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Welcome to Pulaski Heights Middle School

Pulaski Heights has traditionally been one of the highest performing middle schools in the Little Rock School District. As we embark upon a new school term, the staff of Pulaski Heights Middle School is eager to engage with all stakeholders, parents, and students to continue this excellence in education. Our school motto is ***Staying on Top: Striving for Perfection*** and it is the collaborative nature of the Pulaski Heights Middle School community that will drive us towards our goal of providing the best academic experiences possible for each student.

At Pulaski Heights Middle School, students are exposed to engaged classrooms with challenging activities and stimulating curriculum. Parents are valued and included in school related initiatives and decisions. Pulaski Heights offers the order and structure necessary to afford teachers and students the ability to perform at high levels. At Pulaski Heights Middle School, we recognize that the life and success of each student is vital and that failure is not an option. To this end, we have adopted the *Five Areas of Focus*:

1. Establishing a school culture and climate where all stakeholders feel valued and part of the school family.
2. Providing the most complete academic experiences possible for a diverse learning community.
3. Establishing a school environment where students recognize and are held accountable for their daily responsibilities.
4. Providing a measure of customer service required of an exceptional school.
5. Maintaining an appropriate school appearance to provide the best environment possible for learning.

Pulaski Heights offers a complete educational experience for all levels of learners that will prepare them for future levels of instruction. *Gifted and Talented Math & English* are advanced level classes being piloted this year at PHMS. These courses are student driven and project based classes designed to challenge advanced learners beyond traditional courses. Pre-Advanced Placement (PAP) classes provide students with highly engaged critical thinking activities which will prepare them for problem solving roles in the future. Algebra 1 students earn high school credits as they prepare for the transition to more challenging high school math courses. The Foreign Language department of PHMS sponsors an annual trip to Paris where participating students can gain a more global cultural and historical perspective. Strategic Reading and a Math Skills Lab are being piloted this year to extend additional reading and math support to qualifying students. Pulaski Heights Middle School offers a wide range of elective courses

such as Planet Earth, EAST Lab, Band, Orchestra, Dance, Art, Fantasy & Futuristic Fiction, Imagination Zone, French, Spanish, and Gifted & Talented. Students are also encouraged to participate in athletics and various clubs and activities.

“At Pulaski Heights, we are a community where students are our number one priority.”