

PICKERINGTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HISTORY OF PICKERINGTON SCHOOLS

The legacy of the Pickerington Local School District begins in Violet Township with the Ordinance of 1785. This ordinance set aside land for school purposes. At one time Violet Township was home to 19 one to two room schools spread across the township. The bulk of these schools later became combined into the Pickerington Local School District.

The first documented school in the Pickerington area was in 1812. It is believed that the log cabin housing the school may have been a settler's cabin used on Sundays for church and school during the week.

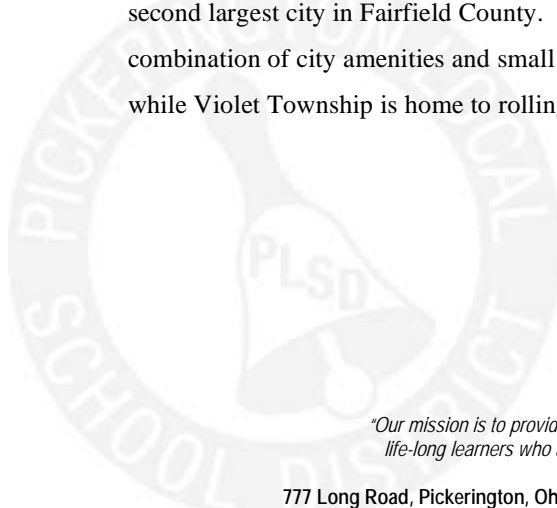
In 1815 Abraham Pickering, whom the City of Pickerington is named after, donated a plot of land to be used for educational purposes. The Pickerington School House was built on this land, and in 1883, a new two-story, two room school was built to replace the original building. According to census data, in 1895 The Pickerington School educated 105 students. This site today is home to the Pickerington and Violet Township Historical Society, 15 E. Columbus Street.

The Violet Township Board of Education was created in 1905 as the first step in unification of the area schools. After two years of hard work, a charter from the state was in hand and the process for financing a building program was in place. Construction of the new Violet Township High School began in February of 1907. The building would have six rooms plus a basement at a cost of \$15,000. The VTHS class of 1909 was the first to graduate from this new school with a graduating class of four.

In 1939 Violet Township Schools became Pickerington Local Schools and VTHS became Pickerington High School a year later.

Driven by a dynamic and caring staff, Pickerington Local Schools has grown from a shared one-room school in a log cabin to 11 modern facilities educating over 10,000 students making it the 18th largest school district in Ohio.

The Ohio Secretary of State certified Pickerington as a city in 1991. At 11.1 square miles, Pickerington is the second largest city in Fairfield County. The City of Pickerington, located just east of Columbus, Ohio, offers a combination of city amenities and small town friendliness. The city features a historic downtown shopping area, while Violet Township is home to rolling hills, forest and fields.



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District Timeline

- 1812 First School in Pickerington, log building northwest of the church at the corner of Church and Cross Street.
- 1833 School building built on lot now occupied by Carnegie Library (Pickerington & Violet Township Historical Society Museum). Later replaced by a brick building.
- 1883 First schoolhouse on the hill. A two room, two story brick building.
- 1907 First modern building on the hill. This building is nucleus of our present building.
- 1917 Enlarged the portion of building, south side added.
- 1936 Enlarged to north - includes auditorium and gymnasium.
- 1939 Name changed from Violet Township High School to Pickerington High School.
- 1957 Elementary building #1 cafeteria and multipurpose room.
- 1963 Elementary building #2 industrial arts.
- 1964 Land purchased for the athletic field.
- 1968 New high school on Hill Road was completed.
- 1972-73 Split sessions were enacted: 6:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon & 12:10 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.
- 1973-74 Enlarge new junior high school - new gym and 15 classrooms.
- 1974 Fire destroys library and administrative offices at junior high school.
- 1978 School on East Street becomes Pickerington Middle School.
- 1977-78 Pickerington Elementary building was completed.
- 1977-78 Violet Elementary building was completed.
- 1981 High school on Hill Road added classrooms and a cafeteria.
- 1981 Fairfield Elementary building was completed.
- 1981 The covered walkway at school on East Street was removed to create space for an additional classroom space and a large study hall.
- 1991-92 Pickerington High School on Opportunity Way was opened.
- 1991-92 School building on Hill Road becomes Pickerington Junior High.
- 1991-92 The East Street building became Pickerington Middle School.
- 1995-96 Additions made to Pickerington Junior High and Fairfield Elementary.
- 1996-97 Tussing Elementary was opened.
- 2000-01 Diley Middle School was opened.
- 2000-01 Harmon Middle School was opened.
- 2001-02 Former Middle School on East Street is now Heritage Elementary.
- 2003-04 Lakeview Junior High opens.
Pickerington High School North opens.
Pickerington High School becomes Pickerington High School Central.
Pickerington Junior High becomes Pickerington Ridgeview Junior High.
- 2009 Sycamore Creek Elementary, Toll Gate Elementary and Toll Gate Middle schools open

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2009-2010 PLSD Schools

K-4

- Fairfield Elementary (K-4)
- Heritage Elementary School (K-4)
- Pickerington Elementary (K-4)
- Sycamore Creek Elementary (K-4)
- Toll Gate Elementary (K-4)
- Tussing Elementary (K-4)
- Violet Elementary (K-4)

5-6

- Diley Middle School (5-6)
- Harmon Middle School (5-6)
- Toll Gate Middle School (5-6)

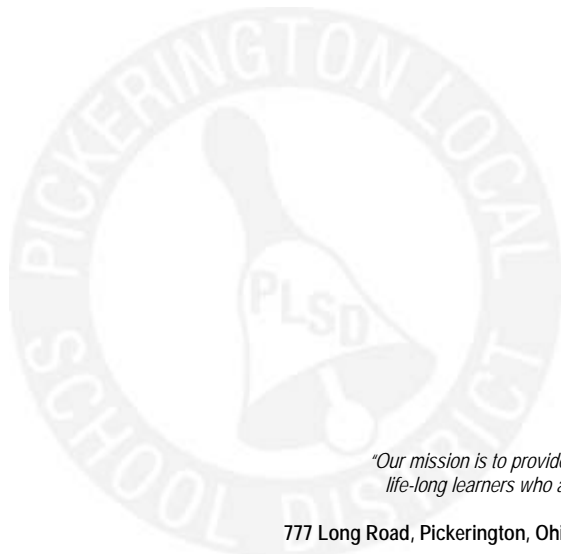
7-8

- Lakeview Junior High School (7-8)
- Ridgeview Junior High School (7-8)

9-12

- Pickerington High School Central (9-12)
- Pickerington High School North (9-12)

The district has a policy of equity between schools. Almost every course or service that is offered at Pickerington High School Central is also offered at Pickerington High School North, and the equity extends down to the junior high, middle and elementary schools.



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COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

The Pickerington Local School District has made steady academic over the past five years. According to the Ohio Department of Education's 2007-2008 report card, the district has received an *Excellent* rating. The Pickerington Local School District is one of the largest school districts in the state, in terms of enrollment, to earn a perfect score on the report card. The district has earned excellent and effective designations from the state of Ohio the past six years.

Our Mission and Vision

Our goal is be a high performance school district with high quality learning environments for every student. Our mission is to provide all children an efficient and nurturing educational environment that creates life-long learners who are socially responsible citizens. We believe children are our primary focus. The district has developed a series of success drivers that will target the district's focus on its Team Goal; "Pickerington Local Schools will be a high performance school district with high quality learning environments for every student."

Key Success Drivers

Accountability

Each staff member is accountable for advancing student achievement by helping every student reach his or her optimal level of success.

Data Driven Decision Making

Pickerington Local Schools will require reliable and accurate data to foster achievement for every student.

Finances

To maximize every possible educational opportunity, district finances will be used efficiently, prioritizing those areas that directly support the district's mission of quality learning while assuring taxpayers that their investment is being wisely managed.

Communication

All Pickerington staff members will foster an environment of consistent, accurate and timely communication with all stakeholders including students, parents and all community members.

Diversity

Pickerington Local Schools is a modern school district that embraces, respects and includes everyone from all cultures and backgrounds.

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Enrolling in Pickerington

Registration to Pickerington Local School District is limited to those who reside within the district boundaries or for those moving into the district.

Contact the Welcome Center, located at Ridgeview Junior High School, 130 Hill Road, S., Suite #102 to enroll in the District. Please call (614) 920-6180 to receive a PIN and instructions to register online and schedule an appointment.

For your appointment you will need:

- * Copy of birth certificate
- * Proof of school district residency (closing statement, lease agreement, utility bill)
- * Records from previous school, or grant approval for district to obtain records
- * Parent Identification / Photo ID
- * Immunization Records
- * Kindergarten Students: Physician's Report
- * Custody order or decree from divorce or legal separation (if applicable)
- * Special Education Students: Current Individualized Education Program (IEP) and
- * Multi-Factored Evaluation (MFE) or Evaluation Team Report (ETR)

We no longer collect social security numbers at enrollment

Non-residents of the district, you will also need:

Contact the Welcome Center (614) 920-6180 for an explanation of the 90-day waiver provision available to families moving into the district.

- * Purchase or rental agreement
- * Proof of loan approval (if you are purchasing)

Non-custodial parent, you will also need:

- * a time-stamped, court- submitted motion or a letter from an attorney stating legal proceedings have been started through the court system
- * a notarized letter from the current custodial/residential parent, stating he/she is aware the child is residing with the person who is seeking custody/residential rights, and further understand a change in "school-placement parent" is being pursued through the court system. (This notarized letter MUST include full contact information for the current custodial/residential parent AND be accompanied by a copy of the current custodial/residential parent's photo ID.)

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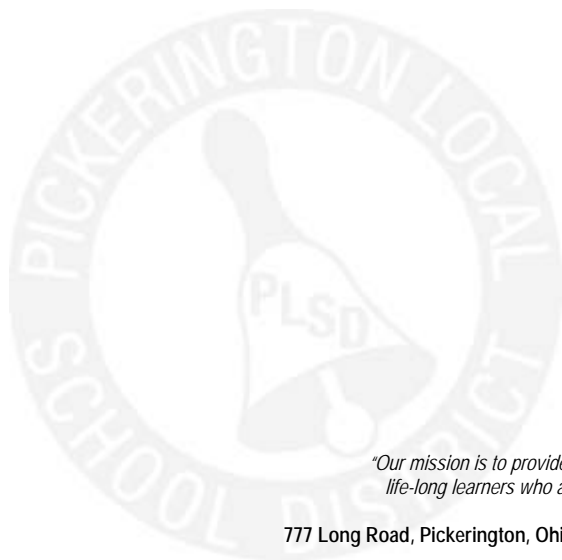
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Contact the Welcome Center (614) 920-6180 for an explanation of the 60-day waiver provision available to district residents who are pursuing custody, residential rights or guardianship through the court

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Pickerington Schools seeks to serve the educational needs of each student and offers gifted and talented programs, special education programs, English as a Second Language, prevention services and preschool placement and more.

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District At-A-Glance

- 14 Buildings
- 2 High Schools
- 2 Junior High Schools
- 3 Middle Schools
- 7 Elementary Schools

Student Achievement

Graduation Rate	97.7
Mean ACT Score	23
Mean SAT Score	1112

PLSD Graduates Attend College and Universities

Bowling Green University	Harvard University	The Ohio State University
Bradford University	Heidelberg College	University of Alabama
Brigham young University	Hocking College	University of Pittsburg
Capital University	Hollins University	Savannah College of Art & Design
Cedarville University	Kent State University	School of Advertising art
College of Wooster	Liberty University	Tiffin University
Columbus College of Art & Design	Marshall University	University of Charleston
Columbus State University	Mercyhurst College	University of Cincinnati
Defiance College	Miami University	University of Mississippi
Denison University	Morehead State University	University of Toledo
Eastern Michigan University	Muskingum College	Urbana University
Eckerd College	Ohio Dominican University	Wittenberg University
Elon College	Ohio Northern University	Wright State
	Ohio Wesleyan University	Xavier University
	Otterbein College	
	Ohio University	

Student Demographics

- 71.1% White
- 17.9% African-American
- 3.1% Asian
- 2.4% Hispanic
- 5.4% Multi-racial
- 17.1% Economically Disadvantaged
- 11.1% Students with Disabilities
- 95.5% Attendance Rate

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Enrollment History

The district has averaged over 375 new students per year during the past decade.

School Year	Enrollment	Increase
1999-2000	7,208	---
2000-2001	7,598	390
2001-2002	7,924	326
2002-2003	8,363	439
2003-2004	8,875	512
2004-2005	9,254	379
2005-2006	9,714	460
2006-2007	10,018	304
2007-2008	10,231	213
2008-2009	10,586	355

2007-2008 PUPIL/TEACHER RATIO*

K-4 - 1 to 26

5-6 - 1 to 28

7-8 - 1 to 28

9-12 - 1 to 30

(Above information is maximum number per classroom. The overall district's average number of students per classroom teacher is 19.1)

2007-2008 EMPLOYEES*

Administrators – 41.5

Certified Staff – 718.5

Support Services/Non-Certified – 322

**2009 data is currently being compiled*

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BUILDING DIRECTORY

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Fairfield Elementary School
13000 Coventry Ave., Pickerington, Ohio 43147
Ruth Stickel, Principal
Phone: (614) 866-1225
Fax: (614) 866-1302

Heritage Elementary School
100 East Street, Pickerington, Ohio 43147
Dave Toopes, Principal
Phone: (614) 833-6385
Fax: (614) 833-6415

Pickerington Elementary School
775 Long Road, Pickerington, Ohio 43147
Melissa Moriarty, Principal
Phone: (614) 833-2115
Fax: (614) 833-3054

Sycamore Creek Elementary School
500 Sycamore Creek Street
Pickerington, Ohio 43147
Sharon Caccimelio, Principal
Phone: (614) 834-6200
Fax: (614) 834-6210

Toll Gate Elementary School
12183 Toll Gate Road
Pickerington, Ohio 43147
Kristi Motsch, Principal
Phone: (614) 834-6300
Fax: (614) 834-6310

Violet Elementary School
8855 Education Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147
Molly Dalgarn, Principal
Phone: (614) 833-2130
Fax: (614) 833-3060

Tussing Elementary School
7117 Tussing Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
Jeannette Henson, Principal
Phone: (614) 759-3400
Fax: (614) 759-3404

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Pickerington Diley Middle School
750 Preston Trails Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147
Heather Hedgepeth, Principal
Phone: (614) 833-3630
Fax: (614) 833-3640

Pickerington Harmon Middle School
12410 Harmon Road, Pickerington, Ohio 43147
Gary Morrow, Principal
Phone: (614) 751-3570
Fax: (614) 751-3580

Toll Gate Middle School
12089 Toll Gate Road,
Pickerington, Ohio 43147
Mark Jones, Principal
Phone: (614) 834-6400
Fax: (614) 834-6410

JUNIOR HIGHS

Pickerington Lakeview Junior High School
12445 Ault Road, Pickerington, Ohio 43147
Jeff Clark, Principal
Phone: (614) 830-2200
Fax: (614) 834-3267

Pickerington Ridgeview Junior High School
130 Hill Road South, Pickerington, Ohio 43147
Charles Byers, Principal
Phone: (614) 833-2100
Fax: (614) 833-2127

HIGH SCHOOLS

Pickerington High School Central
300 Opportunity Way, Pickerington, Ohio 43147
Scott Reeves, Principal
Phone: (614) 833-3025
Fax: (614) 833-3062

Pickerington High School North
7800 Refugee Road, Pickerington, Ohio 43147
Cynthia Goldhaber, Principal
Phone: (614) 830-2700
Fax: (614) 833-3660

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Board of Education

The Pickerington Board of Education is dedicated to fostering excellence and equity in education by providing strong academic and fiscal leadership reflected in board policy.

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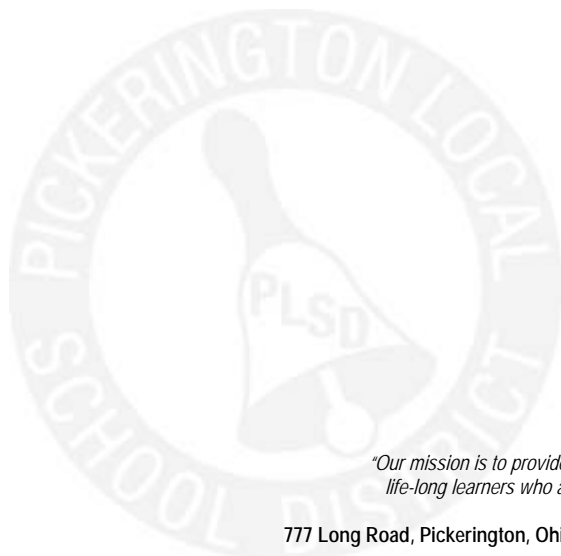
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