

**Bluffton Middle School
School Improvement Council
Annual Report to Parents
2020-2021**



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MISSION STATEMENT

Bluffton Middle School seeks to promote a tradition of academic excellence through exploration and discovery, technology awareness, and rigorous student-centered learning. Teachers, as facilitators, inspire intellectual curiosity in an environment where students develop the ability to think, be responsible, respectful, and honest to achieve their role as effective citizens in our global society.

VISION STATEMENT


We envision the Bluffton Middle School community working together to challenge every student to perform at an internationally competitive level in a learning environment that is safe, nurturing, and engaging.

When Bluffton Middle School opened its doors in 2010, we set a precedent of supporting our students and families socially, emotionally and academically. During the 20-21 pandemic school year, we served a diverse population of 844 6th-8th grade students. Our student population is comprised of 47% Hispanic/Latino, 36% Caucasian, 12% African American, and 5% Other. Our students learned in multiple platforms beginning the year virtually, moving to a hybrid model and then back to five full days face to face. We maintained a virtual offering all year long to those students who preferred the option. Even through the uncertainties of the school year, our students showed significant growth on their benchmark exams leading the district in growth across multiple grades and subjects. To compliment and further develop our core academic program, we continued to offer Project Lead The Way (PLTW) courses. Through PLTW, our students engage in hands-on, collaborative, real-world learning opportunities. This curriculum includes: Design and Modeling, Automation and Robotics, Medical Detectives, Introduction to Career Clusters, Flight and Space, and Green Architecture. To support our students social/emotional needs, not only are we a PBIS school, but we have also implemented the Responsive Classroom Advisory structure. This framework promotes the trust and emotional safety necessary for students to take risks to grow academically. Additionally, we offer a number of clubs and extracurricular activities that support our students' interests and investment in their school. We will maintain these wonderful traditions we know are at the core in fundamentally developing our students into high quality citizens who are the future leaders of our community.

Mr. Hall, Principal

"The teacher to teacher/administration support for each other has been overwhelming. As teachers work harder than we ever had before, our support systems grew as well. Planning & working together to ease the workload was essential to increased test scores and student/teacher motivation to keep the learning/motivation to succeed going. I am not sure that the parent report card is where this information should go but everyone needs to be aware that our school does amazing things and that our teachers and admin make that happen!" -Anonymous Staff Comment

2020-2021 Bluffton Middle School Points of Celebration

Office Hours	<i>Student Council</i>	<i>Before School Care</i>	ESOL Virtual Parent Night	Monthly Character Ed Mustang of the Month Round-Up!		
River of Words Entrants	Resilient Mustangs - We can do anything!	Monthly Online School Store	Region Symphonic Band Tony Facenda	<i>Word Masters</i>	Teacher-to-Teacher Collaboration	Social Emotional Learning
<i>ED Time</i>	Tutoring	<i>Advisory</i>		8 Junior Scholars	PRIDE	Career Day
Baseball County Runner-Up	MAP Growth	VEX ROBOTICS		7CA	Girls Soccer made Playoffs!	<u>FLEX Time</u>
Foundations of Excellence Grant Recipient	BLMS Club Offerings: Youth in Government, Model UN, Beta Club, Chess Club, Yearbook		<i>American History Teacher of the Lowcountry</i>	Middle School Sports: Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Track, Soccer, Baseball		SMART Mentor Award Recipient
Boys Soccer County Champions!	<i>Mentorship</i>	Girls Track County Champions!	NHD Regional Finalists	MathCounts Finalist - Elizabeth Mullen	<i>Boys Track finished 3rd in the District!</i>	<i>Algebra 1 Completers</i>
<i>Palmetto Electric Bright Ideas Grant Recipient</i>	Volleyball finished the year as County Runners-Up	<u>20-21 Teacher of the Year:</u> Ms. Corry Thompson	Two Regional Science Fair Winners	<u>20-21 Support Staff of the Year:</u> Nurse Millard	P B I S	Mr. Rietveld Mentor of the Month