

Blue Ridge Middle School overlooks the mountains offering a peaceful environment. It is a sixth, seventh and eighth grade school located in the northwestern corner of South Carolina and is a part of Greenville County Schools. The school has the largest geographical attendance area and currently serves 935 students.

Blue Ridge Middle is in its 27th year. There are several staff members that were a vital part of the school's induction year and are still making an impact in the community today. The current site is the location of the original Blue Ridge High School, which was 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). Courses available include Honors Algebra I, English I Honors, and Desktop Publishing. The Gifted and Talented program is taught through language arts. Advanced math is offered as well. Blue Ridge also offers a variety of extracurricular activities. Teams include baseball, softball, soccer and basketball, and volleyball.

Drama is also offered after school, and students are given the opportunity to audition for and participate in a school-wide theatrical performance.

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 our state's children, bringing together parents, educators, and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve student achievement.

SIC MEMBERS

Jean Ballew - Teacher

Jim Barbare- Community Member

Shae Boyce- Parent

Melanie Cepek - Parent

Sheila Earley- Assistant Principal

William Greene -Teacher

Robin Hand - Parent

Lisa Lynn- Community Member

Vondra Mason - Parent (Chair)

Jackie Messer - Parent

Bill Tyler - Community Member

Tanya Harris – Instructional Coach

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 **2013-2014**



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Blue Ridge Middle -SIC Goals

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

GCS -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 toward achieving the established goals and determining continuing strategies needed for successful attainment.



Peaks and Points

- 🐾 Lunch and Learn –Selected students meet with Industry professionals to learn about their career field
- 🐾 Women at Work – Selected female students meet with female industry and business professionals to learn about various careers
- 🐾 Watch D.O.G.S (Dads Of Great Students) – Father involvement initiative to provide positive male role models, enhance school security, and reduce bullying
- 🐾 “Be an Upstander”, not a bystander at BRMS” Character education program with a focus in the areas of anti-bullying, citizenship and tolerance
- 🐾 Terrific Tigers Program– Mentoring, Career Education, and Service Learning experiences for selected students to promote student success
- 🐾 Absolute Rating of Good and Growing Rating of Average on the 2013 South Carolina Annual School Report Card
- 🐾 A rating of 85.4 in 2013 on the ESEA Federal Rating
- 🐾 A passage rate of 99% in 2013 on the End of Course testing in Algebra I and English I

Accomplishments

- 🐾 Junior Beta Club members have logged over 800 service hours in the community and have volunteered at the Down Syndrome Walk at Furman, the Area 4 Special Olympics, the fall carnival at Skyland Elementary School , and the spring carnival at Mountain View Elementary School.
- 🐾 At the 2013 Beta Club State Convention the club won awards in scrapbooking, songfest, and special talent awards.
- 🐾 Our students collected items to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.
- 🐾 Our students have raised over \$2000 for the Leukemia Society through our annual Pennies for Patients campaign.
- 🐾 The Academic Team placed 3rd in the 2013 National Academic Competition in New Orleans in June and placed 3rd and competed in the National Beta Club Convention.
- 🐾 BRMS had the PTA Reflection state winner for video.
- 🐾 BRMS has had a number of students participate in the Greenville County School District “Spring Sing.” And All State Band
- 🐾 BRMS art classes have had a number of pieces that won District Awards and were posted on the school website.
- 🐾 Student Council collected over 13,000 can goods and \$2,000 cash donation to support local food pantries.