

## 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 2018-2019, 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 Mrs. TaKisha Solomon, SIC Chair, at (803) 691-6850, ext. 85401.

## Extracurricular Activities

### Clubs and Activities:

Art Club	BETA Club	BOLT Steppers
Cheerleading	Coached Up	Electrifying News
FOR Kindness	Girls with Pearls	Honor Choi Mock
Trial	PALS	Peer Ambassadors
Quiz Whiz	ROSES	Student Council
Teen Talk	Theatre Productions	Yearbook
	Engineering Explorations	
	Fellowship of Christian Athletes	

### Special Programs:

AVID  
Professional Development School in partnership with the  
University of South Carolina  
Safe Routes to School  
Rachel's Challenge

### Family Programs:

Parent University  
Family Curriculum Night  
Charger Pride Afterschool Program

### 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, successes 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.

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 816  
Grades 6 through 8

**Karis M. Mazyck, Principal**

## School Highlights & Awards

Our school-wide motto for the 2018-2019 school year was #BMSMakeItHappen. This motto set the tone for all of the things, collectively, that the faculty/staff and students hoped to accomplish, serving as a reminder to remove excuses and barriers that would limit our success.

Continued emphasis was placed on individual student achievement as we continued to strive for academic success for all students. To this end, as part of the district's new initiative, BMS began Benchmark Testing for the first time, in all tested subject areas for end of year SC Ready and SC PASS tests. The Benchmark tests served as a means for assisting teachers in teaching to the intent of the standard, helping students achieve mastery of the standards, and better preparing students for end of year state testing.

To help our students take ownership of their learning and serve as their own best advocate, BMS held its first Student Led Conferences this school year. During the set aside two-day conferences, students demonstrated to their parents an understanding of their content area strengths and weaknesses, and ways that they could improve in noted areas of challenge. Students further shared their knowledge of personal academic data as they shared with their parents/guardians their MAP scores, SC Ready and SC PASS scores, and reviewed the content of their report card and further shared why they received the grades that they did. Our parents left thoroughly impressed with their student's ability to articulate their educational landscape and eager to see more of their students leading conferences in this manner.

The arts continued to be a pivotal part of our school. Together, our drama and chorus program performed another stage production, "The Wizard of Oz," and our orchestra and band programs again brought home Superior ratings at their Concert Performance Assessments. Finally, our Mock Trial team was one of 12 teams in the state to move from Regional to State Level Competition.

### Recent Awards and Recognition

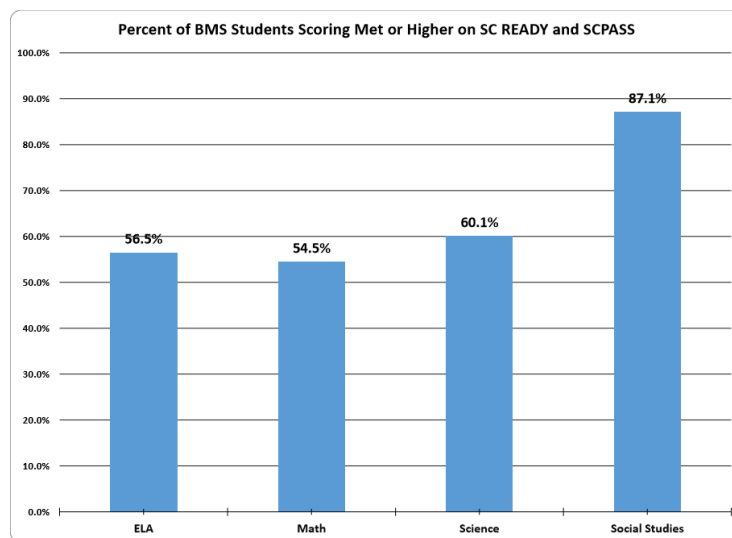
- 2019 BMS Mock Trial Team 1 of 12 schools to move to state level competition.
- 2019 Principal Karis M. Mazyck named to SCAMLE Board
- 2019 National Beta School of Merit
- 2016 Three-time Schools to Watch Re-designation
- 2016 Dick and Tunky Riley Honor Roll School
- 2015 Palmetto Gold Award
- 2015 SPARK Club, Recipient of Best in State for Verizon App Competition

## Student Information

**Percentage of:**  
African American—49%  
White—35%  
Hispanic—6%  
Asian—2%  
Other—8%

~ 12 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

- 2018—2019 ExxonMobil Foundation
- 2017-2018 Capturing Kids Hearts
- 2014-2015 U.S. Department of Defense
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- 2012-2013 U.S. Department of Defense

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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 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.
- 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.
- Continue to expand and build community partnerships conducive to our students' and school's success.