

Blythewood Middle School

SIC Annual Report
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BMS SIC 2025-2026 Initiatives:

We are proud to share the exciting progress made at Blythewood Middle School over the past year. Now settled into our fully renovated school, we continue our mission of being a place of inspiration and growth. This year, our teachers, students, and entire school community set ambitious goals and achieved remarkable accomplishments in academics, arts, athletics, and beyond. These efforts were reflected in several major recognitions, including our Schools to Watch Redesignation VI, an "Excellent" rating on the 2025 School Report Card, and the Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards for the 2024-2025 school year. With enthusiasm and pride, we celebrate our progress and look forward to the many opportunities ahead. Together, we #BMSMakeItHappen!

Thank you for being a vital part of our school community.

Key accomplishments from the 2025-2026 school year include:

- Strong Community Engagement: Hosted eight SIC meetings with consistent attendance of 20+ participants, strengthening collaboration among parents, staff, and community stakeholders.
- Executive Leadership Development: Executive Committee members completed state-level SIC training, including chairperson-specific sessions, enhancing leadership capacity and alignment with statewide best practices.
- Formation of Two Subcommittees: Established subcommittees focused on parent education and special education awareness.
- Parent Education Initiative: Conducted a campus-wide family needs survey and produced an interview video with Melissa Swartz of Firm Foundations Counseling & Wellness on supporting students with anxiety (scheduled for April 2026 release).
- Special Education Awareness & Engagement: SPED subcommittee collaborated with parents, educators, administrators, and community members to share resources, participate in events, and support inclusion-focused initiatives.
- District & Community Engagement: Supported National Special Education Day (Dec. 2, 2025) and Disability Advocacy Day (Mar. 4, 2026) to promote awareness and community involvement.
- State-Level Collaboration: Participated in the SCDE Advisory Council for Educating Students with Disabilities (ACESD) to maintain alignment with statewide initiatives.
- Math Education Seminar: Sponsored a parent seminar providing strategies to help support students with the newly adopted math curriculum.
- Campus-Wide Cleanup Day: Organized a cleanup event on April 18 with 50+ student volunteers earning two hours of community service credit, supporting Student Council, Beta Club, and Girls with Pearls.



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Our Mission Statement

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.

Awards, Honors & Recognitions

- National Schools to Watch, 6 times re-designated.
- BMS Beta Club School of Merit and School of Distinction 2026
- USC Professional Development School
- 44 Students Named as Junior Scholars for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- 8th Grade Chorus received a Superior with Distinction rating at the SCMEA CPA.
- 7th Grade Chorus earned an Excellent rating at the SCMEA CPA.
- Orchestra Program received a Superior with Distinction rating at CPA.
- 25 students were selected for the Richland Two District Honor Band.
- 25 students were selected for the SCBDA Region 3 Honor Band.
- 4 students were selected for All-State Band.
- Festival Band received a Superior rating at the Concert Performance Assessment
- Jazz Band received a Superior rating at Jazz Performance Assessment
- Band received an Outstanding Performance award from the SCBDA for the fifth year in a row.
- 14 Band students earned Region Honor Band.
- 39 Superior Ratings and 4 Excellent Ratings at Band Solo & Ensemble.
- 17 new students accepted to the Tri-Dac program.
- Girls' Volleyball team won District Championship 3 Years in a Row
- Girls' Basketball Team won its first District Championship in school history.

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Rookie Teacher of the Block
&
Palmetto Citizens Teacher of the Game.
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Proudly presented with our Schools to Watch Re-Designation VI banner, recognizing Blythewood Middle School's continued excellence.



Blythewood Middle School's 2027
Teacher of the Year,
Mr. Christopher Peterson.



BMS Celebrated 44 Junior Scholars for
the 2025-2026 School Year!



2025-2026 Girls Basketball: District
Champions — the first in school
history.



Blythewood Middle School: "Excellent"
rating on the 2025 School Report Card.



The Blythewood Middle School Jazz Band
was awarded a Superior rating by each judge
on the panel during the Jazz Performance
Assessment.



2025-2026 Beta Club Inductees! Students
earned membership with a 3.5+ GPA and
dedication to community outreach.



Ms. Smathers — recipient of the
Christine Diemer Memorial Grant.



Grits for Grands Breakfast, April 2026

Student Demographics:

Total Enrollment: 892 Students

African American: 54%

White: 24%

Hispanic: 11%

Asian: 3%

Other: 8%

7 National Board-
Certified Teachers
2025-2026

School Improvement Council

2025-2026

Phil Cobb - Chair
Damian Bridges - Vice Chair
Lucie DeCristofaro - Secretary
Karis Mazyck, Principal
Christy Brown — Asst. Principal
Cedric Jones — Asst. Principal
Brandon Reeder — Asst. Principal
Kathleen Brantner
Ebony Brown
Talema Brown-Cannon
Lucie Brutovska
Keicha Chandler-Smith
Kaisa Cody
Charline Dickerson
Yolanda Fleming
Lauren Gasser
April Geter-Herndon
Cor'Deija Horne
Jaquanna Jackson
Na-Tissha Jackson
Kimberly Kennedy-Gooden
Erica Kirksey
April Lawrence
Erica Leach
Yvette McCoy
Lacresha Mitchum
Elizabeth Oliver
Larissa Payton
Regina Reed
Denean Rivers
Tinesella Ross
Ishia Thomas
Natasha Weston

Community Members

Greta Carter
Damara Hightower-Mitchell
Brenda Mack-Foxworth
Lisa McDowell
Tameka Nicholson
Matthew Phillips
Nancy Roberson
Ralph Schmidt
Matt Sherman
Kimberly Toogood
Denise Webster

BMS Staff Members

Jordan Atkinson
Christina Chance
Jennifer Germann
Jasmine House
Maggie Inman



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