

The School Improvement Council (SIC) members serve as an advisory committee to the school's Principal and the faculty and staff of Blacksburg Elementary School.

- Julie Foster- Principal
- Tina Blackwell- Assistant Principal
- Kayla Brown- Chair
- Mellisa Reed- Community Member
- Tonya Rousseve- Community Member
- Christy Phenicie- Teacher
- Jessica Norman- Teacher of the Year
- Kristen Sarratt- Parent
- Hannah Wilkins- Parent
- Jill Parker- Parent
- Dr. Thomas White- Interim Superintendent
- Shanese Dawkins- Board Chair



BES Stats: Serving 3rd-5th grade Enrollment: 325 students JESSICA NORMAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR MELLISA REED SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR ALANA PORTER SPELLING BEE WINNER TYLER LOWE PERFECT SCORE ON SC READY MATH

The mission of BES, in partnership with families and the community, is to provide an environment where all students feel safe and valued as they acquire academic and social skills, confidence, and character to become successful, lifelong learners.



Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2024-2025

Blacksburg Elementary School

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BES is an AVID Elementary School. AVID provides support that allows teachers and students to build college and career readiness. Our students use binders and agendas to promote organization and responsibility. Teachers engage students in WICOR activities that support reading, writing, and inquiry.

We are excited to have been able to host various family events throughout the year, including a Family Bingo night, a March Mathness night, and several musical programs. Families and students worked together to complete math tasks, conquer the art of Bingo, and share musical performances related to the standards. Students who attended received a book and other prizes. Providing books allows students to build their home libraries, thus providing additional opportunities for reading at home! This report is issued by the BES SIC in accordance with SC law, to share informartion on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

At BES, we have incorporated several PBIS and academic incentives this year. Studens who have met certain growth or completion goals on iReady have been able to participate in various incentives including extra recess, a glow party, a popsicle party, and Reindeer Games. BES hosts yearly awards days to honor academic accomplishments as well.

The Board of Public Works serves as a business partner for BES. BPW has provided funding for student incentives and staff appreciation materials and events.

Hopewell Baptist Church and the Blacksburg Church of God serve as faith based community partners for BES. HBC and BCOG have provided meals for staff, student incentives, and met student needs. They also serve as part of the Good News Club for students.

2023-2024 Report Card Data

BES received an Average rating with an overall score of 52. 43.4% of students scored Meets/Exceeds on SC Ready ELA. 41.7% of students scored Meets/Exceeds on SC Ready Math. The BES School Climate was rated as Excellent based on feedback from students, parents, and certified staff.

2024-2025 iReady Data Students are administered iReady three times per year. iReady also provides students with an individualized learning pathway that is completed daily. Currently, 66% of students have met typical growth in reading and 47% of students have met typical growth in math. 31% have met stretch growth in reading and 14% have met stretch growth in math. Currently, 46% of students have scored at or above grade level in reading. 38% have scored at or above grade level in math.