

SIC Information

SIC members meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month to discuss various topics regarding school improvement. All are welcome!

Current SIC Members

1. Barbara Higginbotham (Chair)
2. Heather Cox (Secretary)
3. Reena Watson (Principal)
4. Lisa Green
5. Trey Thompson
6. Shelli Wilburn
7. Elizabeth Askins
8. Aaron Cottingham
9. Teresa Ferguson
10. Heather Hunt-Smith
11. David Matthews
12. Wyatt Spearman

Go Tigers!

Purpose of the SIC Parent Report

This report is issued by Blue Ridge High School 's School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goal and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.







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SIC Annual Goals:

SIC annual goals included (1) Putting Blue Ridge High School on the Map by serving the needs of others in the community and surrounding areas, New theme: "We Don't Do Average... We Do Awesome" (2) Speaking only positive things about our school and community, and (3) Beautification of our school grounds with the help of community volunteers.

Tiger Rush:

Over the course of three days, 305 rising 9th grade students visited our school from Blue Ridge Middle. Students were welcomed by Assistant Principal Mrs. Lynch-Miner before breaking up into smaller groups of ten for tours. Each group had a unique name representing Blue Ridge - The Ridge, Go Big Red, Tiger Nation, and We are BR. The event ended with students getting a real "taste" of high school by enjoying a snack in our cafeteria - Papa Johns Pizza, Chick-fil-a sandwiches, or a walking taco courtesy of our PTSA. While the students ate, they had a chance to hear our choir sing the alma mater, and participate in the tradition of raising spirit fingers at the end (the sign of a true BRHS Tiger).

G+ Options

Producing graduates that are college and career ready is a responsibility that we do not take lightly. As such, Blue Ridge High School offered 17 Dual Credit/AP classes and at least 3 career certificates during the 2019-2020 School Year.

Academics Highlights:

For the 2018-2019 school year (previous school year), the percent of students scoring a C or higher on the English I, Algebra I, Biology I, and US History EOC was higher in all categories when compared to the state! Because of this our overall SC School Report Card went up by 8.5 points!

In the Spring of 2019 we had eleven students earn the AP Scholar Award (scoring "3" or higher on three or more Advanced Placement exams) and one student earn the AP Scholar with Honor award (an average score of at least "3.25" on all AP exams taken and scores of "3" or higher on four or more AP exams).

Score Breakdown for Blue Ridge High

Academic Achievement <small>Algebra 1 and English 1 EOC Success, Last 4 Years</small>	12.62 out of 25
Preparing for Success <small>Biology 1 and US History EOC Success, Last 4 Years</small>	5.43 out of 10
English Learners' Progress <small>All Enrolled Students</small>	6.00 out of 10
Graduation Rate <small>Class of 2019</small>	18.17 out of 25
College & Career Readiness <small>Class of 2019</small>	19.20 out of 25
Student Engagement <small>Advanced Survey Participation and Responses</small>	2.00 out of 5

GOOD: 63.42 (↑ UP 8.49)

Athletics Highlights:

Blue Ridge High School, through community support and coordination, and a lot of hard work and dedication from our weight training Coach, Aaron Cottingham, had our weight room updated and remodeled. Thank you to everyone that contributed—it would not have been possible without such amazing community support and dedication to putting Blue Ridge High School on the Map!

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/BRHSathletics> to check out all of this year's athletic awards and accomplishments.

General School Recognitions:

- Mrs. Tracy Jackson received the Greater Greer Foundation Grant.
- The Blue Ridge High School bands won the "Outstanding Performance Award" in the spring of 2019 – this is the highest honor given by the South Carolina Band Directors Association.
- 12 students earned a chair in Region Band and 8 earned a chair in All-County Band.
- The Orchestra had nine students participate in All-County Orchestra and three students participate in Region Orchestra.
- MSgt. Fred Fuller received the 2019 Outstanding Instructor Award for the Air Force JROTC program
- The AFJROTC unit received the Distinguished Unit Award.
- At the Future Business Leaders of America District Conference in 2020 our students came in first in the Public Service Announcement category, second in Social Media Campaign, third in Electronic Career Portfolio, third in Emerging Business Issues, third in Graphic Design, third in Introduction to Business Presentation, and third in Introduction to Public Speaking.
- Two of our Girls' Basketball players made All-region, one of those students was also Region 2 4A Player of the Year and 4A Gils' Basketball All-State.
- Two of our Varsity Cheerleaders made All-Upstate Competitive Cheer Team First Team and one made All-Upstate Competitive Cheer Team Second Team.

Blue Ridge High School is a high school located near the Blue Ridge Mountains and is one of 14 high schools in GCSD, the 44th largest school district in the United States!

