

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 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. Ashton Carroll, SIC Chair, at (803) 691-6850, ext. 85401.

Extracurricular Activities

Clubs and Activities:

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| Art Club | BETA Club | Coached Up |
| Cheerleading | Electrifying News | FOR Kindness |
| Girls with Pearls | Honor Choir | Mock Trial |
| PALS | Peer Ambassadors | Quiz Whiz |
| ROSES | Student Council | Teen Talk |
| Theatre Productions | | Yearbook |
| | 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/Ultimate Parent University
Family Curriculum Night
Charger Pride Afterschool Program

Outreach Programs:

Charger Live
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 838
Grades 6 through 8

Karis M. Mazyck, Principal

School Highlights & Awards

#BMSMakeItHappen. Again during the 2019-2020 school year, this hashtag served as our school-wide motto. More than just a saying, our faculty and students once again committed to removing barriers that would impede our success. To that end, Blythewood Middle School achieved a number of accomplishments! Based upon a successful 2018-2019 school year, Blythewood Middle School began the 2019-2020 school year by being recognized by the State Department of Education as a Palmetto Gold recipient. Blythewood Middle was also re-designated as a National School to Watch for the 4th time. Our quiz team went undefeated against all middle schools within the district and earned the district Quiz Whiz championship. Teaching and learning continued to be a top priority with one teacher being nominated by her student and selected as the WLTX News 19, Teacher of the Week. Blythewood Middle continued to recognize the gifts and talents of all students by continuing to celebrate the role that the arts and athletics plays in the lives of our students. Our award winning band, orchestra and chorus programs continued to provide our students with exceptional concert performance assessments and brought home superior ratings. Our drama and choral programs performed yet another show stopping musical, The Little Mermaid, Jr., and our girls basketball team brought home the district championship, as well as won the 7th Annual Metro City Classic Basketball Tournament championship.

As continued emphasis was placed on individual student achievement, Blythewood Middle continued to use Mastery Connect as a means for providing our students with formative assessments that would provide our students with the rigor necessary to meet the intent of the South Carolina Standards within each of the content area standards for Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies. Benchmark testing was continued at each grade level and within each content area for which there would be end of year State testing.

Student Led Conferences once again proved to be a huge hit among our parents, while at the same time, helping our students take ownership of their learning and serve as their own best advocate. Our eighth grade students also used the Student Led Conference format to guide their Individualized Graduation Plans (IGPs). In both instances, 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.

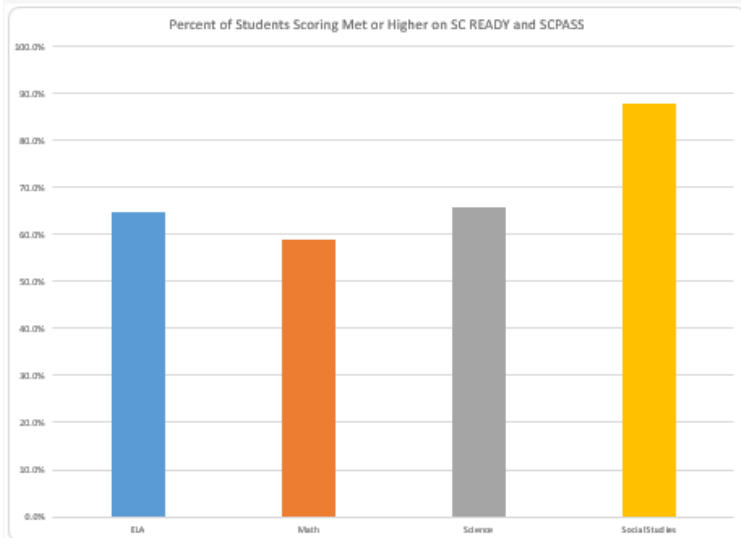
Recent Awards and Recognition

Student Information

Percentage of:
African American—49%
White—32%
Hispanic—7%
Asian—2%
Other—10%

~ 12 National Board Certified Teachers ~

Test Scores



Technology

1 TWO 1 Chromebook, Technology Learning Coordinator, Technology Focus Team, Clear Touch Interactive Panel 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

2013-2014 U.S. Department of Defense

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 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 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.