

School Organizations and Contacts

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About this report....

The School Improvement Council (SIC) at Blythewood Middle School has prepared the Annual School Report for you and the community. The report reviews the progress and growth made last year, reviews last year's test scores, and describes plans for improvement this year. Enclosed you will find an account of the progress we made toward accomplishing targeted goals in 2016-2017, as well as, the desired results for student learning that have been made a priority for this school year. If you have any questions about the information summarized here, please contact Mrs. Karis M. Mazyck, Principal, or Ms. Paige Brown, SIC Chair, at (803) 691-6850, ext. 85401.

Extracurricular Activities

Clubs and Activities:

- Art Club
- BETA Club
- Book Club
- Cheerleading
- Coding Club
- Electrifying News Team
- Engineering Explorations
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Geocaching
- Girls for God
- Honor Choir
- Intramural Sports
- PALS
- Peer Ambassadors
- Peer Mediators
- Quiz Whiz
- Recycling Club
- ROSES
- Running Club
- SPARK
- Mock Trial
- Student Council
- Teen Talk
- Theater Productions
- Yearbook
- Madden Football
- FOR Kindness Club

Special Programs:

AVID
Project Based Learning (PBL)
Professional Development School in partnership with the University of South Carolina
Safe Routes to School - Silver Level
Rachel's Challenge

Family Programs:

Parent University
Family Curriculum Night
Charger Pride Afterschool Program
Charger Pride Summer Camp

Outreach Programs:

United Way
Relay for Life
Jumpstart summer program for 6th grade students to transition to middle school
High School Transitions



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At Blythewood Middle School, our goal is to provide engaging and meaningful opportunities in a rigorous environment where relationships are built, success are celebrated and students are competitive in the 21st century. We develop global citizens of tomorrow - citizens who are prepared to lead and excel in their chosen pathways.

Our students are stronger because of the culture of community developed at Blythewood Middle School.

School Hours:

Monday through Friday
7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Total student enrollment is 838
Grades 6 through 8

Karis M. Mazyck, Principal

School Highlights & Awards

During the 2017-2018 school year, Blythewood Middle School was named for the second year in row, a Dick & Tunky Riley School Improvement Council (SIC) Honor Roll School. This honor is further evidence of the SIC's commitment to our students and community stakeholders of our efforts to continuously work on ways to improve the educational outcomes for our students.

The SIC focused on two main goals for the 2017-2018 school year: a continued commitment to ensuring that our 8th grade students have a seamless transition to high school and promoting kindness and empathy as a way to decrease incidents of bullying on our campus. To this end, the SIC once again ensured that every 8th grade student had the opportunity to visit the high school that they would be attending in the fall. These visits were planned in conjunction with the respective high schools that the students would be attending and provided information regarding academic offerings, as well as information regarding clubs and organizations and what students could expect in regards to day to day procedures. In conjunction with our PTO, BMS became a "Friends of Rachel (FOR)" school during the 2017-2018 school year. To this end, our efforts have been focused on helping our students have a greater sense of empathy and spreading kindness. In addition to being a FOR school, there is also a FOR club. This club is open to all students at BMS and continues to look for ways to not only promote student compassion and empathy within our walls, but ways that we can share kindness and empathy in the community. The FOR club has participated in various community events throughout the Blythewood Community: serving hot chocolate and giving our kindness cards at the annual Christmas Tree lighting; making sensory bottles at the Autism Awareness Walk; and raising money for the Relay for Life Walk.

The SIC continues to support the school in our annual Curriculum Night held each school year as a means for helping parents gain a better understanding of teaching and learning at BMS.

Blythewood Middle School is helping all students develop world class skills and life and career characteristics of a Profile of a South Carolina Graduate.

Recent Awards and Recognition

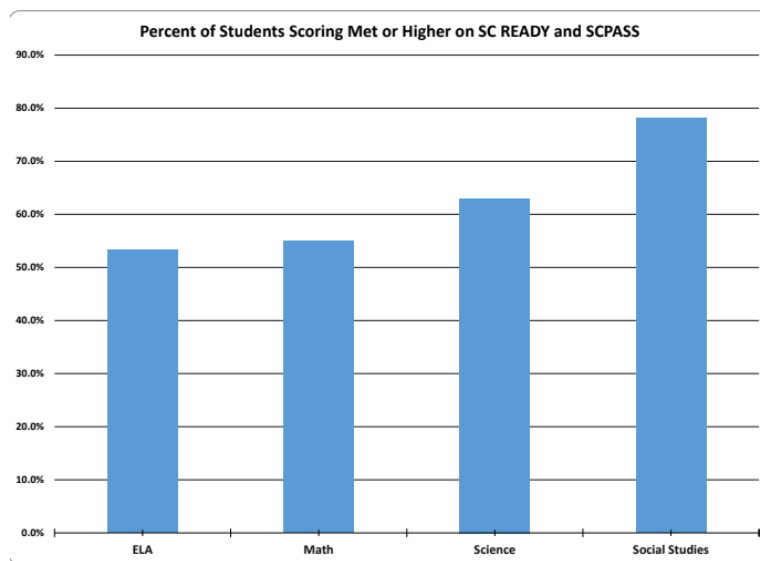
- **2016** Three-time Schools to Watch Re-designation
- **2016** Dick and Tunky Riley Honor Roll School
- **2015** Palmetto Gold Award
- **2015** SPARK Club, Recipient of Best in State for Verizon App Competition
- **2014** SPARK Girls Club, Recipient of Best in State for Verizon App Competition
- **2014** Re-designation as National School to Watch
- **2013 & 2014** National Beta School of Distinction
- **2013** ASCD Whole Child Award
- **2010, 2011, & 2012** Palmetto Gold Award
- **2011** District Teacher of the Year
- **2008 & 2011** National School to Watch
- **2011-2012, 2010-2011, 2008-2009** District and Region Distinguished Reading Teacher
- **2009** Palmetto Silver Award

Student Information

Percentage of:
 African American—49%
 White—38%
 Hispanic—6%
 Asian—2%
 Other—5%

~ 15 National Board Certified Teachers ~

Test Scores



Technology

1 TWO 1 Chromebook, Technology Learning Coordinator, Technology Focus Team, SMARTBoards in every classroom, Blogging, Edmodo, Google Classroom, DEN Techbook, WE Video Award

Major Grants Received

2017—2018 Capturing Kids Hearts

2014-2015—U.S. Department of Defense

2013-2014—U.S. Department of Defense

2012-2013—U.S. Department of Defense

2011-2012—Carol M. White

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Goals for the Next School Year

Student Achievement

- Continue to provide numerous opportunities for students to analyze, interpret and graph assessment data as a means for understanding their academic progress.
- Continue to implement teaching strategies that will assist in closing the achievement gap.
- Continue to implement a character and academic mentoring program aimed at encouraging students' success through partnerships with feeder elementary and high schools.
- Continue to provide engaging and meaningful opportunities to prepare students for the 21st Century.
- Continue to analyze multiple sources of data to identify trends and areas of need in effort to make data-driven decisions regarding instructional practices.
- Continue to create a rigorous environment that challenges every student and prepares them for high school.
- Continue to utilize a variety of strategies to support continuous improvement, to include Response to Intervention for students.

School Climate

- Continue to provide a personalized learning environment for students that provides opportunities to design, innovate, and collaborate.
- Continue to expand upon existing transition efforts for students and parents into Blythewood Middle School and into high school to include partnerships with feeder elementary and high schools.
- Continue to integrate the five "lifelong guidelines", which include: Trust-worthiness, Truthfulness, Active Listening, No Put-Downs, and Personal Best into school programs, practices and curriculum.
- Continue to provide enrichment opportunities through extra-curricular activities, athletics, service learning, experiential opportunities, and celebrate student success.
- Continue to provide a safe and secure environment that fosters a limited fear of failure.

Teacher/Administrator Quality

- As a Professional Development School, focus on providing meaningful and relevant professional development for all faculty/staff.
- Target professional development to ensure that reading and writing is taught across all content areas.
- Continue to recruit and retain teachers especially in critical needs areas.

Parents/Community

- Expand alliances with families and the community in an effort to build our job shadowing and career exploration opportunities.
- Expand the marketing plan and initiatives to engage parents and community at Blythewood Middle School.