

Updated Activities

1. Initiate a Block Schedule for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Students will typically take four 90-minute classes each semester. This will increase the number of courses students can take from seven to eight, but will decrease classes taken at one time from seven to four, allowing students more time to focus on a fewer number of classes at a time.
2. Continue our *Advancement via Individual Determination*, AVID, program into the 3rd year phase this upcoming school year. AVID works to prepare students for success in the classroom. We will have 9th, 10th, and 11th grade AVID classes next year incorporating approximately 100 students. Our first year AVID students exhibited a projected 25 % higher pass rate on EOC tests than non-AVID students. AVID students receive additional tutoring each week.
3. Maintain 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 a standard throughout the Cherokee County School District.
4. Sustain our strong commitment to the South Carolina State Standards and to the *Profile of a South Carolina Graduate*. We will continue to emphasize college and career readiness through a comprehensive academic curriculum and a solid connection to our new technology facility, the Institute of Innovation.

Updated Needs Assessment

1. Provide a safe, secure campus for 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.

Blacksburg High School

2018 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 2017 was 89.1 %. This number positively compares to the state graduation rate of 84.6 %.
2. Numerous BHS students earned football honors during the 2017 football season. Javian Ford, Kwame Sutton, and Trayshon Peeler were chosen as *Ledger* Live Players of the Week. Preston Raines was selected a *Spartanburg Herald* Hawg of the Week, while Kwame Sutton was Blitz Player of the Week. Choices for the All Region 1 – AA Team included Preston Raines, Michael Hull, Jeremiah Kilgore, Ethan Watts, Kwame Sutton, Elijah Rodgers, Kris Gunnin, and Netavian Thompson. Elijah Rodgers was selected to the SC Sports Report All State Team, to participate in the Shrine Bowl, and was the SCFCA Upstate AA Back of the Year. Elijah Rodgers and Kwame Sutton were picked for the All-Area Team and All-Academic Teams. Coach Drew Chisholm was selected to the SC Sports Reports All-State Team, SCFCA Upstate AA Coach of the Year, and was named Region 1-AA Coach of the Year. The Wildcats won the 2017 Region 1-AA Championship title.
3. Our basketball program had a successful season. Sam Toney and Jada Ferguson were named to the All-Region 1 AA team for girls' varsity. The BHS Varsity Boys Basketball team made it to the playoffs for the 6th straight year. Both the JV and Varsity boys' teams won the *Claw Classic* at Christmas. Elijah Rodgers and Jeremiah Kilgore were selected as All-Region players, and Elijah was further invited to the All-Area All Star game. J. Andrew Gore was picked to the All-Area Academic Team. The varsity boys' team was chosen as a *Spartanburg Herald* Team of the Week.
4. The Blacksburg High School Wildcat Marching Band placed 2nd in the SC 1A Upper-State Competition and went on to place 3rd in the SC 1A State Competition with a Superior rating. This is the 5th consecutive year that our band has placed in the top three in the state. Our Winter Guard won the State Championship at the SC Winter Ensemble. Hunter Lanier and Jeffrey Jones participated in the *Winthrop Invitational Band*. Noah Dixon, Seth McRobie, Jackie Treadway, Jeffrey Jones, DB Kirby, Marilyn Turner, Hunter Lanier, Wyatt Rolison, and Brooklyn Clive took part in the Limestone College High School Honor Band. Hunter Lanier, DB Kirby, and Marilyn Turner were selected to the All-Region Band. Our Concert Band earned an Excellent rating. Jeffrey Jones, Hunter Lanier, DB Kirby and Brooklyn Clive received a Superior rating at the Solo & Ensemble Event.
5. Mrs. Misty Greene was selected by her peers as the 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year (TOY) for Blacksburg High School; she made the District Honor Roll of TOY. Mrs. Angie Brown was chosen by the Faculty and Staff of Blacksburg High School as our Support Staff of the Year for 2017 – 2018. Ms. Kimberly Moore was named BHS and Cherokee County Distinguished Teacher of Reading for 2017 – 2018.
6. Our *Health Occupations Students of America* team advanced to the National HOSA Conference for the third consecutive year when Kimberly Jones won 1st place at the state conference in prepared speaking.
7. The Senior Beta Club was named a National Beta School of Merit based on our student grade percentages and exceptional community service.
8. The Fitness and Nutrition (FAN) Club continues to increase awareness of a healthy lifestyle through exercise and nutrition. A collection of health and nutrition books and magazines were purchased by the FAN Club using grant money.

Performance Goals

1. Blacksburg High School will participate in staff development sessions to expand and enhance our knowledge of block scheduling, data usage, Standards to Instruction, RtI, and the 4.0 Teacher Observation Rubric.
2. The Institute of Innovation will open in 2018-2019 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 Animal Science 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

2017 – 2018

Rev. Eddie Bolin	Carol Gallman	Gabby Keeter	Holly Nix
Jennifer Bounds	Dayjha Garrison	Lacie Keller	Lisa Pennington
Craig Bramlett	Melissa Green	Beth McCall	Tamara Randolph
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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.

