

2013 BLES School Report Card

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
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% down from 75.6%

33rd-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): 73.1% down from 74.5%
- Percentage of Students that met standard for Writing (PASS): 73.6% (fifth grade) up from 69.4%, 67.4% overall



School Improvement Council Members 2012-13

Donna Padgett, ASP Director

Julie Kornet, Parent

Melissa Taylor, Parent

Lancer Shull, Parent

**Wendy Connelly
PTO President, Parent**

Shannon Rowe Parent

Michelle Brackett Teacher

Karen Wheeler Teacher

**Tarsha Rodgers Community
Leader**

**Shannon Rowe, Community
Leader**

**Ashley Bouknight, Teacher of the
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Annual Report to Parents 2013-14



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Principal's Message

This year, Batesburg-Leesville Elementary has continued its goal to improve literacy and mathematics in our school. With the help of the Literacy Matters Program we have implemented Data Teams in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Teachers meet two times per month to look at student data, brainstorm strategies to help students improve, remediate 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's new instructional coach has worked training teachers on formative assessment and has helped teachers to implement this into their classrooms. Formative assessment is daily assessment done on students to make sure they are mastering material on a daily basis. If the teacher identifies that the student has not, he/she can intervene quickly to help the student master the material.

We are very proud that we have extremely well behaved and caring students at B-L Elementary School. This year our students sent bottled water and letters to our troops. 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 \$5300 for Relay for Life! The Positive Behavior Intervention System has been very successful at BLES. In 2008 when PBIS first started there were 1612 school and bus referrals. In 2012-13 we only had 236 school and bus referrals! BLES is a great place to learn!

We continue to appreciate the support of our community and PTO. This year the PTO purchased a new LED sign for our school, new soccer goals for the playground, and an extension to our playground which includes a new slide and a rock climbing wall..

Vonda Ridge, Principal

Julie Kornet SIC Chair

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
- Successful on campus field trips with rocks and colonial experience
- Three SC Honors Choir participants
- Science Fair Regional Winner
- 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 for Meals on Wheels
- Two Good News Story Winners
- Donors Choose Grant Recipient
- Ellis Island Reenactment Day
- Underground Railroad Reenactment Day
- 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