

Blue Ridge Middle School is a sixth, seventh, and eighth grade school located in the northwestern corner of South Carolina. As part of the Greenville County School District, Blue Ridge Middle has the largest geographical attendance area, currently serving 935 students.

Blue Ridge Middle now in its 28th year, has several staff members who were a vital part of the school's induction year and are still making an impact in the community today. The current location is the site of the original Blue Ridge High School built in 1954. The building was completely renovated in 2001.

Blue Ridge Middle School provides opportunities for students to take courses that offer high school credit Carnegie Units: Honors Algebra I, English I Honors, and Desktop Publishing. Gifted and Talented offerings are available in language arts and math through the Challenge Program as well. Blue Ridge also offers a variety of extracurricular activities. Teams include baseball, softball, boys' and girls' soccer and basketball, and girls' volleyball.

Students are given the opportunity to audition for and participate in a school-wide theatrical performance each year.

What is a School Improvement Council?

The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to the school's principal and faculty. SIC plays a key role in the education of the children of our area, bringing together parents, educators, and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve student achievement.

SIC MEMBERS

Cheryl Herman - Teacher

Jackie Messer - Parent

Angie Styles – Parent (Co-Chair)

Sheila Earley- Assistant Principal

Chad Butler-Teacher

Nicole Rainey – Parent (Co-Chair)

Jim Barbare - Community Member

Becky Greene - Principal

Purpose of the Report

"This Report is issued by the Blue Ridge 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."

...Reaching, Teaching, Inspiring

Blue Ridge Middle School

SIC Report to the Community/Parents 2015-2016



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Blue Ridge Middle- 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.

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

Goals are reviewed monthly by the SIC, School Leadership Team, and the faculty to assess progress and to create and implement successful strategies.

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Peaks and Points

- ❖ Lunch and Learn – Selected students meet with industry professionals to learn about a variety of careers.
- ❖ Women at Work – Selected female students meet with female industry and business professionals to learn about opportunities careers.
- ❖ Watch D.O.G.S (Dads Of Great Students) –Initiative to present qualifying fathers as positive male role models to enhance school security and to reduce bullying.
- ❖ UPstander Program - “Be an UPstander, not a BYstander at BRMS.” A character education program which focuses on bullying, citizenship, and positive tolerance.
- ❖ Terrific Tigers Program – Mentoring, career education, and service learning experiences for selected students to encourage student success.
- ❖ Tiger Inc.- incentive program for students with good work ethics in the classroom and outside of class preparing student with skills need in the workforce

Accomplishments

-Blue Ridge Middle School received a Gold Award overall achievement and Silver Award for closing the gap .

-The passage rate for End of Course testing for Algebra I and English I was 99 %

-Beta Club-members have logged over 800 service hours in the community this year including volunteering with the Area 4 Special Olympics

-We raised over \$2000 for the Leukemia Society through our annual Pennies for Patients campaign.

-The Blue Ridge Middle School Academic Team competed in the 2015 Academic Competition in Greenville County and placed 2nd .

-BRMS had a number of students in All State Band and 8th grade band received a “Superior with Distinction “from SCBDA

-BRMS had a number of students participate in the Greenville County School District “Spring Sing”.

-Our art classes had a number of pieces that won district awards and were posted on the school website.

-Student Council collected over 10, 000 canned goods to support local food pantries.

-BRMS girls’ volleyball, basketball and baseball had undefeated regular seasons and the girls’ basketball team is county runner-up and girls’ softball team is Region champion.