

Blacksburg High School Annual Report to the People

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Blacksburg High School
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The SC State Department of Education has released our Annual School Report Card ratings for the 2011-2012 school year.

Absolute Rating

2011: Excellent

2010: Good

2009: Good



Report Purpose

To inform our parents and the community of the goals, progress and performances for BHS each year.

“High Schools that Work” Update

Blacksburg High School is in our fifth year of the “High Schools that Work” (HSTW) program. This program is sponsored by the State Department of Education as a means of ensuring that all children receive quality instruction on the secondary level.

During this school year, we have continued our emphasis on our Advisory Program. Advisory is a time that teachers and students can make a real connection outside of the classroom. The Advisory teachers act as an advocate for their students.

We are also continuing to pursue our school wide “Re-do Policy.” This policy is designed to insure that all students have the opportunity to truly grasp the learning material through mastery. Our current status includes both progress and challenges.

OUR PROGRESS

High Expectations

- Credit Recovery
- Increase Dual Credit Courses

“Closing the Achievement Gap”

The South Carolina State Department of Education recently awarded Blacksburg High School the “Closing the Achievement Gap” Gold Award for our outstanding performance on our 2011 School Report Card. This is the second year in a row that BHS has been recognized with a Gold Award. The “Closing the Achievement Gap” Gold Award recognizes SC schools which show exceptional academic gains made by at - risk students.

Guidance

- Advisory
- IGP Meetings

Students Actively Engaged

- Literacy
- Community Involvement
- Senior Projects

OUR CHALLENGES

Extra Help

- Tutoring before and after school

Career Technical Studies

- Research career technical classes to add to course list

Increase Rigor

- Use of higher order thinking skills through questioning techniques



BHS 2011 - 2012

School Goals

- To increase parent communication throughout the school year
- To revise the data collection process for reading log totals and restore our reading recognition
- To increase student and teacher recognition throughout the school year.
- To incorporate numeracy into all class curriculums at least once a month.
- To use essential / bell work questions to begin or end each class.

“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”

—John Dewey

Exit Exam Summary

BHS HSAP Exam Passage

Rate %: 2nd Yr. Students

Passed 2 Sub Tests:
2010: 75.3 %
2011: 76.2 %

Passed 1 Sub Test:
2010: 11.3 %
2011: 11.2 %

High Schools with Students Like Ours:

Passed 2 Sub Tests:

2010: 74 %
2011: 68.9 %

Passed 1 Sub Test:

2010: 14.2 %
2011: 18.9 %

2011 High School Graduation Rate: 85.5 %

2011 High School Drop Out Rate: 0.2 %



School Improvement Council Members:

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Byars
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark King
 Mr. Bill Parker
 Mr. and Mrs. Randy Phillips
 Mr. and Mrs. Brian Smith
 Mr. Michael Snipes
 Ms. Alisha Tate
 Mr. Craig Bramlett
 Mr. Danny Fulton
 Mrs. Carol Gallman
 Mrs. Pam Hughes
 Mrs. Holly Nix
 Mrs. Lisa Pennington
 Mrs. Tina Wright
 Anna Alexander
 Ethan Snipes
 Keely Smith

Michael Lee, Jr.
 Mrs. Sharon Earls
 Mr. Michael Grigg
 Mr. Danny Ham, Sr.
 Mr. Jeff Hughes
 Mr. George Kirby
 Rev. Jamie Billings
 Mr. Joe Ross
 Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Walker

All SIC members may be contacted through BHS (206-2378). Parent representatives are elected each spring. If you are interested in being on the ballot, please contact BHS.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Blacksburg High School is to provide a challenging educational program to teach our students the knowledge and attitudes necessary for success.