

## School Organizations and Contacts

### School Improvement Council Members:

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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 2015-2016, 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
- Harry Potter
- Honor Choir
- Intramural Sports
- PALS
- Peer Ambassadors
- Peer Mediators
- The Pokemon Club
- Quiz Whiz
- Recycling Club
- ROSES
- Running Club
- Sewing
- SPARK
- Star Wars
- Step Team
- Student Council
- Teen Talk
- Theater Productions
- Yearbook
- YoYo Club
- Zumba

### Special Programs:

AVID

Project Based Learning (PBL)

Rites of Passage

Professional Development School in partnership with the University of South Carolina

Safe Routes to School - Silver Level

### Family Programs:

Charger Pride Afterschool Program

Charger Pride Summer Camp

### Outreach Programs:

Fundraising for Flood Relief efforts

United Way

Relay for Life

Souper Bowl for Caring

Jumpstart summer program for 6th grade students to transition to middle school.



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Our mission is to maximize student learning by providing engaging and meaningful opportunities in a rigorous environment where relationships are built, successes are celebrated, and students are competitive in the 21st Century.

We believe success for our students depends on two things:

- Mastery of foundational knowledge.
- Opportunities to design, innovate, and collaborate.

We believe 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 790  
Grades 6 through 8

**Karis M. Mazyck, Principal**

## School Highlights & Awards

This year BMS celebrated its 20 year anniversary. The theme to commemorate this milestone occasion was "Knocking it out of the Ballpark: Celebrating Academic Excellence." Continued emphasis was placed on individualized instruction in an effort to meet the needs of all students. Increased strategies to support the profile of the South Carolina Graduate were implemented with fidelity and consistency. With increased rigor in mathematics and language arts, offerings of STEMs and a commitment to higher order thinking, creativity, innovative critical thinking, and problem solving; collaboration and teamwork, and a continued focus on the use of information media and technology through our 1TWO1 device offering for every student.

Evidence of the school's continued commitment to student achievement was confirmed as BMS received Palmetto Gold for our previous year's performance on the state standardized test, ACT Aspire. Additionally, the school met and/or exceeded the District's performance goals on the NWEA's Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test for each grade level on Reading and Math. The MAP test provides teachers, students, parents and District Office personnel with information on how students are progressing towards meeting grade level standards and beyond.

Together with the SIC and PTO, Blythewood Middle School's faculty and staff worked to ensure a more visible presence among our community stakeholders. Through Family Curriculum Nights, Parent University, Muffins for Moms, Donuts for Dads, and Grits for Grands. Parents, students and the community at large were invited to play a more active role in the academic and social climate of Blythewood Middle School.

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### Recent Awards and Recognition

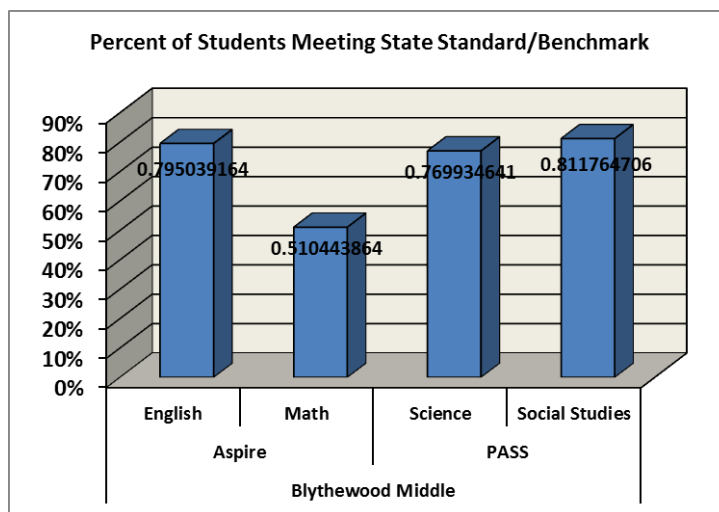
- 2015 Palmetto Gold Award
- 2015 SPARK Club, Recipient of Best in State for Verizon App Competition
- 2014 SPARK Girls Club, Recipient of Best in State for Verizon App Competition
- 2014 Re-designation as National School to Watch
- 2013 & 2014 National Beta School of Distinction
- 2013 ASCD Whole Child 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
- 2009 State School of Character Award, National School of Character Award (Honorable Mention)
- 2008 District Teacher of the Year, Closing the Achievement Gap Award, State Exemplary Reading Award-2nd Runner-up
- 2007 Red Carpet Award, William B. Harley Administrator of the Year
- 2006 Palmetto's Finest, Wil Lou Gray Outstanding Educator Award

## Student Information

**Percentage of:**  
 African American—47%  
 White—46%  
 Hispanic—3%  
 Asian—2%  
 Other—2%

~ 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

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

Physical Education P.E.P. Grant

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## Goals for the Next School Year

### Student Achievement

- Provide enriching project based learning opportunities that demonstrate relevance and real-world connections.
- Provide numerous opportunities for students to analyze, interpret and graph assessment data as a means for understanding their academic progress.
- 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.
- 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.
- Integrate the five "lifelong guidelines", which include: Trustworthiness, 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.
- Involve stakeholders in school strategic planning.