

2023-2024

School Improvement Council Report to the Parents *Beechwood Middle School*

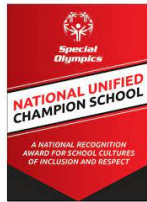
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Commitments to Our Students

Beechwood Middle School (BMS) is committed to fulfilling our district's mission to guide all students to learn, grow and excel. We believe that relationships are at the core of student success as we work together in preparing all students for the post-secondary opportunities they desire by providing a rigorous, inquiry-based, holistic, and globally-minded course of study that is enhanced by serving others. This is the essence of our motto, "Lead locally. Serve globally."



Lead Locally

Academic Achievements

- 30 South Carolina Junior Scholars
- 65 Junior Beta Club Inductees
- 12 Bengals earned a perfect score on the 2023 SC Ready end-of-year assessment.
- Students attended STEM at the Statehouse and were recognized by Governor McMaster.
- 100% of 8th-grade students were enrolled in a high school credit-bearing course.



Arts Achievements

- Eighth-grade Musical Theater earned top honors at LexOne Theatrefest.
- Choral students participated in the Governor's Carol Lighting.
- Students participated in District Honor Choir.
- First BMS step team formed and performed.
- Dance team earned third place at the Saltwater Showdown competition.
- Orchestra earned Superior and Superior with Distinction; Band earned Superior with Distinction, and Chorus earned Superior at individual performance assessments.
- Eight students participated in All State Band and Orchestra.
- Band won the SCBDA Outstanding Performance Award for the third consecutive year



Athletic Achievements

- Volleyball LexTen Conference Champions
- Cheerleading earned first place at Irmo Okra Strut Invitational, River Bluff Battle at the Bluff, and the Lexington Wildcat Classic.
- Participated in Run Hard, with one student earning first place overall
- Girls and Boys LexTen Track Champions



Post-Secondary Awareness and Preparation

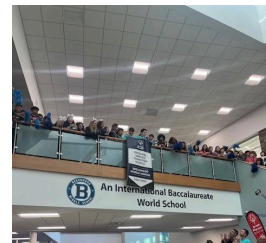
- 100% of 8th-grade students completed their Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) with a school counselor and a parent/guardian.
- 40 students attended the Midlands Education Business Alliance (MEBA) field trip to learn about career opportunities.

Teacher Recognitions

- Jessica Oberly, Spanish teacher, presented at the World Language SCOTL conference.
- Joshua Keiper, Visual Arts teacher, presented at the South Carolina Art Education conference.
- Angie Kruger, World Geography teacher, named National Wildlife Turkey Federation Teacher of the Year, Keep the Midlands Beautiful Teacher of the Year, and Lexington Neighbors Teacher of the Month.

School, Student Organization, Teacher Grants, and Awards

- National Unified Champions School award recipient
- Green Steps Certified School (Conserving and Protecting)
- Lexington One Educational Foundation Innovation Grant
- Michelin Teacher Grant
- America's Healthiest School award recipient
- Seven PTO Grant winners
- Student Council earned the "Helpful Hedgehog" award from Mission Lexington.



Serve Globally

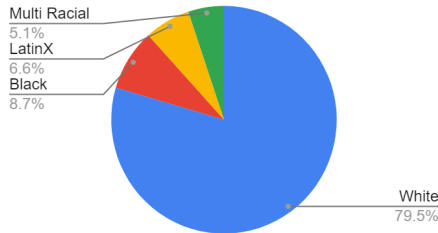
Community Service and Advocacy Highlights

- Raised funds for non-profit Cancer of Many Colors
- Stuffed 50 stockings for Mission Lexington as part of "Stuff a Stocking"
- More than 330 8th Grade Community Service Projects were completed, focusing on awareness, advocacy, and service.
- As part of World Kindness Challenge provided snacks to local fire station and decorated and provided coffee sleeves to local coffee shop for distribution to customers
- Participated in Polar Plunge and raised funds for Special Olympics
- Raised and donated funds to Palmetto Place as part of Miss Beechwood pageant
- Constitution Club advocated for and established state law (Bill H4352) to designate March as "Middle Level Education Month" in South Carolina.

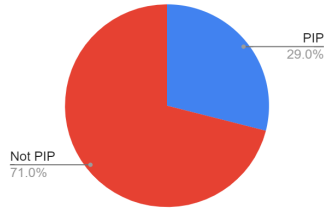


School Statistics - Enrollment and Achievement

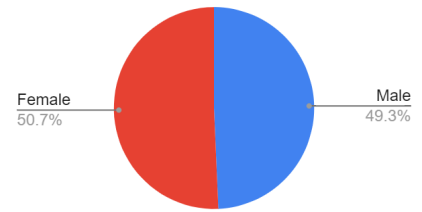
Total Enrollment by Race



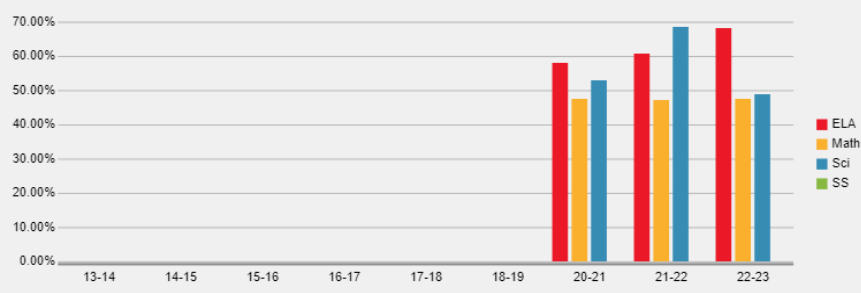
Total Enrollment by Pupils in Poverty



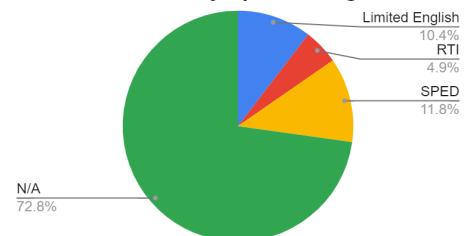
Total Enrollment by Gender



SC READY and SCPASS % Met or Above



Enrollment by Special Program



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.

2023-24 SIC Goals

Goal #1: Support the Productive Adoption of AI Technology: The SIC will work to support parent involvement and understanding of AI technology in the educational setting. The school counseling and administrative teams will partner with the SIC and parent community to provide an information session related to the district's stance on the use of AI in the classroom.

Goal #2: Foster positive school culture: Beginning in the 2023-24 school year, the SIC will build upon a tradition of recognizing a BMS student who lives out the International Baccalaureate mission each day. The SIC has amended this recognition so that 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. Each year, faculty and staff will provide nominations based on specific criteria, and SIC members will vote on the recipients after careful review and discussion. Students selected will be presented with the award at the BMS awards events.

2023-24 SIC Membership

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

JoAnna Rodgers, Parent/Chairperson

Heather Keyton, Parent/Vice Chairperson

Sarah Jorgenson, Parent/Secretary

Ashley Hook, Parent

Todd Morgan, Parent

Sean Lafaye, Teacher

Clay Kemerer, Teacher

Amber Conger, Community Member

Hope Derrick, Community Member

Margaret Asare, PTO President/Ex-Officio Member

Leah Sarantopoulos, Principal/Ex-Officio Member