

OUR HISTORY

Bryson Middle School opened its doors as Bryson High School in 1954 at the old P. Meadors' homestead on approximately 86 acres. In 1970 with the federal mandate for school integration, buildings and student populations had to be re-configured. Ninth graders from Hillcrest High School then attended in Bryson's building, later becoming Bryson Center, while Bryson's seventh and eighth graders joined with Hillcrest Junior High.

In the fall of 1973 and after the building of an additional local high school, Bryson Center changed to a middle school to serve students in grades six through eight. Twenty years later in 1993, Bryson Middle School relocated to its current building, then recently renovated, which had formerly been Hillcrest High School.

Today Bryson Middle School is a regionally accredited public middle school serving grades six through eight. It is one of the largest of the nineteen middle schools in Greenville County with over 963 students and is adjacent to one of the county's largest high schools, Hillcrest High. Our school serves the cities of Fountain Inn and Simpsonville.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Bryson has a full PTSA Board. The PTSA continues to lead our school store, volunteer weekly to cover teacher lunch shift, and assist with projects around the building. Our parents also assisted us in updating our vision and mission statement.

BMS PTSA Volunteers, Meet the Teacher, Veteran's Day Program, Chorus/Band/Strings Concerts, Curriculum Night, Literacy Night, High School Credit Course Night, Music in our Schools, Field Trip Chaperones, and Quarterly Awards Ceremonies

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Chair: Brenda Randolph, Community Member
Secretary: Micaela Sanders, Community Member
Principal: Caroline Bohnenberger
Travis Cash, Assistant Principal
Kiara Lewis, Teacher of the Year
Jennifer Poole, Teacher
Whitney Dyer, PTSA President
Carrie Ratajczak, Parent

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

"This Report is issued by the Bryson Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year."

BRYSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Annual School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2023-2024



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SIC ANNUAL GOALS

- **Goal One:** Increase Student Engagement
- **Actions:** Set up framework for student council to be more involved in school decisions, feedback from student groups to advise administration and SIC.
- **Results:** Student council bylaws and election of officers and class representatives, and Top Dawgs quarterly student luncheons.

- **Goal Two:** Increase Neighborhood/Community Involvement
- **Actions:** School liaisons for each feeder school, 5th grade visits to local elementary schools, Trunk or Treat for community, “Fall for Bryson”, reintroduce mentor program with community members as mentors, and reintroduce business partners.
- **Results:** Strengthen relationships with community (business, churches and local neighborhoods).

- **Goal Three:** Teacher Retention/Morale
- **Actions:** Parent volunteers to assist teachers with specific projects, provide volunteers during lunches, discounts for teachers at our local businesses, supports for teachers from the community.
- **Results:** Teachers feel more supported by the school and community which leads to them staying for longer periods of time at the school.

Bryson Middle School is a learning community that is building a mindset for success!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The data below is the 2022-2023 SCREADY Test Scores.

<i>SC READY 2023 Test Results</i>	
<u>Subject</u>	<u>Meets or Exceeds</u>
<i>English</i>	43%
<i>Math</i>	25.9%

<i>SC PASS 2023 Test Results</i>	
<u>Subject</u>	<u>Meets or Exceeds</u>
<i>Science</i>	36.8%

BMS is a National Beta Club School of Distinction

For more information, you may view Myschool's "S.C. School Report Card" for the previous school year online at www.ed.sc.gov.



CELEBRATE WITH US

- Bryson Middle School is a STEAM/PBL school with four BMS educators attending the National PBL Conference in California in 2022- 15 more staff members attended the 2023 PBL Conference and others will attend in 2024.
- Implemented learning remediation program, including After School Enrichment Programs
- Junior Achievement for a Day and Career Day for all three grade levels.
- Continuing PAWS Behavior System to increase consistency across all grade levels and encourage positive reinforcement.
- Our Junior Beta Club earned many awards at the 2024 Junior Beta Competition.
- High School Offerings for Algebra I, Geometry, Art 1, Band/Strings 1, Project Lead the Way, Spanish I and other virtual high school credit options.
- BMS surpassed pre-pandemic scores in all three content areas.
- Boys' Basketball District Champions
- Bryson's Agriculture Program hosted two plant sales this school year.
- Bryson Middle turned 50 this year! It was celebrated with an alumni tailgate.