



**Blue Ridge Middle School** sits atop one of the first ridges in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountain Range. Located in the northwestern corner of Greenville County, the peaceful Blue Ridge community is filled with friendly families who treasure their foothills heritage. Newcomers, drawn to the natural beauty, socially high morals and family values of this, the famous “Dark Corner” of SC, are warmly welcomed. Under the leadership of Principal Becky Greene, BRMS proudly offers students an excellent education that has produced notable academic success in recent years.

BRMS, now in its 28<sup>th</sup> year, is located on the original site of old Blue Ridge High School (built in 1954). With the construction of a new high school, the old buildings were completely renovated and transformed into modern, beautiful, and technologically current middle school campus in 2001. This, the largest geographical attendance zone in Greenville County School District, currently serves 935 students with challenging academics for grades six, seven, and eight.

Academic offerings at BRMS include high school courses: Honors Algebra I, English I Honors, Spanish, and Desktop Publishing, all of which earn Carnegie Units for participating students. Gifted and Talented classes are available in ELA and Math. A variety of extracurricular activities are available: Academic Team, Drama, Robotics, Student Council, Beta Club, baseball, softball, boys’ and girls’ soccer and basketball, girls’ volleyball, marching band (in conjunction with BRHS), football (in conjunction with BRHS), and an afterschool program that was begun this year.

## School Improvement Council

The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to the school’s principal and faculty. Throughout South Carolina, SIC plays an integral role in public education, bringing together parents, community stakeholders, and educators to maximize opportunities for students’ academic success.

### 2014 - 2015 SIC MEMBERS

- Robin Hand - Chairperson, Parent
- Becky Greene - Principal
- Sheila Earley - Assistant Principal
- Jim Barbare - Community Member
- Lisa Lynn - Community Member
- Bill Tyler - Community Member
- Angie Styles - Parent
- Lori Whitten - Parent
- Janice Cockrell - Teacher
- Jason Staggs –Teacher

### Purpose of this report ...

*In accordance with South Carolina law, this report is issued by the Blue Ridge Middle School Improvement Council in order to share information on the school's progress toward meeting academic goals and objectives and the help of the SIC toward meeting those goals.*

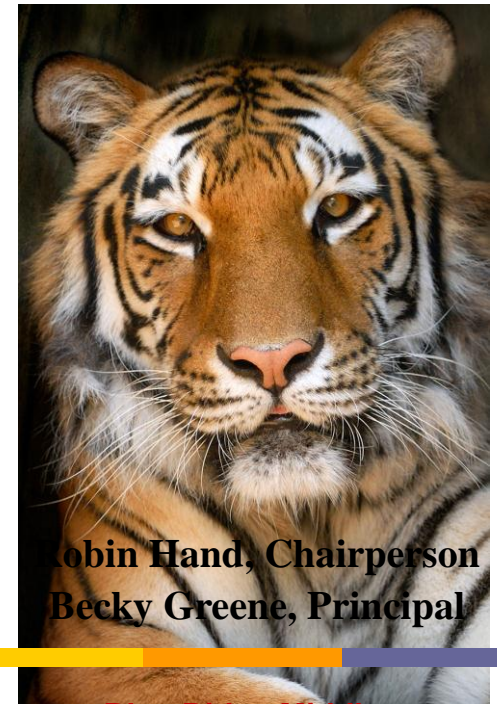
***Reaching, Teaching, Inspiring***



## Blue Ridge Middle School

Greenville County School District  
South Carolina

### SIC Report to the Community & Parents 2014-2015



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## BRMS SIC Goals

SIC goals are reviewed and assessed monthly by the SIC, School Leadership Team, and faculty. These groups discuss, create, develop, and incorporate strategies that will aid in the accomplishment of the SIC goals.

- Actively engage community and stakeholders in the school
- Develop a safe, responsible, and respectful school environment
- Develop practices, processes and technologies for open and effective communication

## Greenville School District Goals

- Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student
- Ensure quality personnel in all positions
- Provide a school environment supportive of learning
- Effectively manage and further develop necessary financial resources
- Improve public understanding and support of public schools



## Peaks & Points

- **Lunch and Learn**  
Select students have lunch with industry and business professionals to learn specifics about a variety of careers.
- **Women at Work**  
Select female students meet with women in industry and female business professionals to learn about career possibilities.
- **Watch D.O.G.S.**  
Dads Of Great Students are involved by being present on the school campus daily in order to provide positive male role models, enhance school security, and reduce bullying.
- **Up-Standers**  
“Be an **Up-Stander**, not a Bystander at BRMS!” Character education programs focus on the areas of bullying, citizenship, and tolerance, encouraging students to **Stand Up** and do what is right.
- **Terrific Tigers**  
Mentoring, Career Education, and Service Learning experiences are provided for select students in order to help them succeed.

## Accomplishments in 2014

### Performance Awards

- ✓ SC Report Card Absolute Rate: Excellent
- ✓ SC Report Card Growth Rate: Good
- ✓ Federal ESEA Rate: A
- ✓ EOC: English 1 – 92.8 / Algebra 1 – 97.5

### Sports

- ✓ Softball: 2013 & 2014 Region and Greenville County School District Champions.
- ✓ Basketball: 2014 Region and Greenville County School District Champions.

### Beta Club

- ✓ 2014-2015: 400 hours of community service  
State Convention Winners: 3rd place Songfest, 2nd place Oil and Acrylics-Kye Lampinen, 2nd place Technology Dylan Johnson.

### Character Awards

- ✓ 2014-2015 ACE Award, Elyajah Nobel and Sarah McClintock.

### Band

- ✓ 2014: 1 student in All-State band, 5 students named to All-Region band, 9 students in All-County band.

### Chorus

- ✓ 2014-2015: 6 students were selected for the South Carolina American Choral Director's Honor Chorus at Anderson University in October: John Shennan, Julia Shennan, Kelly Forrester, Cole Mulchy, Meredith Frick, and Zanna Rentz.

### Charity

- ✓ Relay for Life: 2014 - \$2000
- ✓ Pennies for Patients: 2014 contribution \$1725.53.
- ✓ Greer Community Ministries & BRMS Food Pantry: \$10,000 worth of food & over 500 coats.