

Recognitions

- 🐾 Teacher of the Year—Andrea Pickens-Shaw
- 🐾 Blacksburg Middle Teacher of Reading—Melissa White-side.
- 🐾 Support Staff of the Year—Evelyn Millwood.
- 🐾 Academic Challenge Team—Hannah Holcombe, J. Andrew Gore, Ethan Hamrick, Kris Gunnin, Maggie Shytle, Tori Smith, Kimberly Jones, Noah Dixon, Omar Cody, Jordan Robbins, Ian O'Dell, Alize' Linares, Carson Grigg, Faith Foster, Heather Harris, Hunter Lanier, Summer Stokes, Herbie Colmorgan, Mattie West, Ethan McLain and Brooklyn Clive.
- 🐾 Battle of the Brains-Tori Smith, Kimberly Jones and Kris Gunnin.
- 🐾 Beta Club raised \$400 for Meals on Wheels.
- 🐾 Duke TIP—Herbie Colmorgan,
- 🐾 Fellowship of Christian Athletes joined with local churches for Operation Christmas Child we packed 200 shoeboxes.
- 🐾 Junior Scholars—J Andrew Gore, Hannah Holcombe, Maggie Shytle, Carly Beason, Timothy Sarratt and Tori Smith
- 🐾 Lego Robotics Competition Team—Macey Hollman, Abby Sarratt, Jay Owens, Steven Perry, Tyler Morrison, Marilyn Turner, Matthew Rising, Matt Evans & Warren Green.
- 🐾 Lt. Governor—Tori Smith
- 🐾 Student participate and assist with Community for Christ basketball for Relay for Life.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Contests—Lucy Blackwell, Talahza Mack, Kaylee Hambright, & Melissa Tucker.
- 🐾 National Career Development Contest Winners—Elayna Millen, Charles Carr, Addie Rippy, Lauren Holmes, Kari Jackson and Kayla Jones.
- 🐾 Raised \$3263 for Relay for Life.
- 🐾 Region Band—Sylvia Blanton, Jackie Treadway, Timothy Sarratt, Hunter Lanier, Noah Dixon & Herbie Colmorgan.
- 🐾 All State Band—Noah Dixon.
- 🐾 Science Fair Winners—Tori Smith and Carson Grigg, Jessie Bridges, Brooklyn Clive, Kelsi Dixon, Faith Foster, Brantley Fowler, Carson Grigg, Heather Harris, Jayde Jones, Jeffrey Jones, Hunter Lanier, Brooke Martin.
- 🐾 Upstate Regional Science Fair Winners—Tori Smith and Carson Grigg.
- 🐾 Shriner's Hospital Recognition for tabs collected.
- 🐾 Spelling Bee Winner —Ethan McLain
- 🐾 Students honored Veterans by inviting veterans to eat lunch with them and Veterans' Program.
- 🐾 Young Writer's Gala Winners—Judson Ray, Jeff Martin, Jackson Gore, Andy Elmore, Ellis Greene, Macey Hollman, & Daniel Harrison.

Enrichment

- 🐾 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 Grade Washington Trip
- 🐾 8th Grade Charleston 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

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.
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Respectful Reliable Responsible
Ready Relationships

Report to the Parents 2013-2014

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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 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.*
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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 2013-2014 school year was 97.11%.

Currently, 394 students are enrolled.

School Improvement Council Members:

Parents: Alicia Craven, Steve Grigg, Tina Wright, Hope Green and Mark Nix.

School Members: Josh Batchler, Angie Blanton, Kayla Gaut, Courtney Ross, Sharon Earls, Hannah Bedford, Virgil Hampton, and Melody Bradley
Community Members—Deborah Peeler and George Kirby.

Wildcat PAC Officer:
Margie Hope and Alicia Craven