

Enrichment

Recognitions

- Teacher of the Year—Tina Toney
- Blacksburg Middle Teacher of Reading—Angie Blanton
- Academic Challenge Team—Will McCall, Ethan Richardson, & Kallie Snipes
- Battle of the Brains—Natalie Bright, Kennedy Gordon, Will McCall, Grayson Nix, Ethan Richardson, Kallie Snipes, Jerrod Willis, & Brittany Wilson
- Beta Club raised money for Meals on Wheels.
- Duke TIP—Brody Vipperman
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes joined with local churches for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox packing.
- Junior Scholars—Marissa Atkins, Gunner Burgess, Ashleigh Lanier, Will McCall, & Alyssa Mullinax
- Lego Robotics Competition Team—Schandul Davenport, Kimberly Jones, Brian a Lopez, & Sky Lowery
- Lt. Governor—Callie Snipes
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Contests—Gunner Burgess, Ashleigh Lanier, Kallie Snipes
- National Career Development Contest Winners—Poetry -Gunner Burgess, Ethan Richardson, Brittany Wilson
Poster—Marissa Atkins, Erin Owens, Baylee Tessner
- Raised over \$3000 for Relay for Life.
- Region Band—Jackie Treadway
- Science Fair Winners—Skylar Benton, Sylvia Blanton, Jessie Bridges, Brooklyn Clive, Kelsi Dixon, Faith Foster, Brantley Fowler, Carson Grigg, Heather Harris, Jayde Jones, Jeffrey Jones, Hunter Lanier, Brooke Martin, Shriners' Hospital Recognition for tabs collected
- Spelling Bee Winner —Tandie Peeler
- Student Council had a food drive for Iron City Ministries.
- Students honored Veterans by inviting veterans to eat lunch with them and Veterans' Program
- VFW Patriot's Pen—Camie Martin, Ethan Richardson, Kallie Snipes
- Young Writer's Gala Winners—Jessie Chandler, Hailey Gunnoe, Hannah Holcombe, Kaitlin Lawson, Elizabeth Towerly, & Brittany Wilson

- Adopt a Highway
- Spelling Bee
- Academic Challenge
- Battle of the Brains
- Gifted and Talented
- Lego Robotic Competition Team
- Band/Honor Band
- Literacy Closet
- FCA
- National Junior Beta Club
- Handbells
- Christian Education Class
- Student Council
- 7th & 8th Grade Washington Trip
- 8th Grade Tours—BHS and CTC
- Algebra and Pre-Algebra
- United Streaming
- Piano Lab
- Computer Lab
- iPad and iPod integration
- After School Tutoring
- Book Club and Read-o
- Guidance Sessions-whole class lessons, groups, individual
- Character Education, Career Education and planning, DARE
- Career Fair
- Resource Officer-classroom lessons
- Know2

School Environment

- In addition to academics, we try to teach our students the importance of philanthropy through volunteering, service work, food drives, and collecting monetary donations.
- A positive, caring, and accepting family environment is an important strength of BMS.
- There is an open line of communication between faculty/staff and students/parents.
- Artifacts from student learning are displayed around the school.
- Incentives for behavior, attendance, & grades
- Grade level awards ceremony
- LCD projectors, document cameras, CPS units, iPods & iPads enhance classroom instruction.
- Faculty and staff take extra measures to ensure the success of all students.
- Emergency procedures planned and practiced.
- Cameras are positioned around the school to help ensure campus safety.



Respectful Reliable Responsible
Ready Relationships

Report to the Parents 2012-2013

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Virgil Hampton, Principal

Mission Statement

The mission of Blacksburg Middle School is to prepare students to excel as productive and responsible members of society by providing a rigorous, well-rounded education.

Our Vision

Our vision for BMS is to inspire a passion for learning.

Our Beliefs

- 🐾 *All students can learn.*
- 🐾 *With the help of family and community partnerships, we can ensure the success of our students.*
- 🐾 *Our primary responsibility is to provide our students with a well-rounded education in a safe environment.*
- 🐾 *Our commitment to education and our students goes beyond the mentally developmental to the socially developmental. We want to encourage our students to become productive citizens while helping them transition from childhood into adolescence by guiding them in safe decision making.*
- 🐾 *We feel that technology is the key to future success. In this belief we feel that providing our students with the latest technological skills will help them compete in an ever-changing society.*

Our Curriculum Goals for 2013-2014

- 🐾 Implement Common Core State Standards.
- 🐾 Use test data to monitor student achievement.
- 🐾 Students will show a growth in academic knowledge with test scores that show a positive gain on their PASS and MAP tests.
- 🐾 Make literacy the priority across the curriculum.
- 🐾 Emphasize instructional differentiation to meet all students' needs.
- 🐾 Provide innovative technology for all classrooms; teachers will integrate technology into classroom instruction.
- 🐾 Incorporate projects and presentations into classroom instruction.
- 🐾 PASS practice days for math, writing, and reading.
- 🐾 Develop partnerships between school and parents to positively impact student achievement.
- 🐾 Implement RtI strategies to help all students experience success.
- 🐾 Develop and sustain lasting relationships with the students.

MAP Information

Grade	Median RIT	Strength	Weakness
Mathematics			
6	222 (+6 from fall)	Data Analysis & Prob.	Measurement
7	226 (+6 from fall)	Geometry	Numbers & Operations
8	234 (+3 from fall)	Algebra	Numbers & Operations
Reading			
6	215 (+6 from fall)	Literary Text	Building Vocabulary
7	216 (+5 from fall)	Literary Text	Building Vocabulary
8	223 (+3 from fall)	Literary Text	Building Vocabulary

School Report Card Information

	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	ESEA/AYP Rating
2012	Average	Below Average	B
2011	Average	Average	Not Met
2010	Average	Average	Not Met

End of Course (EOC) Test 2012

100% of the Algebra 1 students passed the EOC.

School History

Blacksburg is located in Cherokee County. The town is situated in the rolling Piedmont region of the state of South Carolina. Slightly east of the Broad River, Blacksburg, the smaller of two municipalities within the county, is a small town of approximately 2,200 residents within the town limits, with east access to nearby Interstate Highway 85. Blacksburg is nearly an equal distance between Gaffney, South Carolina and Kings Mountain, North Carolina. The town and area around it are sharing in Cherokee County's steady evolution away from a textile-based economy. Current census data indicate that manufacturing is the largest employment sector in the Blacksburg area, providing 46% of the jobs; retail trade provides 17% of employment, and the construction trades account for 6% of the jobs.

Our School Today

Our school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Credit good for 1 more year.

MAP Testing is conducted in the fall and spring for all students. PASS is conducted in the spring. The results from both tests provide us with information about student achievement.

The average daily attendance for 2012-2013 school year was 95.39%.

School Improvement Council Members:

Parents: Tracey Bourgoin, Alicia Craven, Steve Grigg, Frawna Peterson, and Tina Wright
School Members: Josh Batchler, Angie Blanton, Kayla Gaut, Amanda Gilfillan, Courtney Ross, Sharon Earls, Virgil Hampton, and Courtney Johns
Community Members—Alex Bailey, George Kirby, Deborah Peeler, Bruce Price, and Jill Thomson

Wildcat PAC Officer: