

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: 415
Females: 199 Males: 216
White: 209 African-American: 139
Hispanic: 41 Other: 5
Average Daily Attendance: 95%
Free/Reduced Lunch: 70%

Lexington School District 3 and BLMS are Accredited by AdvancEd.

2016-2017

School Improvement Council Members

- Dave Bouknight, Parent
- Amber Bouknight, Teacher
- Sarah Clark, Principal
- Stacey Derrick, Parent
- Julie Jarrett, Community Member
- Heather Eargle, Teacher
- Jennifer McCaffrey, Community Member
- Elizabeth Phillips, Community Member
- Stephanie Sawyer, Parent
- Grig Sawyer, Assistant Principal
- Melissa Taylor, Parent (Chair)

Mrs. Courtney Ingle

BLMS and District Teacher of the Year

2017-2018



BATESBURG-LEESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARENTS 2017-2018

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Sarah Clark, Principal
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BLMS continues to implement AVID Schoolwide Strategies, such as WICOR strategies and Cornell notes in all classes. This is the second year of offering students the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) elective class to 7th and 8th graders and the first 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 second 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 and Science Olympiad teams. A student-led, student-centered Star Wars-themed STEAM Night also hosted parents and family members of students. Students participated in Hour of Code Activities with Batesburg-Leesville Elementary School students.

Continuing programs include: Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Cross-Country, Cheerleading, Girls on Track, Baseball, Soccer, and Softball. The BLMS Junior Beta Club has been recognized as a School of Merit for 2016, 2017, 2018. BLMS had 3 students qualify as Junior Scholars and 1 7th grader received DUKE TIP recognition.

Sharah Clark, Principal

2017-2018 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 or higher by 2021.
- The percentage of students scoring 70 or above on all EOCEP subject areas will remain at 95% or higher each year.
- The percentage of teachers who have advanced degrees will increase to 70% by 2021.
- 100% of administrators will participate in ongoing professional development activities to increase leadership in instruction and organization skills.
- The school will increase the percentage of minority teachers and administrators by 5%.
- The percentage of parents/guardians, students, and teachers who report satisfaction with school climate as measured by annual report card surveys will increase from the baseline percentage for each group in 2015 to 95% in 2021.
- The percentage of parents who participate in a school based event and/or parent conference will increase by 2% each year.
- Level 1 and 2 school referrals and bus discipline referrals will decrease by 10% by 2021.

Other Awards and Activities

- The BLMS Chorus participated at 2 Choral Clinics and performed local shows at the FAC.
- The BLMS Band participated at SC Solo Ensemble Festival and Concert Festivals.
- 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.
- Eligible students competed at the 2017 and 2018 Special Olympics and State House Rally.
- BLMS Football team won the PAC for Fall 2017 and the Boys Basketball team was a semi-finalist for the PAC championship in 2018.
- Junior Beta Club members placed 3rd in state in an event and received an invitation to the national competition.
- Science Olympiad team had a 3rd place in the state finish in one event.
- AVID elective students led Random Acts of Kindness Week activities.
- 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 and in an after-school Coding Club.