

## Recognitions

- Teacher of the Year—Kayla Gaut
- Blacksburg Middle Teacher of Reading—Miranda Grigg
- Support Staff of the Year—Paige Pennington
- Academic Challenge Team—7th Grade State Champions  
Alex Brown, Matt Evans, Autumn Fuller, Ellis Greene, Jackson Gore, Macey Hollman, Will Johnson, Marilyn Turner, D.J. McDaniel, Michael Moss, and Judson Ray,
- Academic Challenge Team—8th Grade: Chuck Carr, Brooklyn Clive, Herbie Colmorgen, Faith Foster, Carson Grigg, Heather Harris, Hunter Lanier, Alize Linares, Ethan McLain, and Skylar Starnes.
- Battle of the Brains— Ellis Greene, Carson Grigg, Ethan McLain
- Beta Club raised \$400 for Meals on Wheels.
- Canned Food Drive —BMS collected 1, 271 cans for Iron City Ministries
- Conservation Essay Contest Winners-Heather Harris and Chuck Carr.
- DAR Essay Contest Winner—Darrell Batchelor.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes joined with local churches for Operation Christmas Child and packed over 150 shoeboxes and worked at the Samaritan's Purse Distribution Center in Charlotte, NC.
- Junior Scholars— Brooklyn Clive, Herbert Colmorgen, Kari Jackson, Alize Linares, and Marshall Walters
- Lego Robotics Competition Team—Riley Billings, Samantha Hardin, Macey Hollman, Russell McLean, Jordan Merritt, Nicholas Chapman Miller, Jay Owens, Mason Wallace, and Austin Whiteside.
- March of Dimes—Collected \$481.63
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Contests—Jordan Merritt, Graycee Rochester, Leeah McAbee, Jordan Diedrich, & Elayna Millen.
- National Career Development Contest Winners—Kelsi Dixon and Alize Linares.
- Raised \$80 for Relay for Life.
- Region Band—Hunter Lanier, Ethan McLain, Skylar Starnes, and Marilyn Turner.
- Science Fair Winners—Jaelyn Martin, Will Johnson, Riley Billings, LeeAnna White, Jackson Gore, Matt Evans, Andrew Diederich, Jason Balderas, Noah Campbell, Sam Toney, Graycee Rochester, Sarah Price, Mikala Logan, Ty Wilson, Matthew McCall, Russell McLean, Christian Brackett, Samantha Hardin, and Nicholas Chapman-Miller
- Shriner's Hospital Recognition for soft drink can tabs collected.
- Spelling Bee Winner — Herbie Colmorgen
- Students honored Veterans by inviting Veterans to eat lunch with them and participate in a Veterans' Day Program.
- Young Writer's Gala Winners—Chuck Carr, Chloe Davis, Leeanna Hames, Daniel Harrison, Jeffrey Jones, Alize Linares, and Abi Sarratt

## Enrichment

- Adopt a Highway
- Spelling Bee
- Academic Challenge
- Battle of the Brains
- Gifted and Talented
- Lego Robotic Competition Team
- Band/Honor Band
- Literacy Closet
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
- National Junior Beta Club
- Chorus
- Christian Education Class
- Student Council
- 6th Grade Atlanta Trip
- 7th Grade Washington Trip
- 8th Grade Charleston Trip
- 8th Grade Tours—BHS and CTC
- Algebra and Pre-Algebra
- Study Island
- Guitar Lab
- Computer Labs
- iPad and iPod integration
- Mobile Computer Labs for 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades.
- After School Tutoring
- Book Club and Read-o
- Guidance Sessions-whole class lessons, groups, individual
- Character Education, Career Education and planning, Career Fair.

## 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, and grades.
- Grade level awards ceremonies.
- LCD projectors, document cameras, CPS units, iPods, iPads, and mobile computer labs 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.



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## Report to the Parents 2014-2015

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# Mission Statement

*The mission of Blacksburg Middle School, in partnership with parents and the community, 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

*We believe that children are always our first priority.*

*We believe that education is essential for the advancement of society.*

*We believe that every individual has equal value.*

*We believe that excellence is always worth the effort.*

*We believe that a safe environment is a basic human need essential for learning.*

*We believe that leaving is a lifelong process.*

*We believe that learning is a lifelong process.*

*We believe that the family is that foundation of society.*

*We believe that everyone can learn.*

## Our Curriculum Goals for 2014-2015

- Implement Common Core State Standards.
- Use data to monitor student achievement.
- Students will show a growth in academic knowledge with test scores that are reflected by a positive gain on their standardized assessments.
- 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 using mobile labs.
- Incorporate projects and presentations into classroom instruction.
- Strengthen partnerships between school and parents to positively impact student achievement..
- Implement Rtl strategies to help all students experience success.
- Develop and sustain lasting relationships with the students.
- Administrators will conduct formal and informal instructional observations.

### MAP Information

Grade	Mean RIT	Strength	Weakness
<b>Mathematics</b>			
6	220 (+8 from fall)	Statistics & Prob.	Number Systems
7	226 (+5 from fall)	Geometry	Number Systems
8	233 (+6 from fall)	Algebra	Number Systems
<b>Reading</b>			
6	213 (+5 from fall)	Literature	Vocabulary
7	218 (+4 from fall)	Informational Text	Vocabulary
8	223 (+4 from fall)	Literary Text	Vocabulary

### School Report Card Information

	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	ESEA/AYP Rating
2014	Average	Average	D
2013	Average	Good	D
2012	Average	Below Average	B
2011	Average	Average	Not Met

### End of Course (EOC) Test 2013

**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 4 more years.

MAP Testing is conducted in the fall and spring for all students. ACT Aspire and PASS is conducted in the spring. The results from these tests provide information about student achievement that guides instruction.

The average daily attendance for 2014-2015 school year was 96.07%.

Currently, 403 students are enrolled.

### School Improvement Council Members:

Parents: Hope Greene, Steve Grigg, and Tina Wright.

School Members: Josh Batchler, Angie Blanton, Kayla Gaut, Courtney Ross, Melissa Whiteside, Sharon Earls, Virgil Hampton, and Melody Bradley

Community Members— Alicia Craven, Deborah Peeler, and George Kirby.