

**Batesburg** Leesville **Middle School** 

2022 - 2023

**Annual Report** to the Parents

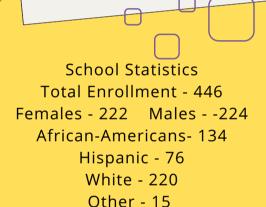
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Sharah Clark, Principal



Average Daily Attendance = 93%

BLMS was designated a National Forum for Middle Grades Reform School to Watch in January 2020 and Re-Designated in 2023!



Principal's Message: BLMS has had much to be proud of this year! We have had students win state level competitions in the VFW writing contests, be awarded invitations to compete at the National Beta Club Convention, and earn All-State Band and Region Band honors. In our 7th year implementing Schoolwide AVID, we continue to see growth in MAP and SCREADY scores for students as a result of using WICOR strategies and Focused Note Taking in all classes. This is the seventh year of offering students the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) elective class to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. This curriculum trains teachers to use instructional practices that prepare students for high school, college and careers. BLMS offers Algebra 1, English 1, and Spanish 1 for high school credit. Competency Based Personalized Learning has been implemented school wide. This focuses on meeting students where they are and growing them to meet the South Carolina Profile of the Graduate. BLMS Band received a Superior Rating with Distinction at this year's State Concert Festival performance as well as 11 individuals receiving a Superior rating for Solo and Ensemble and 5 receiving an Excellent rating. Students participated in Hour of Code Activities and AVID College and Career Day. The BLMS Jr. Beta Club has led the school with community service projects, and 7 Beta Club members qualified for national competition. The BLMS Student Council leads the school with service projects and academic projects. Continuing programs include: Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Cross-Country, Cheerleading, Club Day, Baseball, Soccer, and Softball. BLMS had 3 students qualify as Junior Scholars. We proudly announce our Re-Designation as a Nation Forum for Middle Grades Reform School To Watch in 2023.

## Lexington School District 3 and BLMS are Accredited by COGNIA

2022-2023 School Improvement Council Members

Sharah Clark, Principal
Lauren Watson, Chair
Jessica McCleskey
Rhonda Rose
Jacob Prahst
Jamie Gartman
Brantley Buzhardt, Assistant
Administrator
Porshia Davis
Cindy Bartolec
Roy Frick, Assistant Principal

Mr. Jacob Prahst
BLMS Teacher of the Year and Lex3 District
Teacher of the Year
2022-2023

## **PURPOSE**

Preparing Students for the Future...Now!

## **DIRECTION**

The direction of Lexington County School District 3 is to develop learners with a world class education to prepare them to become future leaders and contributors in a global community. This is the South Carolina Profile of the Graduate.

## Batesburg-Leesville Middle School Beliefs

- · All individuals are unique and have value.
- · Learning is the ability to think critically and creatively.
- · Instruction should relate to real life experiences and should provide for different learning styles and abilities.
- · A qualified and effective staff is essential in establishing academic excellence.
- · Parents, educators, students, and community members must be active partners in a successful educational process.
- The educational and social atmosphere should promote support for and appreciation of all students.
- · A safe, caring, respectful, and disciplined environment is necessary for learning.