



2025-26

School Improvement Council Report to the Parents

Beechwood Middle School

**1340 Highway 378
Lexington, SC 29072
803.821.5700**

<https://www.lexington1.net/BMS>



Commitments to Our Students

Beechwood Middle School is committed to helping every student learn, grow, and excel. We are focused on fostering a safe environment in which we collaboratively build strong relationships to engage and cultivate globally-minded, well-rounded, early adolescent leaders who are prepared for their future and will positively impact their society. This embodies our motto: "Lead Locally, Serve Globally."



Lead Locally

Academic Achievements

- Beechwood Middle School increased its "Student Progress" rating two levels from "below average" to "good," on the South Carolina State Report Card and increased its overall rating from "Good" to "Excellent"
- Beechwood Middle School was awarded a "Gold" banner of distinction from the State Superintendent of Education for exemplary academic performance and growth
- 40 students qualified as 2025-26 South Carolina Junior Scholars
- 80 rising 7th grade students were inducted into the Junior Beta Club for the 2025-26 school year

- 94.7% of 8th-grade students were enrolled in a high school credit-bearing course
- One student won the Granby Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest
- 66.7% of students met their typical growth target and 32.9% met their stretch growth target in iReady Reading for the 2025-26 school year
- 53.2% of students met their typical growth target and 18% met their stretch growth target in iReady Math for the 2025-26 school year
- Sixteen students earned a perfect score on last year's SC Ready ELA and/or Math assessments
- At the time of this report, 14,730 books were checked out from the BMS school library, 860,821 minutes of reading were logged in Beanstack

Arts Achievements

Dance

- Dance team earned first place in the "Game Day" category at the state competition
- One student earned 8th place at State for Middle School Solo
- One student earned 1st place at Saltwater Showdown for Middle School Solo and one student earned 3rd at the same competition

Orchestra

- Five students were selected to participate in the 2025 Midlands Region Orchestra
- Orchestra earned Superior with Distinction at Concert Performance Assessment (CPA)
- Sixteen students selected for district Honors Orchestra
- The BMS Orchestra will receive an Outstanding Performance Award for the 4th year in a row

Band

- Twelve students earned chairs in District Honor Band and Twelve students earned chairs in the Region Two Honor Band
- Band earned Overall Superior at CPA
- Two students were selected for the SC All-State Band, both earning principal chair
- Band won the SCBDA Outstanding Performance Award for the fifth consecutive year
- Symphonic Band Performed in the Smoky Mountain Music Festival, Gatlinburg, TN

Chorus

- Three students were accepted into the South Carolina ACDA Honor Choir
- Three Students were accepted into the Southern Region ACDA Honor Choir in Memphis, TN
- Select students performed in the Smoky Mountain Music Festival in Gatlinburg, TN
- 6th Grade Honor Choir Perform at Carowinds (5/14)
- 7th Grade Chorus students earned a "Superior with Distinction" at their CPA
- Eight Students were accepted into the Lexington One District Honor Choir

Musical Theater

- Musical Theater students performed "School of Rock" with 6 Bengals starring in the cast and hundreds in the production
- 60 students participated in the end of year talent show, Beechwood's Got talent

Visual Art

- 24 students' work selected to be included in the South Carolina State Fair, with one student winning first place in the 2D art category

Athletic Achievements

- BMS Special Olympians competed in four events: bocce, cornhole, basketball, and the spring track games
- BMS hosted a UNIFIED Basketball and Cheer night to celebrate our UNIFIED athletes
- Cheerleading earned second place in the Debbie Rogers Cheer Classic competition
- More than 60 Bengals participated in Run Hard
- Girls Track earned first place in the LexTen Track Championship
- Girls basketball team earned North Division Championship runners up
- Three girls basketball players were named “All Conference” players and three boys basketball players were named “All Conference”
- 8th Grade football earned the Lex10 North Division Championship and 7th Grade football went undefeated
- 7th Grade volleyball earned 2nd place in the Lex 10 North Division regional championship

Post-Secondary Awareness and Preparation

- 100% of 8th-grade students completed their Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) with a school counselor and a parent/guardian.
- 25 students attended the Midlands Education Business Alliance (MEBA) field trip to learn about career opportunities.

School, Student Organization, Teacher Grants, and Awards

- The BMS Bengal Bots Robotics Team earned multiple awards this season, including: 1st in a tournament, 3rd in states, a Create award, a Design award, and an Innovate award
- The BMS Archery Team earned took home their first trophy from the Warrior Bullseye State Qualifier and qualified for Nationals for the first time in BMS history
- Named 2025 Green Steps School of the Year for our environmental efforts
- Achieved 2025 “All Star Winner” with America’s Healthiest School - one of the first in South Carolina
- Multiple teachers earned PTO grants to support their instructional needs
- BMS received a Fully Implemented Unified Champion School Banner from the Special Olympics
- The Beechwood Snack Shack received grant funding from the Michelin Golden Apple Grant, Mid-Carolina Bright Ideas Grant, and BMS PTO Grant
- Shannon Boatwright, Drama and Musical Theater Teacher, earned the distinction of 2025-26 BMS Teacher of the Year and Brooke Gibbs, Federal Compliance Specialist, earned the distinction of 2025-26 BMS Support Staff Member of the Year
- Anne’ Peterson, 6th grade Social Studies teacher, earned a grant from the South Carolina Council of the Holocaust which provided the opportunity for all 6th grade students to experience a virtual tour of the Anne Frank House



Serve Globally

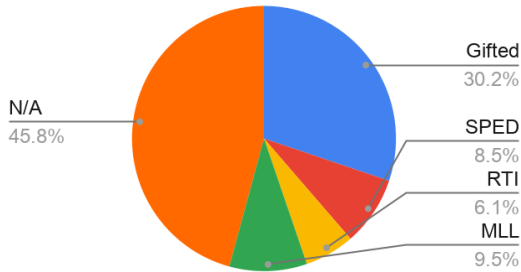
Community Service and Advocacy Highlights

- All students participated in a community service experience centered around emergency preparedness, culminating in “Lexington Ready” - a Web site that will be shared with our community to increase awareness and preparedness
- Donated more than \$300 to Linking Lexington to support cancer research and awareness
- BMS Cheer team successfully collected and presented local firefighters with snacks for their service station
- As part of our Read Across America celebration, BMS donated more than \$130 to “We are Creed” to support nationwide literacy
- Beechwood donated more than \$4,700 as a result of the Miss Beechwood Pageant to Sister Care, a non-profit that provides services and advocacy for survivors of domestic violence
- Hosted the Holocaust Remembrance community event featuring a guest speaker and “Stars Without Heaven” panel display
- Beechwood’s faculty-student basketball game raised \$1050 for our UNIFIED Special Olympics team
- 6th Grade Bengals donated more than \$845 to World Central Kitchen to support Jamaican hurricane recovery efforts
- LOCC Club and Student Council collected & donated more than \$500 of diapers, wipes and bottles to LRADAC MOMS - a community organization that helps pregnant women who are struggling with substance use by giving them caring support and working with doctors and community groups to ensure a healthy pregnancy and recovery
- The BMS Unified Fan Club raised \$2016 for the 2026 Lake Murray Polar Plunge. \$900 dollars of this was given back to BMS to support our Unified program

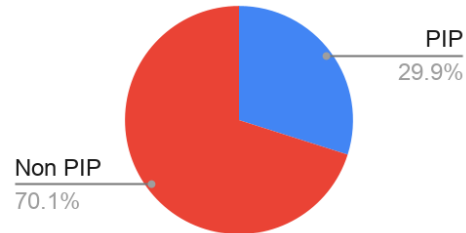


School Statistics - Enrollment and Achievement

Enrollment by Special Program

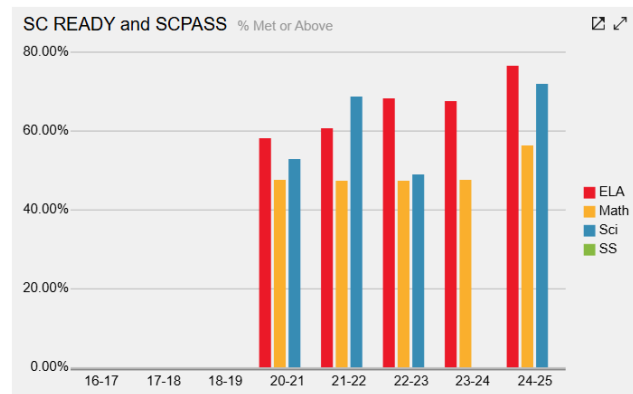
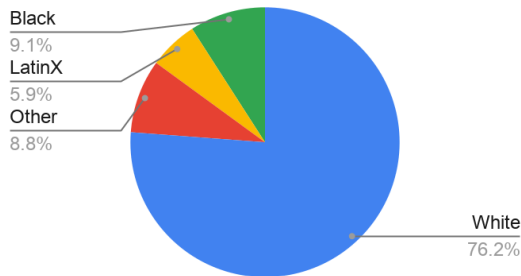


Enrollment by Pupils in Poverty (PIP)



Special Education (SPED)
 Response to Intervention (RTI)
 Multilingual Learners (MLL)

2025-26 Enrollment by Race



*Science was not tested in 2023-24

School Improvement Council (SIC) Annual Goals and 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.

2025-26 SIC Goal - Continue to Foster Positive School Culture

The SIC will recognize a student who exemplifies the Bengal Mission of “Lead locally, Serve Globally.” The award is bestowed upon an 8th-grade student and is based upon that student living out the characteristics of the Lexington One Profile of a Graduate and being an exemplar of the school’s mission/motto. This year, faculty and staff provided nominations based on specific criteria. At the time of this report, the SIC members will be meeting to review the submissions and select an award recipient who will be recognized at the BMS end-of-year awards event.

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.

2025-26 SIC Membership

We are grateful for the service and dedication of the following SIC members.

Rosalind Thompson, *Parent/Chairperson*

Tamara Brown, *Ex Officio, PTO President*
Leah Sarantopoulos, *Ex Officio, Principal*

Cortney Broadwell, *Parent*
Margaret Asare, *Parent*

Amber Conger, *Community Member*
Todd Morgan, *Community Member*

Rebecca McChesney, *Teacher*
Anne' Peterson, *Teacher*
Casey Monette, *Teacher*