

## 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: 432  
Females: 218      Males: 214  
White: 217      African-American: 147  
Hispanic: 45      Other: 23  
Average Daily Attendance: 95.33%  
Free/Reduced Lunch: 73%

Lexington School District 3 and BLMS are Accredited by AdvancEd.

2016-2017

## School Improvement Council Members

- Dave Bouknight, Chair
- Amber Bouknight, Teacher
- Sarah Clark, Principal
- Stacey Derrick, Parent
- Tanya Derrick, Community Member
- Heather Eargle, Teacher
- Candace Oxner, Community Member
- Elizabeth Phillips, Community Member
- Stephanie Sawyer, Parent
- Grig Sawyer, Assistant Principal
- Melissa Taylor, Parent
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Mrs. Amber Bouknight

BLMS and District Teacher of the Year

2016-2017



## BATESBURG-LEESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



## ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PARENTS 2016-2017

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Sarah Clark, Principal  
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We are excited to announce several new things happening this school year at BLMS. We implemented AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination. This curriculum trains teachers to use instructional practices that prepare students for high school, college and careers. This is also the first 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. This school year was also the first school year BLMS competed in the WPEC Academic Quiz Bowl competition as well as the South Carolina Science Olympiad State Competition.

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 and 2017. BLMS had 3 students qualify as Junior Scholars.

Sharah Clark, Principal

## 2016-2017 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 2016 and 2017 Special Olympics and State House Rally.
- Girls and Boys Track teams won the PAC for Spring 2017.
- 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 in an after-school Coding Club.