

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.

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.

School Statistics

Total School Population: 491
Females: 244 Males: 247
White: 243 African-American: 152
Hispanic: 68 Other: 28
Average Daily Attendance: 95%
Free/Reduced Lunch: 70%

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2020-2021

School Improvement Council Members

- Sarah Clark, Principal
- Jay Hendrix, Chair
- Carolyn Levels
- Kim Lawson
- Cherlyn Anderson
- Ruth Yorio
- Maggee Ellis
- Porshia Davis
- Cindy Bartolec
- Grig Sawyer, Assistant Principal

Ms. Cherlyn Anderson

BLMS Teacher of the Year

2020-2021



BATESBURG-LEESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARENTS 2020-2021

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Principal's Message : BLMS continues to implement AVID School wide Strategies, such as WICOR strategies and Focused Note Taking in all classes. This is the third year of offering students the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) elective class to 7th and 8th graders and the second year 6th graders were able to participate. This curriculum trains teachers to use instructional practices that prepare students for high school, college and careers. This is also the third full school year of 1:1 Chromebook technology for students-every student in grades 6-8 receives a Chromebook. BLMS offers Algebra 1, English 1, and Spanish 1 for high school credit. Students are able to participate and compete in WPEC Academic Bowl Challenges. BLMS hosted a student-led, student-centered STEAM Night for parents and family members of students. Students participated in Hour of Code Activities with Batesburg-Leesville Elementary School students and AVID students completed many various community service projects. Continuing programs include: Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Cross-Country, Cheerleading, Club Day, Baseball, Soccer, and Softball. The BLMS Junior Beta Club has been recognized as a School of Merit for 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. BLMS had 3 students qualify as Junior Scholars. We are most proud of our Initial Designation of a Nation Forum for Middle Grades Reform School To Watch.

Sharah Clark, BLMS Principal

2019-2020 School Renewal Plan

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 on SC Ready (MAP correlation for primary) or EOC 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.
- By 2023, the percent of stakeholders satisfied with the social and physical environment on the EOC survey will increase by 1.5 percentage points a year to 95% for parents and 100% for teachers through facility upgrades and meeting students' social needs.
- By 2023, the percentage of stakeholders satisfied with the home/school relations on the EOC survey will increase by 2 percentage points each year to (4% annually) 85% Parents and 90% Teachers.
- By 2023, 100% of certified staff will obtain the Read to Succeed requirements.
- By 2023, increase the percent of teachers who strongly agree there are relevant professional development opportunities offered to teachers as measured by the EOC survey.
- By 2023, the district will increase the percent of teachers retained by 1% annually to 95% .

Other Awards and Activities

BLMS was designated a National Forum for Middle Grades Reform School to Watch in January 2020!

- The BLMS Chorus participated at 2 Choral Clinics and performed local shows at the FAC as well as performed at Lex3 School District Arts in the Park.
- The BLMS Band participated at SC Solo Ensemble Festival and Concert Festivals earning Superior Rating with Distinction and 21 Superior Solo and Ensemble ratings. Performed at Lex3 School District Arts in the Park.
- BLMS is a proud supporter of Relay for Life, United Way, and American Heart Association.
- PBIS quarterly rewards for students meeting the criteria for maintaining positive behavior and grades.
- Grade levels competed in a team building Winter Spirit Week to promote positive morale.
- Eligible students competed at the 2018 and 2019 Special Olympics and State House Rally.
- AVID elective students led Random Acts of Kindness Week activities., participated in bi-monthly community service projects, and Mock Interviews with local B-L community and business leaders.
- Students participated in Problem Based Learning (PBL) Activities.
- The BLMS Media Center has a MakerSpace with creative and STEM based activities.
- Students are able to participate Hour of Code activities with BLES students.
- All BLMS students participated in Club Day one day per month.