

# Pelion High School

## 2019-2020



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**SC Department of Education Graduation Requirements**  
**24 Total Credits**

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	3 credits (biology required)
Social Studies	3 credits (US History, Government, Economics required)
World Language or CATE	1 credit
PE or JROTC	1 credit
Computer Science	1 credit
Electives	7 credits

**SC Commission on Higher Education 4-Year College Requirements**

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must include Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and a 4th higher level math course</li></ul>
Lab Sciences	3 credits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must take Biology, Chemistry or Physics, and 1 other lab science</li></ul>
Social Studies	3 credits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must take US History, Government, and Economics plus one other social studies</li></ul>
Fine Arts	1 credit
World Language	2 credits of the same language (some colleges require 3)
PE/JROTC	1 credit
Computer Science	1 credit
Electives	5 credits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two electives must include college preparatory courses in computer science; English; fine arts; foreign languages; social science; humanities; mathematics; physical education; and laboratory science (courses for which biology, chemistry, physics, or earth science is a prerequisite).</li><li>• Students should also check the admissions requirements for the college they are interested in to make sure they are meeting any additional requirements.</li></ul>

# Diploma Pathways

**\*Current 9th and 10th Graders Only**



## DIPLOMA PATHWAYS SEALS OF DISTINCTION OVERVIEW

**One or more Seals may be earned, but are not required for graduation.**

\*Consult District or School Curriculum Guides for more information regarding curriculum choices and requirements.

Honors Seal of Distinction	College-Ready Seal of Distinction	Career Seal of Distinction	Specialization Seal of Distinction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UGP GPA</b> 3.5 or higher</li> </ul> <p><b>English-</b> *4 Credits 2 at honors or higher level</p> <p><b>Math-</b> *4 Credits 3 at honors or higher level (Alg. 2 as a prerequisite for the 4<sup>th</sup> higher level credit)</p> <p><b>Lab Science-</b> *3 Credits 2 at honors or higher</p> <p><b>Social Studies-</b> *3 Credits 2 at the honors or higher level</p> <p><b>World Languages-</b> *2 Credits of the same language for class of 18-19 9th graders *3 Credits of the same language for entering 9<sup>th</sup> graders 19-20 and beyond</p> <p><b>Advanced Coursework-</b> *4 credits of honors or higher in Jr/Sr. years (the last 2 years prior to graduation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UGP GPA</b> 3.0 or higher</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>ACT (Composite Score) = 20</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>SAT = 1020 (combined math and evidenced-based reading/writing scores)</p> <p><b>English-</b> *4 Credits</p> <p><b>Math-</b> *4 Credits Alg. 1 (or the equivalent of Alg. 1), Geometry, Alg.2 and 4<sup>th</sup> Math with Alg.2 or Integrated Math 3 as a prerequisite</p> <p><b>Lab Science-</b> *3 Credits</p> <p><b>Social Studies-</b> *3 Credits</p> <p><b>World Language-</b> *2 Credits of the same language</p> <p><b>Fine Arts-</b> *1 Credit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UGP GPA</b> 2.5 or higher</li> </ul> <p>(Innovative courses <u>may</u> be approved and must align with student's post secondary plan.)</p> <p><b>English-</b> *4 Credits</p> <p><b>Math-</b> *4 Credits</p> <p><b>Science-</b> *3 Credits</p> <p><b>Social Studies-</b> *3 Credits</p> <p>And</p> <p><b>Completion of an EEDA major</b></p> <p>And one of the following: <b>Earn at least 1 industry-recognized credential</b> <b>OR</b> <b>Silver or higher on WIN</b> <b>OR</b> <b>A semester-long WBL placement credit.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UGP GPA</b> 3.0 or higher (all areas)</li> </ul> <p>(Complete one area to qualify)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>STEM-</b> *4 credits beyond required courses in math, science, and technology ; at least 2 at honors level or higher; may be in 1 area of STEM or across 4 areas</li> <li>• <b>World Language-</b> *4 credits in the <u>same language</u> and/or minimum ACTFL Exam score of "Intermediate Low" (or an equated score on STAMP or ASL assessment) ; Or AP exam score- 3 or higher Or IB exam score- 4 or higher before the senior year; <b>English Learners</b> – all criteria above and Level 5 composite ACCESS test score</li> <li>• <b>Military-</b> *4 credits in JROTC; and an ASVAB score of 31 or higher</li> <li>• <b>Arts-</b> *4 credits in single or multiple areas of the Arts; 2 or more at Honors or higher level; Mastery on external exam or performance task</li> </ul>

## Where do you want to go after high school?

### **General Information:**

- Work on your resume.
  - ◆ Volunteer in the community, work a part-time job, get involved in school extracurricular activities.
- Continue to do your best in your classes.
  - ◆ Clear up any attendance/FA issues. See Mrs. E. Shumpert
- Interested in Dual Enrollment (College Classes)
  - ◆ Be sure you discuss the options with your counselor.
- Need help exploring a career, job shadowing, or internships
  - ◆ See Mrs. Crumpton in the counseling office
  - ◆ [dcrumpton@lexington1.net](mailto:dcrumpton@lexington1.net)
- Check your school email regularly for updates from the Counseling Department.
- If you are planning to participate in college level athletics, you MUST register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and/or the NAIA Eligibility Center.
  - ◆ NCAA: <http://eligibilitycenter.org>
  - ◆ NAIA: <https://playnaia.org>

### **Destination - Military**

- Speak with recruiters from the Military Branch that you are interested in.
- Take the ASVAB (See Mrs. Crumpton)
- Consider taking JROTC courses

### **Destination - Two Year College**

- Start visiting college campuses.
  - ◆ Juniors get one excused day for visits. Seniors get two excused days for visits.
- Look at Transfer Programs vs Career Programs that are offered
- Begin preparing for the required placement test.
- If you are planning to pursue a health career at Midlands Technical College, you will need to submit your ACT or SAT score.

### **Destination - Four Year College**

- Start visiting college campuses.
  - ◆ Juniors get one excused day for visits. Seniors get two excused days for visits.
- Make sure you are taking the required courses to be admitted to a four year college.
  - ◆ You should research the admissions requirements for each school you are interested in attending.
  - ◆ SCOIS can help you research colleges.
- Take the SAT or ACT
  - ◆ Students must register to take the SAT or ACT through the test website.
  - ◆ Scores can be sent to up to 4 colleges for free. You will choose these colleges when signing up for the test. Please make wise decisions. You will have to pay to send it to more colleges.
    - Counselors cannot send test scores to colleges or the NCAA.
  - ◆ *Students with Free or Reduced Lunch can receive 2 fee waivers/test.*

## Scholarships

Scholarship	Palmetto Fellows	LIFE (4-Year College)	HOPE (4-Year College)	LIFE (2-Year College)	Lottery Tuition Assistance
<b>Where Available</b>	SC 4-Year Public and Private Colleges	SC 4-Year Public and Private Colleges	SC 4-Year Public and Private Colleges	SC 2-Year Public and Private Colleges	SC 2-Year Public and Private Colleges
<b>Value</b>	Maximum of \$6700 for the first year	Maximum of \$5000 for the first year	Maximum of \$2800 (includes book allowance)	Cost of tuition plus \$300 book allowance	Portion of tuition (Depends on available funding)
<b>Requirements</b>	<p><b>Option 1:</b> Have at least a 3.5 GPA, <u>AND</u> rank in the top 6% of your class at the end of the 10th, 11th, OR 12th grade <u>AND</u> have either a 1200 SAT or 27 ACT</p> <p><b>Option 2:</b> Have a 4.0 final GPA <u>AND</u> 1400 SAT or 32 ACT</p>	<p>Two of these three:</p> <p>→ 3.0 Final GPA</p> <p>→ 1100 SAT OR 24 ACT</p> <p>→ Final class rank in the top 30%</p>	3.0 Final GPA	3.0 Final GPA	<p>→ Must be a SC Resident</p> <p>→ Must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours</p> <p>→ Make satisfactory progress</p> <p>→ Complete the FAFSA</p>

**\*\*Students may only receive one of the above qualifying scholarships.**

### Other Scholarship Opportunities

- Pelion High School Counseling webpage
- Pelion High School Panther Pride Senior Newsletter
- Fastweb.com, Scholarships.com, **RaiseMe**, other online scholarship web searches

## Fall 2019 Freshman Profiles

<b>South Carolina Public Four-Year Colleges &amp; Universities</b>	<b>Average GPA</b>	<b>Average SAT (Math &amp; Reading)</b>	<b>Average ACT</b>
The Citadel	3.03	1090	22
Clemson University	3.9	1245	28
Coastal Carolina University	3.32	1000	21
College of Charleston	3.82	1130	25
Francis Marion University	3.34	955	19
Lander University	3.6	940	19
South Carolina State University	Not Reported	815	16
USC Aiken	3.4	970	20
USC Beaufort	Not Reported	935	19
USC Columbia	3.57	1200	27
USC Upstate	3.5	955	20
Winthrop University	3.63	1030	22

<b>South Carolina Private Four-Colleges &amp; Universities</b>	<b>Average GPA</b>	<b>Average SAT (Math &amp; Reading)</b>	<b>Average ACT</b>
Anderson University	3.73	1010	23
Benedict College	2.54	760	15
Bob Jones University	3.46	965	22
Charleston Southern University	3.25	985	21
Claflin University	Not Reported	790	17
Coker College	3.6	1009	20
Columbia College	3.29	1020	22
Columbia International University	3.48	1085	20
Converse College	3.85	1040	22
Erskine College	Not Reported	1020	21
Furman University	3.54 on 4.0	1220	27
Limestone College	3.10	1025	21
Newberry College	3.10	940	20
North Greenville University	3.8	1115	26
Presbyterian College	3.56	1090	23
Southern Wesleyan University	Not Reported	950	19
Voorhees College	2.5	Not Reported	Not Reported
Wofford College	3.47	1165	27

<b>Two-Year Private Institution</b>	<b>Average GPA</b>	<b>Average SAT (Math &amp; Reading)</b>	<b>Average ACT</b>
Spartanburg Methodist College*	3.0	870	18

## ACT or SAT?

### Summary Overview

	SAT	ACT
<b>Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For college admissions and merit-based scholarships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For college admissions and merit-based scholarships</li> </ul>
<b>Test Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading</li> <li>Writing &amp; Language</li> <li>Math</li> <li>Essay (Optional)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English</li> <li>Math</li> <li>Reading</li> <li>Science Reasoning</li> </ul>
<b>Math Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arithmetic</li> <li>Algebra I &amp; II</li> <li>Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arithmetic</li> <li>Algebra I &amp; II</li> <li>Geometry and Trigonometry</li> </ul>
<b>Science</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No science content</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 science section testing critical thinking skills (not specific science knowledge)</li> </ul>
<b>Reading</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five Reading passages</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four Reading passages</li> </ul>
<b>Calculator Use</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some math questions don't allow you to use a calculator.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A calculator is allowed on all math questions.</li> </ul>
<b>Duration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 hours (without essay)</li> <li>3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay)</li> <li>3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)</li> </ul>
<b>Scoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scored on a scale of 400–1600</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scored on a scale of 1-36</li> </ul>

#### On which test will I do better?

The ACT is designed to evaluate overall educational development whereas the SAT is designed to evaluate a student's general thinking and problem-solving abilities. The ACT may include more grammar and punctuation, whereas the SAT includes more vocabulary. Both tests are approximately the same duration and neither test penalizes a test-taker for incorrect answers

Each test has a somewhat different structure, so the very best way to determine which test is better suited for you is to take a practice test of each. That way you can receive an actual score and compare the results on both tests to make a determination regarding which is most appropriate for you. Practice tests are widely available online. Please visit the links provided on the front side of this letter for both the ACT and SAT.



**ACT/SAT Conversion Chart**

<b>ACT Composite Score</b>	<b>SAT Critical Reading + Math Score</b>
36	1600
35	1540-1590
34	1490-1530
33	1440-1480
32	1400-1430
31	1360-1390
30	1330-1350
29	1290-1320
28	1250-1280
27	1210-1240
26	1170-1200
25	1130-1160
24	1090-1120
23	1050-1080
22	1020-1040
21	980-1010
20	940-970
19	900-930
18	860-890
17	820-850
16	770-810
15	720-760
14	670-710
13	620-660
12	560-610
11	510-550

# Test Prep Information

## 1. Shmoop Free Test Prep

- a. Go to: [www.shmoop.com/signup/scvs](http://www.shmoop.com/signup/scvs)
- b. Select the Take me to School button
- c. Enter the information
  - i. The “Magic Word” is WALRUS
  - ii. You will need to create a username and password.
  - iii. You should keep track of the username and password they choose.
  - iv. Be mindful that they cannot get email from outside of the district. Use a personal email if possible.
  - v. Select Create Student Account
- d. Once logged in, choose Test Prep.
  - i. ACT
  - ii. SAT
  - iii. Accuplacer
  - iv. AP Exams
  - v. ASVAB
  - vi. PSAT
- e. You can do practice tests, drills, etc.

## 2. ACT Academy

- a. <https://academy.act.org/>
- b. Many resources beyond just the ACT

## 3. Khan Academy

- a. <https://www.khanacademy.org/>