

SCHOOLS TO WATCH – VIRGINIA

BLUE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Purcellville, VA

Blue Ridge Middle School



What you do matters?

2016-17 School Statistics

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

Enrollment: 958
Grade Levels: 6, 7, 8

Grade	Gender	Hispanic	Two or More	Asian	Black/African-American	American Indian	Pacific Islander	White	Other	Total
06	Female	9	12	4	4	0	0	122	0	151
	Male	14	8	4	6	0	0	141	0	173
	Total	23	20	8	10	0	0	263	0	324
07	Female	9	10	7	8	0	0	100	0	134
	Male	14	9	4	3	1	0	148	0	179
	Total	23	19	11	11	1	0	248	0	313
08	Female	10	10	8	7	0	0	131	0	166
	Male	13	12	5	4	0	0	121	0	155
	Total	23	22	13	11	0	0	252	0	321
Total	Female	28	32	19	19	0	0	353	0	451
	Male	41	29	13	13	1	0	410	0	507
	Total	69	61	32	32	1	0	763	0	958

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

