

Recognitions

National Board Certified Teachers

Cyndi Holmes

Teacher of the Year – *Melissa Swanger*

Support Staff of the Year – *Tori Turner*

Reading Teacher of the Year – *Halee Batchler*

South Carolina Reading Initiative School

School Events

- Awards each nine weeks
- Art Expo
- Black History Month
- Book Vending Machine
- Bookmark Contest
- Book Fair
- Boosterthon Dance Fit
- iREADY, 1:1 Initiative
- Community Reads (BHS Girls Basketball and Beta Club)
- Read Across America
- Family Fun Night/Musical
- Field Day
- Field trips to Discovery Place, Sarratt Farm, Big E, Blacksburg Museum, Georgia Aquarium, Windy Hill
- Fun Day
- KNOW2 Partner School
- PBIS School
- PTO/SIC
- Partner with Kona Ice (fundraising)
- Project Based Learning Classrooms
- Young Writer's Gala

School Pledge

I promise to treat others with kindness and respect, keep our school safe, be ready to learn, have a positive attitude, and give my personal best every day. I am a special person. I am a **WILDCAT**.

Our School Today

The average daily attendance for the 2023-2024 school year was 90%. The student-teacher ratio was 21 to 1. The percentage of parents attending conferences was 95%. Blacksburg Primary School is a Title I school and is accredited by the State Department of Education and by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

PTO Officers:

President: Jessica Younce

Secretary/Treasurer: Jordan Hickman

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School Improvement Officers:

Ashley Earls Meghan Jones

Kristen Sarratt Allison Holcombe

Melissa Swanger

Michael Bender, Ex Officio

School Board Representative:

Clay Greer Peter Wilkins

Superintendent:

Dr. White

School History

Blacksburg Primary School is the second school to bear that name. Our history can be traced to the late 1800s as The Blacksburg Graded School. That school was demolished and Blacksburg Grammar School was built in the same spot in 1940. That school was replaced by the first Blacksburg Primary on Hardin Street in 1987. In 2004 the second Blacksburg Primary was opened at the current location on East Cherokee Street.

BLACKSBURG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Report to the Parents

2024-2025



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Our Vision

The vision of Blacksburg Primary School is to meet the needs of all students. We provide age appropriate experiences that will help students become successful. As we strive toward excellence in academics, we provide many opportunities that foster learning. As required by law, I must inform you that all of our teachers are *highly qualified*.

Our Beliefs

- *Meeting our students' needs and providing many and varied opportunities to learn are the chief priorities of our school.
- *Each student is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs.
- *Students learn best when they are authentically engaged in the learning process.
- *Curriculum, instructional practices, and assessment involve a variety of learning experiences to accommodate individual differences.
- *A safe nurturing environment promotes student learning and confidence.
- *Student self-esteem is enhanced by positive relationships and mutual respect among and between members of the student community.

Evaluation of School Renewal Plan Goals for 2024-2025

Review of 2024-2025 Strategic Plan Goals

- Parental involvement opportunities will increase to at least two per year, ultimately increasing parents' visits to the school by 20 parents or five per grade level each year.
- By the end of 2024-2025 school year, teacher morale will increase to 4.5 as measured by a teacher survey with a 1-5 Likert Scale.
- By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, all teacher will implement best practices in social emotional education as measured by a decrease of .05% in student behavior per day.
- Increase teachers' ability to implement instructional strategies that facilitate students' critical thinking skills and better utilize questioning as measured by the SCTS 4.0 teacher observation rubric.
- To increase the percentage of students in the "early on grade level" and "mid or above grade level" categories to 65% of all students, as measured by the I-Ready test.



School Statistics

Grades Pre-K—2nd

Enrollment: 416
76% Caucasian
10% African-American
13% Other
Free Meals
100% CES Grant

School Report Card

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate.