

2014 BLES School Report Card

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Average	Average
2013	Average	Below Average
2012	Average	Good
2011	Average	Good
2010	Average	Average
2009	Average	Average
2008	Below Average	Below Average

Percentage of Students that met standard for ELA (PASS): 74.6%% up from 74%

3rd-79.7 up from 73.8%

4th-66% down from 78.2 %

5th 77.5 % up from 76.4%

- Percentage of Students that met standard for Math (PASS): 74.6% up from 73.1%.
- Percentage of Students that met standard for Writing (PASS): 73..8%



School Improvement Council Members 2014-2015

Julie Kornet—Parent

Melissa Taylor—Parent

Lancer Shull—Parent

Katie Eargle—Parent

Tish Jeffcoat—Parent

Michelle Brackett—Guidance Counselor

Karen Wheeler—Teacher

Karen Velasquez—Community

Steve Padgett—Community

Elizabeth Phillips—Community

Donna Padgett—Afterschool Program Director

Jennifer Scruggs—PTO President

Marci Arant—Teacher of the Year

Matthew Velasquez, Assistant Principal (Ex-Officio)

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Annual Report to Parents 2014-15



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Principal's Message

The teachers and students worked very hard toward our 2014 PASS testing. BLES student achievement scores increased in every subject area. Teachers continued to meet two times per month to look at student data, brainstorm strategies to help students improve, provide enrichment for students and collect data to see if the students have made progress using the implemented strategy. We have seen a lot of progress using Data Teams this year.

In addition, our school implemented a new period to accelerate and enrich students. Our Gifted and Talented classes were restructured and students used curriculum that focused on problem-based learning. All teachers continued to learn more about formative assessments.

We are very proud that we have caring students at B-L Elementary School. They sent our team of students off to the Special Olympics in grand style by lining the halls with signs and cheering them on to victory. Students at BLES also raised \$3000 for Relay for Life! Our students also honored our community veterans with our annual Veteran's Day program and celebrated Black History Month.

We continue to appreciate the support of our community and PTO.

Vonda Ridge, Principal

2011-16 School Renewal Plan Goals

- End-of-school year mean RIT scores on the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing in reading and math will increase to the 60th percentile (rank conversion) or higher by 2016.
- The percentage of third through fifth grade students that meet or exceed the state standard on all sections of PASS will increase.
- The attendance rate for teachers and administrators will be at least 96% each year.
- By 2016, 100% of parents will participate in at least one parent conference with school personnel each year to discuss their child's progress.
- The percentage of teachers who have advanced degrees/National Board will increase to 78% by 2016.
- The percentage of teachers, parents, and students who indicate satisfaction in response to the Education Oversight Committee School Climate Surveys will increase from 81.9% in 2010 to 94.0% in 2016.

BLES Highlights

- Panther Pal Reading Buddies
- Pounce Club— Student members arrive at 7am to work in computer labs to strive for academic success
- Off campus field trips to Charleston, Brevard, NC, and Capers Island
- Three SC Honors Choir participants
- Positive Behavioral and Intervention Supports with incentives
- Math-a-thon and Read-a-thon
- After School Program
- Girls on the Run
- Keyboarding Class
- Talk to the Hands Sign Language Class
- Food Drive
- Verizon Grant recipient
- Bridges and Canoes Unit
- B-L Fire Department Essays
- Annual Veteran's Day Program
- Student competing in Sate Youth Art Exhibition through the SC Arts Education Association
- Eligible students participated in Special Olympics at White Knoll High School
- Raised \$3000 for Relay for Life