

2020-2021

School Improvement Council Report to Parents

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Beechwood Middle School (BMS) is committed to fulfilling the vision and mission of Lexington County School District One to empower each child to design the future and cultivate a caring community where ALL learners are extraordinary communicators, collaborators, creators, and critical thinkers.

Commitments to Our Students



BMS is an International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program (MYP) candidate school with a focus on computer science essentials through our partnership with Code to the Future.

The rigorous, inquiry-based, global, and holistic course of study we provide students will prepare them for any of Lexington District One's multiple college and career readiness pathways.

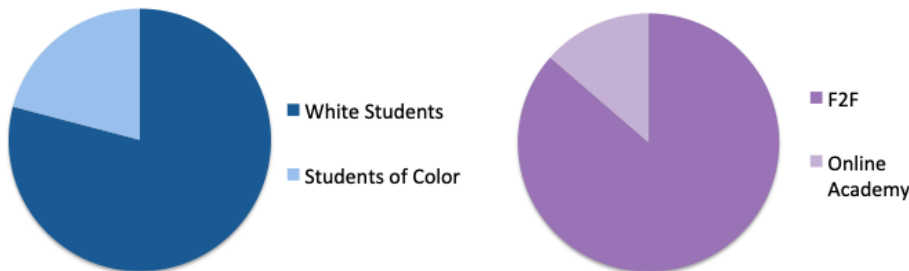
Through the IB's Approaches to Learning skills and Learner Profile traits and an experiential curriculum that includes exploratory course offerings in the areas of world language, design, arts, and physical education, BMS cultivates the real-world connection and application of skills to guarantee continuous relevant learning.

IB service learning enables Beechwood to function as a service-oriented center of learning, which builds strong family and community partnerships. Students are empowered to research significant local and global issues and take action, resulting in young people who are creative and reflective citizens.

We believe that relationships are at the core of student success. Consequently, students are provided with a teacher advocate to support them on their learning path and to design units of study that develop perseverance, critical thinking, and the ability to communicate and collaborate toward a common goal.

School Statistics

Enrollment: 1009 (Grades 6-8)





SIC Annual Goals

Increase student safety: The SIC developed a goal in collaboration with school administration and the school counseling office committing that by the summer of 2021, students, through a variety of platforms, would engage with lessons and information targeted to grow their ability to navigate the virtual environment safely and confidently. To facilitate this goal, the SIC formed the

Student Online Safety (S.O.S)- Throwing students a lifeline in an online world committee. The work of the S.O.S Committee targeted student internet awareness, safety, and confidence and set the stage to continue and expand the focus to parent internet awareness, involvement, and confidence for the 2021-2022 school year. Asynchronous opportunities for students and parents to learn independently this year will naturally lead into synchronous face-to-face and/or online experiences with experts to include Emma Rush, Internet Safety Education Coordinator and Jimmy Deal, Director of SCOIS next year.

Foster empathy in our students: SIC members engaged in a book study of *Unselfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World*, led by our School Counseling Director.

SIC Membership

BMS's School Improvement Council is a family-school partnership that harnesses the energy created when parents and community members partner with their school to improve the education – and educational environment – provided by their school for ALL students.



Members

Parents

Rosalind Thompson, Chairperson
Todd Garrick, Vice Chair
Allyson Straczek, Secretary
Yolanda Lewis
Lee Stewart
Ashley Streett

Teachers

Jaya Gantt-Teacher
Lauren LaVenias-Teacher

Community Members

Amber Conger
Gregg Jennings
John Stirewalt
Tricia Thain

Ex-officio

Gloria Jenkinson, Principal
Katrina Ritchie, PTO President

Purpose of the Report: This Report is issued by the Beechwood Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.



Honors & Achievements

School

- Cognia Global Commission Certificate of Accreditation
- South Carolina Unified Champion School Recognition
- National Beta Club School of Distinction Award
- National Beta Club School of Merit Status

School Grants

- Lexington One Educational Foundation Bucks for Books Grant
- Lexington One Educational Foundation Helping Hands Grant

Academics

- Fifteen South Carolina Junior Scholars
- One hundred thirty-eight Junior Beta Club Inductees

Athletics

- Volleyball-LexTen Conference Champions
- Basketball-LexTen Middle School Conference Girls North Division Champions
- Basketball-LexTen Middle School Conference Girls Champions

Arts

- BMS Dance Team-2nd Place Middle School Lyrical Category Wildcat Classic Dance Competition, 2nd Place Middle School Jazz Category South Carolina Dance Association Dance Team Championship
- South Carolina Band Directors Association All-State Band-Two students selected
- South Carolina Band Directors Association All-Region Band-Six students selected
- South Carolina Music Educators Association Virtual Fall Orchestra Solo and Ensemble Festival-Forty-one participants, Twenty Excellent Ratings and Twelve Superior Ratings
- South Carolina Music Educators Association Virtual Spring Solo and Ensemble Festival-Fifty-five participants
- South Carolina Music Educators Association Region Orchestra-Two students selected and eligible to audition for All-State Orchestra

Design

- BMS Robotics Teams-8th, 9th, and 10th place at the Clemson University VIQC Skills Challenge Competition

Teacher Grants

- Five teachers awarded the Lexington One Educational Foundation Michelin Golden Apple
- One teacher awarded the Lexington One Educational Foundation Innovation Grant
- Design Team (four teachers) awarded the Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative Bright Ideas Grant
- Ten teachers awarded the Beechwood Middle School Parent Teacher Organization Grant

Teacher Recognitions

- One teacher selected a Teacher Advisory Council consultant to the National Constitution Center

Community Service & Advocacy

- Socktober Sock Drive for Mission Lexington
- Linen Drive for PETSinc.
- ATL Canned Food Drive for Mission Lexington
- Bengals in the Barrio School Supply Drive for students in need in Costa Rica
- Coats for Kids for Mission Lexington
- Linking Lexington District One Top Middle School and Overall Partner Donor
- Student Council CandyGrams for the American Heart Association
- Student Council Bengal Hat Day for Junior Diabetes Association
- Arts & Crafts Supply Drive for Prisma Health Children's Hospital
- Spirit Program Miss Beechwood Pageant for Toby's Place, Oliver Gospel Mission
- BMS Jr. Beta Club Pet Supply Drive for Lexington County Animal Shelter
- Project Citizen Research Project to reduce plastic bag waste from school cafeterias
- Brodie Derrick Memorial Children's Hospital Care Package Supply Drive
- Support #WarriorSavannah Wrist Bands

