

Updated Activities

1. We introduced Block Scheduling for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Students now have the opportunity to take four 90-minute classes per semester. This increases the number of courses a student can take from seven to eight, but decreases the number of classes taken at one time from seven to four. This allows students to focus on a smaller amount of work at a time.
2. We continued our *Advancement via Individual Determination*, AVID, program into the 3rd year phase during the 2018 – 2019 school year. AVID works to prepare students for success in the classroom using specific techniques and tutoring. We now have 9th, 10th, and 11th grade AVID classes. We are further assisting in the creation of an AVID program at Blacksburg Middle School.
3. BHS has maintained our *Response to Intervention* (RtI) program. RTI offers emerging students additional help to succeed in the classroom, both academically and behaviorally. This process is independent of special education and is not designed to replace the School Intervention Team (SIT) process; the aim of RtI is to assist all students across the board perform to the best of their abilities. RtI is followed throughout the Cherokee County School District.
4. Blacksburg High School continues to sustain our strong commitment to the South Carolina State Standards and to the *Profile of a South Carolina Graduate*. We continue to emphasize college and career readiness through a comprehensive academic curriculum and a solid connection to the Institute of Innovation.

Ongoing Needs Assessment

1. Provide a safe, secure campus for all students and staff.
2. Develop a positive Public Relations system for communicating successes and needs to parents and the community, as well as creating a positive brand for BHS.
3. Teach soft skills such as communication, conflict resolution, and interview skills through the use of individual assessment tools such as the WIN system.

Blacksburg High School

2019 ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS



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The mission of Blacksburg High School is to ensure all students are provided with empowering and rigorous opportunities to thrive in academics, athletics, and the arts in a safe and nurturing environment in order to become lifelong learners and productive citizens.

School Community Achievements

1. The graduation rate for the BHS Senior Class of 2018 was 81.6 %. This number positively compares to the state graduation rate of 81.0 %.
2. Numerous BHS students earned football honors during the 2017 football season. Choices for the All Region 1 – AA Team included Jeremiah Foster, Ja’Quan Degree, Michael Hull, TT Peeler, and JJ Martin. Michael Hull, Ja’Quan Degree, and JJ Martin were picked for the *Spartanburg Herald All-Area Team*. Michael Hull, Zach Painter, and Alex Brown were selected for the *Spartanburg Herald All-Academic Team*.
3. Our basketball program had a successful season. Kendora Anderson and Mikala Logan were named to the All-Region 1 AA team for Girls’ Varsity Basketball. They ended the season by making it to the second round of playoffs. The BHS Varsity Boys’ Basketball team made it to the playoffs for the 6th consecutive year. Ja’Quan Degree and Kirby Connell were selected for the All-Region team.
4. The Blacksburg High School Wildcat Marching Band placed 4th in the SC 1A Upper-State Competition and went on to place 4th in the SC 1A State Competition with a Superior rating. Hunter Lanier and Jeffrey Jones participated in the Winthrop Invitational Band. DB Kirby, Marilyn Turner, Hunter Lanier, Wyatt Rollison, Brooklyn Clive, Anya Scott, Zack Conklin, Scottie Edwards, and John LaFrancis took part in the Limestone College High School Honor Band. Samantha Hardin, Dalton Smith, DB Kirby, Hunter Lanier, Brooklyn Clive, Marilyn Turner, Scottie Edwards, and Wyatt Rollison were selected to the All-Region Band. Our Concert Band earned a Superior rating.
5. Mrs. Lynn Black was selected by her peers as the 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year for Blacksburg High School. Mrs. Mary Tucker was chosen by the Faculty and Staff of Blacksburg High School as our Support Staff of the Year for 2018 – 2019. Ms. Brooke McAfee was named Distinguished Teacher of Reading for 2018 – 2019 for Blacksburg High School and the Cherokee County School District.
6. The Senior Beta Club was named a National Beta School of Merit based on our student grade percentages and exceptional community service for the second year in a row.
7. Our Winter Guard continued its pursuit of excellence. During the Winter Guard’s inaugural year, they placed first in State Competition. They began their second year competing in the Region A category where they took 1st place at the Northwestern Premier and the Clover Competitions. The Winter Guard was promoted to the next classification, Scholastic AAA where they were awarded 4th place at Pickens, 3rd Place at Woodmont, and 1st Place at James F. Byrnes. They competed at the CWEA Association Championship on March 23, where they placed 7th out of 44 guards.

Performance Goals

1. The faculty of Blacksburg High School will participate in staff development sessions to expand and enhance our knowledge of block scheduling, data usage, Standards to Instruction, RtI, AVID, and the 4.0 Teacher Observation Rubric.
2. The Institute of Innovation opened in August of 2018 on the campus of Spartanburg Community College. Students will be encouraged to explore and attend individual classes throughout the day. Many diverse courses will be available including Computer Programming and Pre-Engineering.
3. EOC, SAT, ACT, and WIN composite scores will improve, as we strive to meet or exceed state and national averages. Scores will show improvement over scores reported in the previous year.

School Improvement Council Members 2018 – 2019

Lynn Black	Faith Foster	Beth McCall	Tamara Randolph
Craig Bramlett	Melissa Green	Tina McDaniel	Alvin Smith
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Parent representatives are elected each spring. If you are interested in being on the ballot, please contact BHS at 206-2378.

