

Principal's Message

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

This has certainly been an amazing year at BLHS. We have opened two beautiful new state of the art buildings housing our Career and Technology classes, fine arts classes, library, and administrative wing. Construction has also begun on a competition gym and will soon begin on a weight room. We are beyond grateful to our community for these amazing facilities.

This year we were grateful to be named a Palmetto's Finest Finalist by SCASA. We appreciate this validation of the hard work our students, faculty and staff do every day here at BLHS.

We are a Panther Family and work to build strong relationships with each other. We believe that we can best serve our students by taking the time to build relationships as we work to help them achieve their potential.

Sonya M. Bryant,
Principal
Batesburg-Leesville High School

2022-2023 School Improvement Council

William Ash—Teacher
Andrew Hall—Student
Amber Hartley—Community
Member
Donielle Hartley—Teacher of the
Year
Patrice Jones—Parent
Deb Miller--Community
Anna Grace Shealy—Student
Stephanie Shealy—Parent (Chair)
Quinton Whitt--Community

Sonya Bryant - Principal (ex officio)



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High School

Annual Report to Community 2022-2023



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Assistant Principal

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for Instruction

School Report Card

2022 Report Card

- 90.7 % Four Year Graduation Rate
- 154 Students Earned National Career Readiness Certificate
- 23.8% Seniors eligible for Palmetto Fellows/Life Scholarship
- 18.9 ACT Composite
- 923 Average on SAT
- Scored above the state average in College and Career readiness, English 2 EOC, Biology 1, and student engagement

STRATEGIC GOALS

2022-2023 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



- Over 400 total dual course enrollments with Midlands Technical College
- 39 students will graduate with an Associates Degree or a General Studies Certificate from Midlands Technical College
- 200+ Certifications earned; 34 students who have internships of work-based learning
- Panther Band was crowned SCBDA Class A Lower State Champions
- Collaborative Partnership with Saluda County Schools for Welding
- AVID has been implemented school-wide
- Numerous athletes were named all-state and all-region
- Additional offerings in Dual Enrollment: Spanish, Teacher Education, Business Law, Medical Terminology, etc.
- JROTC endorsed as an Honor Unit with Distinction
- Opening of new CTE and Fine Arts Buildings
- Construction beginning on competition gym and weight room