

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 2010-2011, 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 Brenda Hafner, Principal, at 691-6850, ext. 85403 or Leann Thompson, SIC Chair, at 730-7717 .

Extracurricular Activities

Clubs and Activities:

Art Club
Clay Club
BETA Club
Book Club
Cheerleading
Electrifying News Team
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Future City
Girls Empowered
Girls for God
Math counts
Mock Trial Team
Peer Ambassadors
Peer Mediators
Quiz Whiz
ROSES
Student Council
Yearbook

Special Programs:

Professional Development School in partnership with the University of South Carolina

Family Programs:

Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands



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Blythewood Middle School, with the support of families and the community, promises each student a quality education through a unique and challenging curriculum in a safe, nurturing environment by instilling the desire to learn and by providing tools to excel and guidance to become a productive, responsible, self-reliant citizen.

School Hours:

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

Total student enrollment is 591
Grades 6 through 8

School Highlights & Awards

During this past school year, the tradition of excellence that has been established at Blythwood Middle School continues. This year, we were honored as a Palmetto Gold Award winner. BMS teacher of the year, Wendy Sherman, was also recognized as the District Teacher of the Year for the 2011-2012 school year. We were also fortunate to have another District Distinguished Reading Teacher. Our students continued to excel at local, state and national competitions. They also sustained our practice of giving back to the community through various service projects. Students donated thousands of dollars to worthy causes that ranged from Japan relief to our own R2 Education Foundation. Additional projects include; assisted local shelters and families in need along with the Harvest Hope Food Bank, Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc., Relay for Life, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association to name a few.

If you have any questions summarized in this report, please contact Brenda Hafner, Principal or Leanne Thompson, School Improvement Council Chair. Both individuals may be contacted through the school's main number at 691-6850.

Recent Awards and Recognition

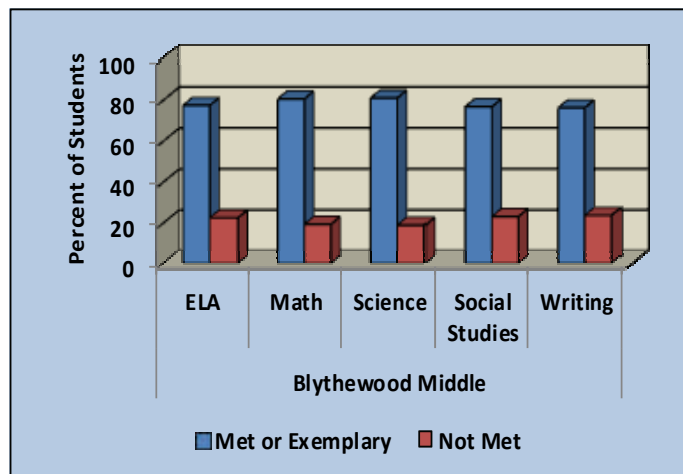
- **2011**—Palmetto Gold Award
- **2011 & 2008**—National School to Watch
- **2011-12, 2010-11, 2008** —District and Region Distinguished Reading Teacher
- **2010**—Palmetto Silver Award
- **2009**—State School of Character Award, National School of Character Award (Honorable Mention)
- **2008**—District 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

Student Information

Percentage of:
African American—46%
White—47%
Asian—1%
Hispanic—4%

~ 16 National Board Certified Teachers ~

Test Scores



Technology

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Major Grants Received

2011-2012—Carol M. White

Physical Education P.E.P. Grant

Richland School District Two does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, or other protected characteristic in its programs and activities.

Goals for the next school year

Student Achievement

- Provide engaging academic strategies to prepare students for the 21st Century.
- Analyze multiple sources of data to identify trends and areas of need.
- Create a rigorous and challenging environment that challenges every student and prepares them for high school.
- Utilize a variety of strategies to support continuous improvement at BMS.

School Climate

- Create a personalized learning environment for students at BMS that supports each student's intellectual, social, and physical development.
- Transition students into BMS and into high school.
- Create a culture based on the five "lifelong guidelines".
- Provide enrichment opportunities through extra-curricular activities, athletics, service learning, experiential opportunities, and celebrate student success.
- Implement the Healthy Schools initiative.
- Provide a safe and secure environment.

Teacher/Administrator Quality

- Create a professional learning organization for teachers at BMS based on providing a challenging relevant academic environment for students.
- Customize professional development needs for the BMS faculty.
- Actively recruit and retain teachers especially in critical needs areas.
- Celebrate the success of faculty and staff.

Parents/Community

- Expand alliances with families and the community.
- Expand the marketing plan and initiatives to engage parents and community in BMS.
- Involve stakeholders in school strategic planning.