

# The School Report Express

## *The Standard For School Information Nationwide*

The 100% independently compiled information in this report is designed to help parents identify school districts that meet their family's educational needs and goals. The information is gathered from the school districts directly by National School Reporting Services, Inc., and updated regularly. The information is believed to be accurate, but is subject to change.

Use the convenient directory in this report to verify which specific school(s) your children will attend, and set up an appointment to visit the school(s). School districts may change the feeder patterns of their schools from year to year based on redistricting or government regulations. In addition, check that specific courses, programs and sports offered this year will also be offered in the future.

As parents, you can truly make a difference in the educational success of your children, through the choices you make concerning where to send your children to school, and through the support you give to the school system you choose.

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### **FYI**

#### Picayune

- Picayune Memorial HS is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- Kindergarten is available in full day sessions.
- ES chorus members participate in school concerts.
- After school sports at the ES level is available through the PYAA.
- 3rd through 5th graders may participate in the Mathathon or Spelling Bee.
- A drama club is now available to interested 7th and 8th grade students.
- Vo-tech training is available at Pearl River Community College.
- Band members perform in school concerts and competitions.
- Drama members perform in two productions annually.
- Picayune Memorial High School has two computer labs with internet access and computers in classrooms.
- MS sports include football, basketball, soccer and track.
- District is implementing a strategic plan initiative that focuses heavily on character education.
- Early Childhood Intervention program helps young parents help their preschoolers academically.
- Accreditation of Level 3.4 is based on a 5 point scale.
- The HS Girls Track team won the District Championship for the sixth time.
- The HS Football team won the District Championship in 2001.
- A student from Picayune Memorial High School was a Distinguished Finalist in the 2002 National Prudential Spirit of Community Award for Exemplary Community Service.
- Picayune Memorial High School offers dual enrollment through Pearl River Community College.
- All science classrooms at Picayune Memorial High School contain labs.

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Superintendent of Schools	Dr. Penny Wallin	601-798-3230
Guidance Services	Mr. Bill Spiers	601-798-6180
Special Education Services	Ms. Susan Thatcher	601-798-4555
Director of Fine Arts	Mr. Jerry Cumberland	601-798-1380
Athletic Director	Dr. Roy Brookshire	601-798-1380
General Information	Mr. Brent Harrell	601-798-3230
Gifted and Talented Director	Ms. Susan Thatcher	601-798-4555
Computer Education Director	Mr. Rick Logan	601-798-3230
Curriculum	Mr. Brent Harrell	601-798-3230
High School Guidance	Ms. Bea Stuart	601-798-1380

High School Special Ed.	Mrs. Rita Williams	601-798-1380
High School Fine Arts	Ms. Tanya Carr	601-798-1380
High School Athletics	Mr. Dodd Lee	601-798-1380
High School Information	Dr. Roy Brookshire	601-798-1380
High School Gifted/Talented	The Principals Office	601-798-1380
High School Computer Ed.	Ms. Linda Jopes	601-798-1380

### **FYI**

Poplarville Sep.

- Poplarville Jr-Sr HS is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- Kindergarten is offered as a full day program.
- After school sports for MS students is offered through Poplarville Athletic Association.
- Spanish is available to 5th grade students.
- Jr. HS band members perform in school concerts.
- A vocational center is housed on campus for interested students.
- Vo-tech programs include: food, health, mechanics, technology & family dynamics.
- HS is now offering Boys Power lifting as an interscholastic sport.
- Several members of boys tennis went to the states.

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Superintendent of Schools	Mrs. Gylde Fitzpatrick	601-795-8477
Guidance Services	Ms. Charlotte Daniels	601-795-8424
Special Education Services	Ms. Donnie Carroll	601-795-6153
Director of Fine Arts	Mr. Robert Smith	601-795-8424
Athletic Director	Mr. John Miller	601-795-8424
General Information	Mrs. Gylde Fitzpatrick	601-795-8477
Gifted and Talented Director	Ms. Donnie Carroll	601-795-6153
Computer Education Director	Mr. George Wade	601-795-8477
Curriculum	Mrs. Glenda Malley	601-795-8477
High School Guidance	Ms. Charlotte Daniels	601-795-8424
High School Special Ed.	Ms. Donnie Carroll	601-795-6153
High School Fine Arts	Ms. Janet Kennedy	601-795-8424
High School Athletics	Mr. John Miller	601-795-8424
High School Information	Mr. Carl Merritt	601-795-8424
High School Computer Ed.	Mrs. Robbi Davis	601-795-8424

### **FYI**

Pearl River

- MS students watch the Chapter One Program every morning.
- 5th grade students participate in an academic Mathathon.
- MS band members perform in several school concerts.
- After school sports for MS students include basketball and baseball.
- Drama members perform in two productions annually.
- Students interested in vo-tech training may take classes at the local Junior college.
- Band members perform in school concerts and competitions.
- A well equipped computer lab is available at the High School.
- 2% of HS Seniors are enrolled in AP English.
- MS sports include football and basketball.
- Pearl River HS is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

- Pearl River ES is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- Kindergarten is offered as a full day program.
- A college level algebra course is taught at Pearl River HS for the senior students.
- Industrial Sewing and Meat Cutter classes are offered in the Cisco Tech Program at Pearl River HS.
- A math teacher at Pearl River Central High School was awarded the 2000 Presidential Award for Excellence.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Superintendent of Schools	Mr. Dennis E. Penton	601-798-7744
Guidance Services	Ms. Toni Mecomber	601-798-1986
Special Education Services	Mrs. Melissa Halston	601-798-1912
Director of Fine Arts	Ms. Debra Craig	601-798-1986
Athletic Director	Mr. Michael Bradley	601-798-1986
General Information	Mr. Dennis E. Penton	601-798-7744
Gifted and Talented Director	Mrs. Melissa Halston	601-798-1912
Computer Education Director	Mr. Braque Cutrer	601-799-5025
Curriculum	Mrs. Nina Guthrie	601-798-7744
High School Guidance	Ms. Robin Craft	601-798-1986
High School Special Ed.	Mrs. Missy Holston	601-798-1912
High School Fine Arts	Mrs. Vicky Pruett	601-798-1986
High School Athletics	Mr. Michael Bradley	601-798-1986
High School Information	Mr. Loren Harris	601-798-1986
High School Computer Ed.	Mr. Braque Cutrer	601-798-1986

## District Size

<b>District</b>	<b>Picayune</b>	<b>Poplarville Sep.</b>	<b>Pearl River</b>
<b>Lowest Grade Level *</b>	Pre - K	Pre - K	K
<b>Highest Grade Level *</b>	12	12	12
<b>Student Population</b>	4092	2086	2674
<b>Teacher Population</b>	248	130	144
<b>Professional Staff **</b>	264	136	152
<b>Student/Teacher Ratio</b>	16:1	16:1	18:1
<b>Median Years of Teaching Experience</b>	17	10	10
<b># of Elementary Schools</b>	5	2	1
<b>Average Elementary School Population</b>	423	498	1542
<b># of Middle Schools / Junior High Schools</b>	1	1	1
<b>Average Middle School Population</b>	623	336	440
<b>Primary High School Population</b>	1062	753	692
<b>Average Class Size ***</b>			
<b>Grade 1</b>	25	26	25
<b>Grade 8</b>	26	28	26
<b>High School English</b>	25	28	25
<b>High School Math</b>	25	28	25
<b>High School Science</b>	25	28	25

\* Districts with only elementary schools include information on the high school most students attend  
 \*\* Includes guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, librarians, medical/dental staff, and teachers.  
 \*\*\* Does not include special classes or targeted small group classes.

## Elementary and Middle School Programs

District	Picayune	Poplarville Sep.	Pearl River
<b>Academic Programs</b>			
Formal Study of a Foreign Language		5	
Use of an Equipped Science Lab		7	
Formal Computer Training	K	K	K
Use of an Equipped Computer Lab	K	K	K
In-classroom Computers	K	K	1
Technology / Industrial Arts	7	7	
Home Economics	7	7	
English as a Second Language			
<b>Fine Arts Programs</b>			
Band Instrument Lessons	6	6	7
Orchestra Instrument Lessons			
Organized Band	6	6	7
Organized Orchestra			
Organized Chorus	5	3	7
Drama Productions	7	3	
Radio / TV Production			
<b>Gifted and Talented Pull-Out Programs</b>			
Fine Arts			
Mathematics			
Science			
General	2	2	2
Magnet Programs			
In-classroom Enrichment	K	K	
<b>Academic Interschool Competitions</b>			
Odyssey of the Mind			
Reading Incentive	K	5	
Science Fair	6	4	K
General Academic	3	3	5
<b>Other Programs</b>			
Before School Day Care			
After School Day Care			
After School Busing			
Overnight Field Trips		Y	

## Senior Performance

District	Picayune	Poplarville Sep.	Pearl River
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<b>High School Seniors</b>	184	133	108
<b>% of Seniors Receiving HS Diploma</b>	96%	97%	100%
<b>Graduates' Future Plans (% Attending)</b>			
<b>4-Year College/University</b>	21%	10%	18%
<b>2-Year / Junior College</b>	59%	40%	45%
<b>Business / Technical School</b>		5%	2%
<b>Armed Forces</b>	5%	5%	8%
<b>Work Force</b>	15%	40%	27%
<b>Awards</b>			
<b>National Merit Scholarship Finalists</b>	1		1
<b>National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists</b>			
<b>Letters of Commendation</b>			
<b>Average SAT Scores</b>			
<b>% of Seniors taking SATs</b>			NA
<b>Math</b>			
<b>Verbal</b>			
<b>Average ACT Scores</b>			
<b>% of Seniors taking ACTs</b>	35%	61%	27%
<b>English</b>			
<b>Math</b>			
<b>Science</b>			
<b>Reading</b>			
<b>Composite</b>	20.8	19.2	20.2