

**Bluffton Middle School
School Improvement Council
Annual Report to Parents
2021-2022**



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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.

As we got back to a semblance of normalcy during this school year, we served a diverse population of 883 6th-8th grade students. Our students and staff worked hard throughout the year enduring two large quarantine spikes that put many students learning virtually from time to time. Despite these continued difficult circumstances, our teachers and students persevered and worked diligently to master the standards of learning expected of them.

To complement 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 Financial Literacy. To support our students' social and 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 and build a positive school community. Additionally, we offer a number of clubs and extracurricular activities that support our students' interests and investment in their school.

Our SIC focused their work this year around two primary goals: 1) Supporting our ESOL department in their work to increase our Multilingual Learners success on the ACCESS test. 2) Show support for our teachers to help retain our highly qualified staff. Both goals are directly related to Bluffton Middle's School Renewal Plan and we are excited to see the outcomes produced from our work.

As the year wraps up and we begin planning for the 22-23 school year, we will maintain this important work that we know is at the core in developing our students into high quality citizens who are the future leaders of our community.

Mr. Hall, Principal

"We have an awesome staff with awesome leadership. The teachers feel supported and valued. I know that my job is valued and that I am in important member of the team at this school" -Anonymous Staff Comment

Demographics

Grade	Total	Hispanic/ Latino	White	Black or African American
6th	279	138	92	32
7th	296	128	110	38
8th	308	141	112	36
Total	883	416	319	107
Percentage		47%	36%	12%

21-22 Spring MAP Mean

GRADE	Reading		Mathematics	
	BLMS	BCSD	BLMS	BCSD
6th	213.8	213.8	221	218.8
7th	218.4	216.8	227.1	223.4
8th	221.3	220.9	229.5	228.7

BLMS = Bluffton Middle School. BCSD = Beaufort County School District

2021 SC Ready Meets/Exceeds Data

	BLMS	BCSD	State
Reading	46.9%	45.3%	42.6%
Math	41.4%	39.8%	37.3%

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Points of Celebration

Foundation for Educational Excellence Innovation Grant recipient	<i>Volleyball County Runner-Up</i>	<i>Symphonic band rated Superior at BCSD Concert Performance</i>	100+ students per week attend FCA
22 students selected for Artistically Gifted and Talented	Palmetto Electric Bright Ideas Grant recipient	Hosted in-person School Choice Night	<u>PTO sponsored Color Run</u>
<i>MAP excellence</i>	Yearbook	<u>Model UN</u>	100% Algebra 1 EOC pass rate
after school tutoring	<i>Read Across America</i>	<u>8 Junior Scholars</u>	33 All County Band Members
<i>2nd Place National Finish in WordMasters Challenge</i>	91% teacher retention rate	<u>Culinary Cooking Club</u>	30 students published in River of Words