

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 2016-2017, 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
- Madden Football

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:

Parent University

Charger Pride Afterschool Program

Charger Pride Summer Camp

Outreach Programs:

Fundraising for Flood Relief efforts

United Way

Relay for Life

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

High School Transitions



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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 823
Grades 6 through 8

Karis M. Mazyck, Principal

School Highlights & Awards

During the 2016-2017 school year, Blythewood Middle School was re-designated as a 3-time National School To Watch. This re-designation was further confirmation of the commitment of the faculty/staff, students, parents, and other community stakeholders to high standards of academic excellence; social equity; developmental responsiveness; and organizational structures.

As a continued commitment to our students and ensuring their proper transition to both middle school and high school, the School Improvement Council (SIC) at Blythewood Middle School was intentional in its efforts to ensure the smooth transition of students new to BMS. This was made possible by the SIC's first ever "Get The Scoop" ice cream social aimed at providing students and parents with information about the school in an informal and conversational setting. For our 8th students transitioning to high school, the BMS SIC, for the first time ever, provided all 8th graders with a field experience to their designated high school. During the field experience, students toured and learned about the academic offerings, clubs, and other organizations at their respective high schools.

As another first, during the 2016-2017 school year, Blythewood Middle offered Computer Science as a high school credit course for 8th grade students.

Blythewood Middle School is helping all students develop world class skills and life and career characteristics of a Profile of a South Carolina Graduate.

Recent Awards and Recognition

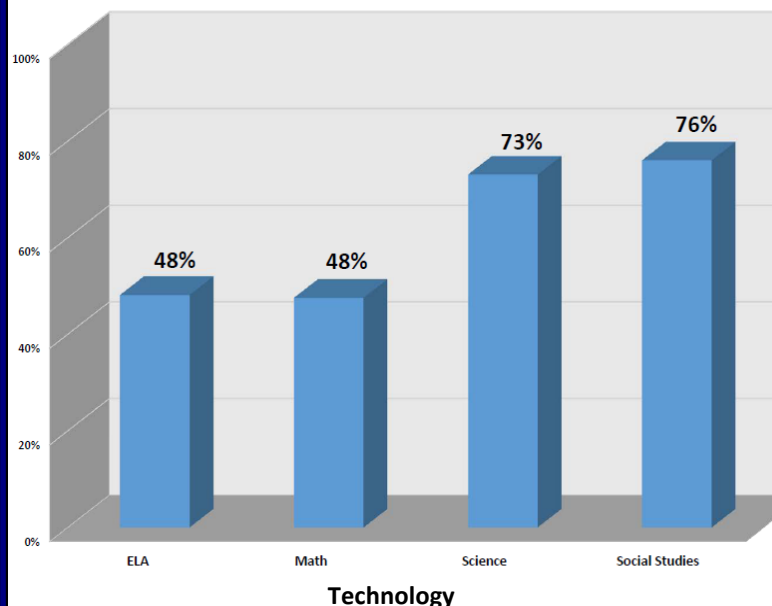
- **2016** Three-time Schools to Watch Re-designation
- **2016** Dick and Tunky Riley Honor Roll School
- **2015** Palmetto Gold Award
- **2015** SPARK Club, Recipient of Best in State for Verizon App Competition
- **2014** SPARK Girls Club, Recipient of Best in State for Verizon App Competition
- **2014** 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

Student Information

Percentage of:
 African American—47%
 White—42%
 Hispanic—5%
 Asian—2%
 Other—4%

~ 15 National Board Certified Teachers ~

Test Scores



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

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

2011-2012—Carol M. White

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Goals for the Next School Year

Student Achievement

- Continue to provide enriching project based learning opportunities that demonstrate relevance and real-world connections.
- 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 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 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.
- Continue to integrate the five "lifelong guidelines", which include: Trust-worthiness, Truthfulness, Active Listening, No Put-Downs, and Personal Best into school programs, practices and curriculum.
- Continue to provide enrichment opportunities through extracurricular 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.