

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 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, 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
Pam Templeton, Instructional Coach
Denise Lambert, Guidance Counselor
Clint Nalley, 7th Grade Science Teacher
Alicia Sloan, 6th Grade Math Teacher
Sherry Konczal, 8th Grade ELA Teacher
Heidi Glenn, PTSA President
Silas Gray, Parent
Heidi Rugg, Parent
Michelle Kilgore, Parent
Gary Long, 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" 2013-2014*



Bryson Middle School

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*Inspiring
Excellence*

Celebrate with Us

- 2013 Palmetto Silver Award for Student Achievement
- 24 Junior Scholars; 28 Duke TIP Candidates with 6 receiving State Recognition
- Beta Club—State Convention winners with 1st place in pencil, 1st place in Songfest, 1st place in wreath making, and 3rd place in Overall Arts
- Spring production of *Cinderella* with 60-member cast; semester recitals for piano students
- PTSA Reflections Council winners: 1st in dance; 2nd in film production, photography, literature; 3rd in visual arts; 1 entry at state level
- Fine Arts Honors: Band with 2 students in All-County; Chorus with 29 students in All-County Spring Sing Chorus; 1st place superior rating for Mixed Choir, Best Accompanist, and Best Alto Section at Six Flags Musical Festival, Participant in annual Rotary Night of Singing; Strings with 2 students in All-State, 4 students in Region, Chamber Orchestra performed at SCMEA Convention.
- BMS FLL Robotics Team—State Championship: 1st Place in Mechanical Design; 2013 Greenville Regional Tournament: 1st Place in Robot Performance and 1st Place Overall
- Clubs—Battle of the Brains; FFA; Cultural Expansion Club; Book Club; Chess Club
- Faculty includes 7 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

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 writing, ELA, math, science, and social studies as measured by the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS).

Writing 74.2% to 75.2%

ELA 75.3% to 76.3%

Math 69.9% to 72.3%

Science 76.9% to 77.9%

Social Studies 78.8% to 79.8%

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 86.2% to 86.7%

Students 72.3% to 72.8%

Teachers 89.1% to 89.6%

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

Parents 91.2% to 91.6%

Students 87.9% to 88.3%

Teachers Maintain 100.0%

2013 Report Cards

ESEA/Federal Rating

91.6

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SC School Report Card

Absolute Rating

Growth Rating

Average

Average

Spring 2013 PASS Scores

	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
Sixth	73.7	69.2	73.2	78.5
Seventh	81.8	75.5	82.3	77.8
Eighth	68.2	69.8	67.9	76.1

PASS scores reflect percentage of students scoring met or exemplary.

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

2012-2013 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%.