

Principal's Message

I am so very proud to serve as principal of Batesburg-Leesville High School. Our students, faculty and staff are the finest in South Carolina.

Batesburg-Leesville High School is a very special place where we serve very special young people. The majority of our students are involved in some sort of extra-curricular activity in addition to working hard in their classes each and every day.

Our faculty and staff has worked diligently this year to incorporate personalized learning in every classroom. We believe in and are committed to the idea that learning at its best is engaging and relevant to the learner. In addition we are attempting to create more student ownership in their own learning.

While our school year was drastically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, our school nor our students are defined by it. We carried on as best we could relying on the principles we all hold dear. We got through it as a family, nurturing our relationships with one another, building on our traditions and building new ones together.

Sonya M. Bryant,
Principal
Batesburg-Leesville High School

2019-2020 School Improvement Council

Christie Dawkins - Parent
Angie Kirkland- Parent
Debra Miller- Community
Quinton Whitt-Community
Lynne Cade - Community
Cynthia Etheredge - Community
Shanez Padgett - Student
Morgan Price - Student
Susan Taylor-Student
Allison Cook - Teacher of the Year
Jonathan Robinson - Teacher
Marshall Harvey - Teacher
Paul Spence--Teacher

Sonya Bryant - Principal (ex officio)



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Annual Report to the Community 2019-2020



Sonya M. Bryant,
Principal

Eric Gambrell,
Assistant Principal

Era Roberts,
Assistant Principal
for Instruction

School Report Card

2019 Report Card

- 83.6% Four Year Graduation Rate
- 73% Earned National Career Readiness Certificate
- 29.1% Seniors eligible for Palmetto Fellows/Life Scholarship
- 18.6 ACT Composite
- 971 Average on SAT

STRATEGIC GOALS

2019-2020 School Renewal Goals

- By 2035, 90% of Lexington Three Students will graduate College and Career Ready by exposing more students to rigorous College and Career Ready opportunities.
- By 2035, 90% of students will score a Level 2 or higher on ELA and Math End-of-Course exams by creating a more rigorous classroom environment and supporting at-risk students.
- By 2035, 70% of English learners will achieve annual progress in English by the end of the 5th year in the EL program through supports for English Learners.

★ BLHS ★ Points of Pride

- 241 total dual course enrollments with Midlands Technical College
- 409 Career Certifications earned
- Collaborative Partnership with Saluda County Schools for Welding and Firefighting
- AVID has been implemented school-wide
- Numerous athletes were named all-state and all-region
- Students are being offered multiple advanced placement course offerings
- JROTC received the Distinguished Unit Award
- 59 AVID Students and 16 Teachers who are trained in AVID
- One of three finalists for Palmetto's Finest
- Sonya Bryant named SCASA Secondary Principal of the Year
- First annual Panther Prowl Community Parade to celebrate the Class of 2020
- Executed an in-person commencement ceremony in spite of the COVID-19 Pandemic