

## 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 1000 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, Open House, Related Arts Fall Festival, Veterans' Program, Chorus/Band/Strings Concerts, Curriculum Night, Musical, and Talent Show)

## School Improvement Council

Desiree Dumas, Chair, Parent

Dr. Adrienne Davenport, Principal

David Deighton, Assistant Principal

Denise Lambert, Guidance Counselor

Julie Summey, Band Teacher

Sherry Konczal, 8th Grade ELA Teacher

Heidi Rugg, PTSA President

Josey Martinez, Parent

Dale McMinn, Parent

Michelle Kilgore, Parent

Louie Lumpkin, Community Member

Yancey Epps, Community Member

Leon Hunt, Community Member

## 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" 2014-2015



## Bryson Middle School

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Excellence*

## Celebrate with Us

- ◆ 18 Junior Scholars; 67 Duke TIP Candidates with 10 receiving State Recognition
- ◆ Beta Club—State Convention winners with 1st place in Tower of Power; 1st place in Songfest, 1st place in wreath making, 2nd place in poster, Individual winners: 3rd place in Language Arts and Individual Talent
- ◆ Spring production of *Peter Pan, Jr.* with 41-member cast; semester recitals for piano students
- ◆ PTSA Reflections District winner: 3<sup>rd</sup> in visual arts
- ◆ Fine Arts Honors: Band with 3 students in All-County; 1 student District One Region Band; Chorus with 25 students in All-County Spring Sing Chorus, Participant in annual Rotary Night of Singing; Strings 4 students in Region Orchestra; District Juried Art Show—2 students 2nd place; 1 student—Honorable Mention
- ◆ Clubs—Battle of the Brains; FFA; Cultural Expansion Club; Book Club; Chess Club
- ◆ Faculty includes 4 National Board Certified teachers and 71.0% with advanced degrees
- ◆ Service through Student Council for The Christmas Store and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; other service and support with the American Heart Association, HOG Day, and the United Way
- ◆ 2014-2015 Greenville County Middle School Girls Basketball Champions
- FFA Archery Team—3rd place Regional Competition; Tool Identification Team—Regional winner; Creed Speaking—2nd place Regional; 2nd place State

## SCHOOL

### IMPROVEMENT GOALS

#### Student Learning /Achievement

ESEA Goal for all subjects: 632

**Performance Goal:** Annually increase by one percentage point students meeting standard (Met and Exemplary) in , science, and social studies as measured by the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS). Note: The ACT Aspire test will be administered Spring 2015. Accountability levels have not been established as of April 2015.

Writing 73.8%

ELA 71.1%

Math 68.3%

Science 74.5% to 75.5%

Social Studies 75.6% to 76.6%

#### Teacher Quality

**Performance Goal:** Offer a minimum of twelve hours of professional development in-house on school-wide initiatives.

#### School Climate

**Performance Goal:** Maintain an annual student attendance rate of 95% or higher.

**Performance Goal:** Maintain an annual student expulsion rate below 0.5% of the total school population.

**Performance Goal:** Increase by 0.5 the percentage of parents, students, and teachers who are satisfied with the learning environment.

Parents 77% to 77.5%

Students 62.2% to 62.7%

Teachers 85.3% to 85.8%

**Performance Goal:** Increase by 0.4 the percentage of parents, students, and teachers who feel that the students are safe at school.

Parents 83.2% to 83.6%

Students 77.6% to 78%

Teachers Maintain 100.0%

## 2014 Report Cards

### ESEA/Federal Rating

76.8

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### SC School Report Card

Absolute Rating

Growth Rating

Good

Average

### Spring 2014 PASS Scores

	ELA	Math	Science	Social
Sixth	68.1	64.4	74.2	82.2
Seventh	67.1	65.8	74.4	68.1
Eighth	75.6	72.3	73.4	80.5

PASS scores reflect percentage of students scoring met or exemplary.

Link for SC Report Card: [www.ed.sc.gov](http://www.ed.sc.gov).

### 2013-2014 MAP Scores

	Reading	Math
Sixth	42.8	27.7
Seventh	46.8	42.5
Eighth	45.6	38.7

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