classroom instruction, students experience differentiated learning experiences, real-world problem solving and blended learning opportunities. Teachers plan instruction based on the needs of individual students and use performance-based assessments, traditional assessments and multimodal products to determine whether students have mastered standards.

### LexLearns—Fine Arts Focus

Pleasant Hill Middle participates in the South Carolina Arts Commission Arts in Education program and is a recipient of the Arts in Basic Curriculum Advancement Grant. The school incorporates five art forms in daily instruction through standards-based curriculum in art, creative writing, dance, drama and music. Students also benefit from learning experiences with artists in residence through various fine arts courses.

#### LexLives—Student Wellness

The school offers several athletic programs for students to participate in along with afterschool running programs like Girls on the Run and Run hard. All of these activities help build important character skills while reinforcing the importance of developing healthy habits.

As a Farm to School Grant recipient, Pleasant Hill Middle student maintains a school garden and learn about food production and healthy eating choices. Students can also serve on the Cafeteria Advisory Committee with the school cafeteria manager. They discuss healthy meal options, test new recipes and offer valuable feedback.