SCHOOLS TO WATCH – VIRGINIA
BLUE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Purcellville, VA

Blue Ridge Middle School

2016-17 School Statistics

Community: Loudoun County, VA
- semi-rural; semi-suburban
- serves a large geographic area

Enrollment: 958
Grade Levels: 6, 7, 8

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Original Designation 2008
Re-Designated in 2011, 2014, 2017

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School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

**Academic Excellence**
- We host quarterly Cornerstone Awards for student recognition in each grade level
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) Team reinforces “What you do matters!” in academics
- Teams meet each week to plan and talk about integration of curriculum & student assistance services
- Content Level Team planning takes place weekly: plan common assessments & learning strategies
- Weekly Recovery School gives all students a chance to recover content, assignments, and pursue mastery
- Blue Ridge Drama Department won in ten categories in the 2016 Ninth Annual National Youth Arts Awards

**Developmental Responsiveness**
- Bulldogs: What you do matters!
- Interdisciplinary teams meet each week to talk about students and to meet their needs
- Name Game: All students are known!
- Teachers and staff members facilitate activity period clubs that connect to student interests
- The Blue Ridge Technology Center offers professional development to train teachers to in high quality project based learning to support Loudoun County Public Schools’ One to the World initiative
- The Safe Schools Ambassadors program supports PBIS and a safe and positive school climate
- Content enrichment clubs and teams (20 Club, Mathletes, Odyssey of the Mind, Continental Math League 6, 7, & 8, Current Event League) challenge students academically

**Social Equity**
- Character Counts Awards recognize caring, citizenship, honesty, kindness, responsibility, and respect
- All students participate in a club during Friday Activity Period
- School Improvement Plan includes action plan for minority achievement and narrowing the achievement gap
- Special Education students in honors level classes
- School counseling programs for parents and students include groups for social and emotional development, in addition to parent programs for middle school parents

**Organizational Support**
- The master schedule includes for common planning time for both interdisciplinary teams and content learning teams
- The administrative team offers grants to promote enhanced instruction
- The Blue Ridge PTO offers grants to deepen activities and academics
- Content Learning Teams create SMART goals and Focus File Database to provide a structure for student improvement and achievement
- Master Schedule incorporates Math Lab and Structured (Focus) Resource in response to student needs for modeling of concepts, structure, and organization
- Administration manages Teacher Walk-Through Database to inform more focused professional development