

2021-2022

School Improvement Council Report to Parents

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Beechwood Middle School (BMS) is guided by the International Baccalaureate’s (IB) mission to “develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through international understanding and respect” and 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 authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School offering the Middle Years Program (MYP) to all of our students. The rigorous, inquiry-based, global, and holistic course of study prepares students for any of Lexington District One’s multiple college and career readiness pathways.

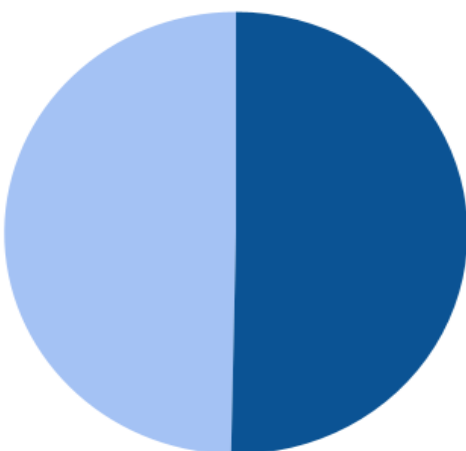
Through the IB’s Approaches to Learning skills, Learner Profile traits, and an experiential curriculum that includes exploratory course offerings in the areas of design, arts, world language, and physical education, BMS cultivates the real-world connection and application of skills to guarantee continuous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

IB service learning, culminating in the eighth-grade community project, 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.

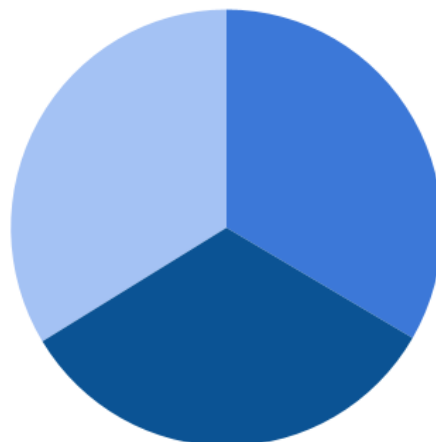
BMS believes that relationships are at the core of student success. Consequently, students will be provided with a teacher advocate to support them on their learning path and design units of study that develop perseverance, critical thinking, and the ability to communicate and collaborate toward a common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

School Statistics

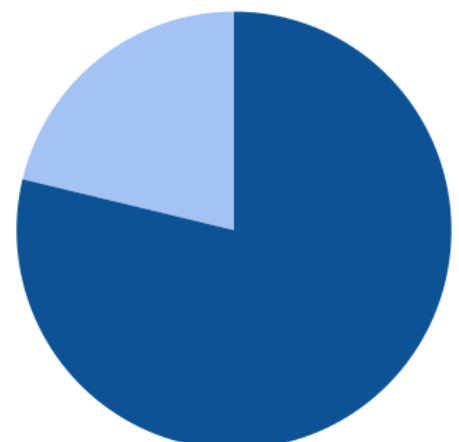
Student Enrollment: 1043



● Male ● Female



● 6th grade ● 7th grade ● 8th grade



● White Students ● Students of Color

SIC Annual Goals

Increase student safety: The SIC developed a goal in collaboration with school administration and the school counseling office committing that by March of 2022, parents, through a variety of events and platforms will grow in their internet awareness, involvement, and confidence in order to support their students' online safety. Based on the SIC goal from last year, this year's goal moves the focus from students to parents through asynchronous opportunities for students and parents throughout the year, synchronous face-to-face experiences for students and parents, and pursuit of Common Sense Media accreditation. Throughout the year, our Digital Learning Coach shared tips and tools with parents through the *BMS Notes: Students & Families* weekly newsletter. In February, Emma Rush, Education Coordinator at the South Carolina Office of the Attorney General presented a face-to-face presentation for all BMS students during the school day and for parents in the evening. In March 2022, BMS received Common Sense Media accreditation.

Foster positive school culture: The SIC created the BMS School Improvement Council Bengal Mission Award in collaboration with school administration. The goal stated that by May 2022, BMS students who live out the International Baccalaureate mission each day as inquiring, knowledgeable, caring, and compassionate young people who help create a better and more peaceful world through their actions and commitment to become lifelong learners would be recognized and celebrated by the BMS SIC at the yearly awards ceremonies. Faculty and staff provided nominations based on specific criteria, and SIC members voted on the recipient from the nominations after careful review and discussion. Students selected were presented with the award at the BMS Awards events.

Honors & Achievements

School Honors

- International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program Authorization
- Common Sense Media Accreditation
- Outstanding Design: Middle School category in the 2021 Architectural Portfolio for *American School & University* magazine.
- New Construction Merit Award from the South Carolina Chapter of the Association for Learning Environments' Excellence Awards.

Academics

- Twenty-five South Carolina Junior Scholars
- One hundred three Junior Beta Club Inductees
- Student named Granby Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution American History Essay Contest Winner
- Two students awarded the National Heritage Essay Contest by the Sertoma Club of Lexington

Athletics

- Cheerleading-Debbie Rogers Classic Champions
- Basketball-LexTen Middle School Conference Girls North Division Champions
- Track & Field-LexTen Middle School Conference North Division Champions

Arts

- Dance Team
 - 1st Place Middle School Lyrical & 2nd Place Middle School Jazz at Capital City Dance Team Classic
 - 1st Place Middle School Lyrical at Wildcat Dance Team Classic
- BMS Band
 - South Carolina Band Directors Association All-State Band- Four students selected
 - South Carolina Band Directors Association All-Region Band-Nineteen students selected
 - South Carolina Band Directors Association Solo and Ensemble - Sixteen students
 - South Carolina Band Directors Association Solo and Ensemble Outstanding Performance Award
- BMS Symphonic Band
 - South Carolina Band Directors Association Concert Performance Assessment- Superior with Distinction
 - Carowinds Music Festival-Straight Superior Ratings
- Lexington One District Honor Band - Fifteen students selected
- BMS Chorus-Lexington 1 District Honor Choir-five students selected
- BMS Orchestra
 - South Carolina Music Educators Association Region Orchestra-Two students selected
 - South Carolina Music Educators Association Solo and Ensemble Festival- Thirty-eight students participating
- Lexington One District Honor Orchestra- Sixteen students selected
- Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Orchestra-Carowinds Music Festival
- BMS Visual Art-Lexington 1 Honors Art Program-Fifteen students selected
- BMS Musical Theatre-Fifty-five students participated in AirSafe2022 at Columbia International Airport
- Thirty-four students accepted into TriDAC for Band, Visual Arts, Theater, Orchestra, Vocal, and Dance

Design

- BMS Robotics Teams placed 2nd, 4th, and 7th in the First Quality VEX IQ Qualifier in Anderson, SC.
- BMS Robotics Team 23900B to the state tournament, placing 4th in the final round teamwork matches

Teacher Recognitions

- Jason McCullough, BMS eighth-grade Social Studies teacher, awarded the Granby Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) South Carolina Outstanding American History Teacher and named the South Carolina National Society DAR Outstanding American History Teacher
- Shannon Boatwright, BMS Theatre Teacher, featured guest on THED Talks podcast
- Angela Kruger, BMS 7th grade Social Studies teacher, awarded the Conservation Teacher of the Year by the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District

School, Student Organization, and Teacher Grants

- Lexington One Educational Foundation Bucks for Books Grant
- Lexington One Educational Foundation Helping Hands Grant
- Lexington One Educational Foundation Robotics Team Support
- Unified Champion School Funding Award
- Michelin VEX Robotics Teams Grant Award
- South Carolina Council on the Holocaust Grant
- Southern Regional Education Board Middle Grades Course 1 Grant
- Blue Cross Blue Shield SC Foundation School Garden Package Grant
- WP Rawl School garden Mini-Grant awarded to Anne Peterson and Haleigh McCartha, Special Education Teachers
- Where in the World-One World, Many Stories Project DonorsChoose awarded to Dupre Young, BMS Librarian
- The Joy of Reading DonorsChoose awarded to Michelle Norris, 7th grade English Language Arts Teacher
- Lexington One Educational Foundation Innovation Grant awarded to Brittany Feaster, BMS STEM Teacher
- Six teachers awarded the Beechwood Middle School Parent Teacher Organization Grants
- Four administrators awarded Beechwood Middle School Parent Teacher Organization Professional Development Grants

Community Service & Advocacy

- Coats for Kids Drive for Mission Lexington
- Lemonade Stand for Lighthouse for Life
- Welcome Kits for Refugees
- Linking Lexington District One Partner Donor
- Lexington One Community Coalition Club Soles4Souls Shoe Drive
- VeTees for Veterans T-shirt, Sock and Undergarment Drive
- Student Council Stuff A Stocking for Mission Lexington
- Project Citizen Fundraiser for Ukraine
- Back-to-School Supply Drive for Mission Lexington
- Spirit Program Miss Beechwood Pageant for Samaritan's Way
- BMS Jr. Beta Club Adopt-A-Highway
- Unified Special Olympics Fan Club Share-the-Glove Community Outreach
- Unified Special Olympics Fan Club Polar Plunge
- BMS Diversity Club Project Diwali
- BMS Grace, Peace, and Sisterhood Black History Month Project
- Three Hundred Eighth-Grade IB Community Projects focusing on awareness, advocacy, and service

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.

<p>Parent Members Rosalind Thompson, Chairperson Todd Garrick, Vice Chair Angela Douda Yolanda Lewis Gray Wallington</p> <p>Teacher Members Sarah Vickers Lauren laVenía</p>	<p>Community Members Amber Conger Hope Derrick Tricia Thain</p> <p>Ex-Officio Members Katrina Ritchie, PTO President Gloria Jenkinson, Principal</p>
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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.