

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 eighteen middle schools in Greenville County with over 1100 students and is adjacent to the county's largest high school, Hillcrest High. Our school serves the cities of Fountain Inn and Simpsonville.



Parent Involvement Opportunities

BMS PTSA Volunteering Mentoring
Monthly Parent Involvement Nights
(Meet the Teacher, Games Night, Related Arts Fall Festival, Veterans' Program, Chorus/Band/Strings Concerts, Curriculum Night, Musical, and Talent Show)

School Improvement Council

Leon Hunt, Chair, Parent
Phillip Davie, Principal
Paula Bruce, Assistant Principal
Pam Templeton, Instructional Coach
Denise Lambert, Guidance Counselor
Kathy Howell, 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher
Alicia Sloan, 6th Grade Math Teacher
Sherry Konczal, 6th Grade ELA Teacher
Heidi Glenn, PTSA President
Siles Gray, Parent
Terry Rogers, Parent
Gary Long, Community

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.



School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2012-13



Bryson Middle School

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*Inspiring
Excellence*

Celebrate with Us

- 2013 Palmetto Gold Award for Student Achievement
- 16 Junior Scholars; 28 Duke TIP Candidates with 6 receiving State Recognition
- BETA—150 members, 1st place in Tower of Power and 3rd place in Watercolor at State Convention; Student Council—45 members
- Spring production of *Annie Junior* with 55-member cast, recitals for piano students
- PTSA Reflections winners: 2nd place, 3rd place, and honorable mention at district level
- Fine Arts Honors: Art Winners at district level with two Honorable Mentions; Band with 1 student in All-County; Chorus with 25 students in All-County Chorus, Most Outstanding Choral Group Overall, 1st Place Superior Rating, Best Accompanist, Best Overall Soprano Section, and GRAND Sweepstakes Award at Six Flags Musical Showcase Festival, Participant in annual Rotary Night of Singing ; Strings with one student in All-State, three students in Region, Superior ratings at SCMEA Concert Festival, Superior rating and 1st Place at Six Flags Music Festival.
- SC State Archery Tournament—10th in state for team & 6th highest scoring individual, only MS in State Competition for Equine Evaluation, Agricultural Tool Identification Career Development Events with highest scoring individual in Piedmont Region for Tool ID; BMS Robotics Team—1st place in robot design, 2nd place in robot performance, & 4th place overall at Regional and 2nd in robot performance at State; Junior Forensic League; Battle of the Brains; Cultural Expansion Club; Book Club; FFA; Chess Club
- State Qualifier in National Geographic Geography Bee
- Faculty includes 7 National Board Certified teachers and 65.6% with advanced degrees
- Service with United Ministries, American Heart Association, HOG Day, Place of Hope, Project Host, Greenville Interfaith Hospitality Network, Muscular Dystrophy Association

SCHOOL

IMPROVEMENT GOALS

Student Learning /Achievement

#1 Performance Goal: The percentage of students scoring Met and above on PASS writing will increase from 74.2% in 2011-12 to 75.2% in 2012-13.

#2 Performance Goal: The percentage of students scoring Met and above on PASS reading/research will increase from 72.5% in 2011-12 to 73.5% in 2012-13.

#3 Performance Goal: The percentage of students scoring Met and above on PASS math will increase from 69.9% in 2011-12 to 70.9% in 2012-13.

Teacher Quality

#4 Performance Goal: 100% of BMS teachers will receive support, training, and professional development in research-based instructional strategies, best practices, and technology integration.

School Climate

#5 Performance Goal: The percentage of students suspended from school will decrease from 11.9% in 2011-12 to 10.9% in 2012-13.

#6 Performance Goal: The percentage of parents reporting positive responses on the School Report Card for the criterion “satisfied with school-home relations” will increase from 68.9% in 2011-12 to 69.9% in 2012-13.

2012 Report Cards

ESEA/Federal Rating

91.5

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SC School Report Card

Absolute Rating

Growth Rating

Good

Excellent

Spring 2012 PASS Scores

	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
Sixth	75.1	72.4	82.5	83.1
Seventh	74.7	71.2	81.2	74.5
Eighth	67.7	65.9	76.1	83.0

PASS scores reflect percentage of students scoring met or exemplary.

Link for SC Report Card: www.ed.sc.gov.

2012-13 MAP Scores

	Reading	Math
Sixth	48.3	43.2
Seventh	51.1	46.9
Eighth	54.2	46.5

MAP scores reflect percentage of students meeting Growth Targets. Goal scores are expected to be at 50%.