

Beaufort Middle School  
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Annual School Improvement Council  
Report to Parents



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**Established 2001**

***RISE UP!***

# Beaufort Middle School Mission, Vision, and Goals

## Mission

The mission of Beaufort Middle School is to guide, prepare, and engage learners to succeed academically, artistically, and technologically for the future they create.

## Vision

We will prepare our passionate and diverse learners for success in an ever-changing global society.

## BCSD Goals

- **Goal #1: Purpose and Direction:** *Beaufort County School District maintains and communicates at all levels of the organization a purpose and direction for continuous improvement that commit to high expectations for learning as well as shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning.*
- **Goal #2: Resources and Support Systems:** *Beaufort County School District has resources and provides services in all schools that support its purpose and direction to ensure success for all students.*
- **Goal #3: Teaching and Assessing for Student Learning:** *Beaufort County School District's curriculum, instructional design and assessment practices guide and ensure teacher effectiveness and student learning across all grades and courses.*
- **Goal #4: Documenting & Using Results for Continuous Improvement:** *Beaufort County School District implements a comprehensive assessment system that generates a range of data about student learning and system effectiveness and uses the results to guide continuous improvement.*
- **Goal #5: Governance and Leadership:** *Beaufort County School District operates under governance and leadership that promote and support student performance and system effectiveness.*

# BMS by the Numbers...

Staff	
Classified & Certified	64
Faculty (Certified)	40
Administrators	3
Instructional Coaches	2 (1.5)
School Counselors	2
Social Worker	1
Behavior Management Specialist	1
Parent Liaison	1

Special Student Populations		
Multilingual Learners	13	3%
Special Education	58	15%
Artistic GT	46	12%
Academic GT	35	9%
Enrolled in HS Credit Course	60	16%

## Athletic Spotlight, cont...

During the 2022-23 school year, 170 students participated in athletics at Beaufort Middle School, including 84 males and 86 females.

## Beaufort Middle Championships

### 2017-18 to 2022-23

Gryphon Football	2018-19, 2020-21, 2021-22
Gryphon Boys' Basketball	2017-18, 2018-19
Gryphon Girls' Basketball	2017-18, 2018-19
Gryphon Baseball	2017/18, 2018-19, 2020-21

## Beaufort County School District Mission, Vision, and Goals

### Mission

The Beaufort County School District, through a personalized learning approach, will prepare graduates who compete and succeed in an ever-changing global society and career marketplace.

### Vision

We will work with families and our diverse community to ensure that students perform at an internationally competitive level in a learning environment that is safe, nurturing and engaging.

### Core Beliefs

We believe:

- Every student can learn using his or her valuable and unique talents and skills.
- Learning takes place when the physical, emotional, social and intellectual well-being of all students is assured at every level and during every transition.
- High expectations of the school community positively impact student success.
- Early childhood learning experiences form the foundation of future school success.
- Students learn best when they are engaged and provided with opportunities for problem solving and active participation.
- All students are entitled to learning experiences so that they can become competent and confident in the skills and knowledge needed to become successful and productive citizens.
- Investment, involvement and connection of all members of the school community are essential to a student's success.
- Frequent informal and formal assessment aligned to clearly defined learning objectives will provide improved student achievement.
- The collection, analysis and use of data from a variety of sources are critical to making decisions.
- Students should be prepared to compete and contribute in a changing global and multilingual society.

# School Improvement Council (SIC)

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

## Elected Members:

Christine Barr - Parent  
Ashley Crowley - Parent  
Amanda Gelles - Teacher  
Scott Lopatka - Teacher  
Gale Parker - Parent (**SIC Chair**)  
Christina Roberts - Parent  
Tracy Sands - Teacher  
Latoi Smith - Parent  
Amanda Snead - Parent  
Amanda Trimpey - Teacher

## Appointed Members:

Timothy Donaldson - Community Member  
Amy Edwards - Community Member  
Roger Jaklin - Community Member  
Will Myers - Community Member  
Amy Trask - Community Member

## Ex-Officio Members:

Elandee "Dee Dee" Thompson, Principal  
Yolanda Goethe, Assistant Principal  
Willard "Ryan" Smith, Assistant Principal  
Jordan Pender, Teacher of the Year

# Athletic Spotlight...

The Beaufort Middle School Athletic Department believes that students, who participate in extracurricular activities at their school, including athletics, benefit from their participation in numerous ways. The goals of Beaufort Middle School, in encouraging participation in extracurricular activities, are to:

- Promote a sense of accomplishment;
- Provide leadership opportunities;
- Promote good sportsmanship;
- Encourage self-discipline and individual responsibility;
- Encourage cooperation and concepts of team building; and
- Provide healthy outlets for competition and physical fitness.

Beaufort Middle School is proud to provide the following sports to our students:

- Football
- Volleyball
- Boys' Basketball
- Girls' Basketball
- Wrestling
- Boys' Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Baseball
- Softball
- Track and Field

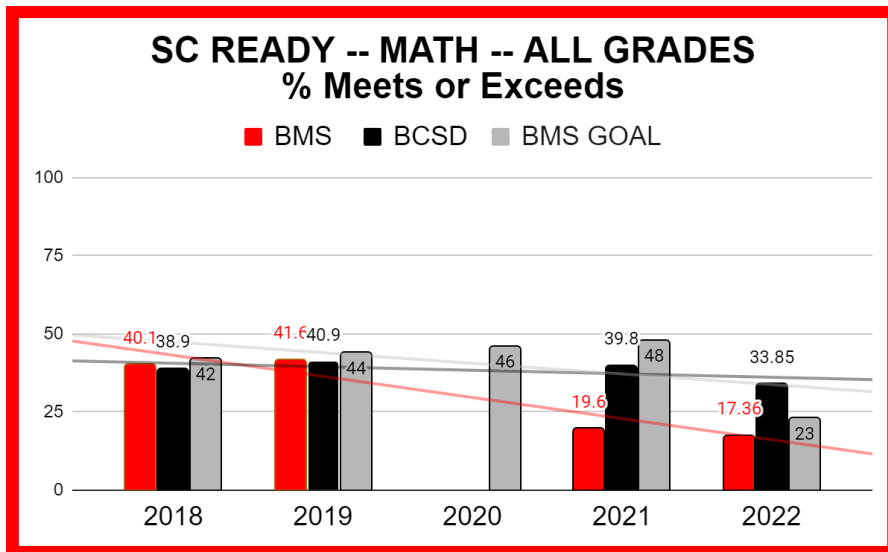
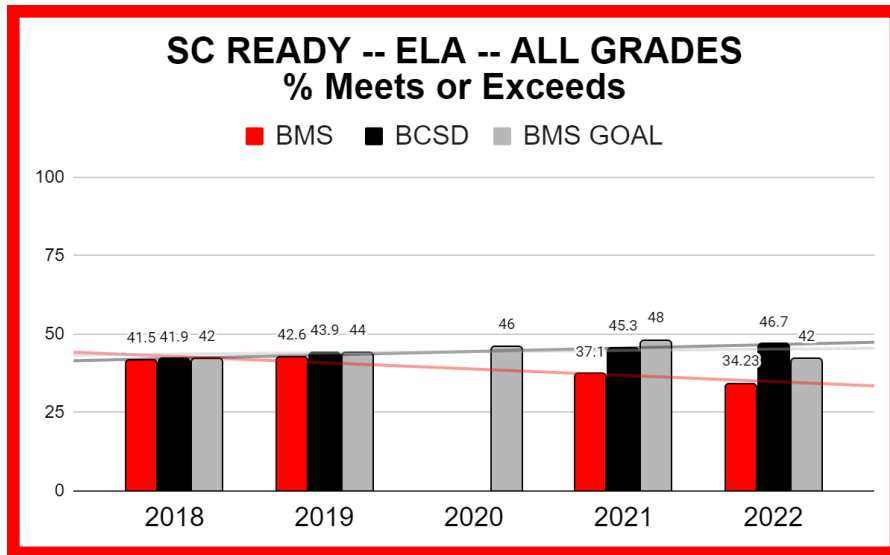
## Shining in the Arts...

- Our school received a Distinguished Arts Program grant, ABC Learning Loss funding, and achieved recertification and funding as an Arts in the Basic Curriculum School!
- Our Band and Orchestra participated in the Carowinds Festival of Music, performing for three nationally-recognized musicians as judges. Our Gryphon Concert Band brought home an 'Excellent' plaque to add to our achievements! Our String Orchestra achieved a 'Good' rating!
- In October we held our First Annual Scream for STREAM community event, which showcased the arts, STEM, and literacy! The event, our first major community event post-COVID, drew a crowd of well over 1,000 people!
- One student was accepted into the filmmaking session of SC Governor's School for Arts & Humanities!
- We continue to have a significant number of students identified as Artistically Gifted/Talented. Ten students were identified this year!
- Nine students were accepted into All County Honor Band. Three students were accepted into the Region 4 Honor Band.
- Thanks to the efforts of Ms. Trimpey, we hosted Electrify Your Strings, an event that afforded orchestra students and staff from our entire district to meet, learn from and play in concert with Mark Wood of the Transiberian Orchestra!
- Directed by Ms. Barr, our Gryphons performed the musical *Aladdin, Jr.*! The auditioned cast was comprised of students in from all grade levels.

## Points of Pride...

- Beaufort Middle School is the first Personalized Learning school in BCSD as defined by SCDE!
- This year, we expanded our STREAM Program to include additional music and STEM class offerings.
- One Beaufort Middle School student was chosen as "Student of the Month" at the district level this year.
- Four Beaufort Middle School Students were recognized as students of the month for the City of Beaufort.
- Three of our 8th-grade students were recognized as a South Carolina Junior Scholar.
- Our 6th grade teachers and students partnered with national nonprofit Educational Passages to build, outfit, and launch a 5.5-foot boat which was launched in the Gulf Stream in early April! The boat's GPS and other equipment will report important data as it sails the ocean!!
- Our entire school united to commemorate 9/11 by participating in a paper crane project, in which we endeavored to craft one origami paper crane to represent each victim lost to the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The cranes were displayed in two glass tower displays in our gallery.

# Making Progress...



# Our SIC in Focus...

## Goals:

- ◇ Hold consistent monthly meetings
- ◇ Celebrate student achievements
- ◇ Expand connections with the community
- ◇ Encourage an all-inclusive school environment
- ◇ Improve safety at school
- ◇ Work with all stakeholders to accomplish goals with fidelity.

## Accomplishments:

- ◇ Worked with Arts Steering Committee to achieve Arts in the Basic Curriculum Recertification!
- ◇ Worked with SRO and school officials to address safety issues and concerns surrounding student arrival and dismissal.
- ◇ Monitored school programs to ensure alignment with school mission and vision.