

# SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL TO WATCH



## Blythewood Middle School



### Designation 2008, Re-designation III in 2017;

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## 2016 - 2017 School Statistics

(Source: Enter name of data source for stats listed below.)

Community: Rural  
 Enrollment: 822  
 Grade Levels: 6-8  
 School Schedule: Bell

### Student Demographics

5% Hispanic  
 41% White  
 2% Asian  
 47% African American  
 29% Free/Reduced Lunch  
 3% English Learners  
 N/A Mobility Rate

### South Carolina State Report Card Summary

<u>Year</u>	<u>Absolute Rating</u>	<u>Growth Summary</u>
2014	Excellent	Average
2013	Good	Below Average
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Excellent	Good

## School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

### Academic Excellence

- Data Analysis: PASS and MAP
- Jump Start
- Step Up to Sixth
- School Blog
- Connect-Ed
- Home Visits
- Personalization of educational options: 1:TWO:1 Computing, AVID, reading and math enrichment, community meetings, and lifeskills
- Counselor classroom lessons
- Admin walkthroughs

- Positive relationships with families: muffins for mom, donuts for dad, character counts breakfast, grandparents' day, Honor Roll Parades, Parent University, Charger Pride – BMS' own afterschool program
- ELA: Six Trait Writing, Junior Great Books, Super Seven, Accelerated Reader, Differentiated Instruction, Classworks
- Math: Terrific Six, Classworks, Graphing Calculators, CPS
- Science: FOSS kits, GEMS, AIMS, Jason Project, USC partnership, USA TestPrep
- SS: USA TestPrep, empowered to become active, self-directed, responsible citizens who appreciate diversity and participate in an ever-changing global society. Process standards
- Charger Zone – After School tutorial program
- Club Thursdays
- School-wide Focus Teams based on school-wide initiatives and School Renewal Plan

## **Developmental Responsiveness**

- Hand scheduled based on need/interest
- 3 houses with separate schedules: Seven small learning teams campus wide
- Separate location for each house
- Student choice
- Campus wide technology: 24 Hour 1:TWO:1 Chromebook Computing
- Community Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade administrator visits to feeder schools
- Visit to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff from feeder high schools
- Orientation and Charger Kick-off
- Lifeskills: The Blythewood Way, B.O.L.T. – **Blythewood's Own Lifeskill Training Program**
- Curriculum Maps
- Career Development Facilitator: Career Cluster Education
- School Resource Officer - DARE
- Service Projects
- Parent surveys, PTO, SIC, Health Council, Ed Foundation

## **Social Equity**

- Development of whole child
- Exploratory and experiential learning
- Direct instruction
- Itinerant services
- Inclusion
- ESOL
- Heterogeneous grouping
- Mainstreaming of SPED
- Band, Chorus, Orchestra
- Electrifying News
- Girls with Pearls
- Yearbook, Newspaper, and anthology publications
- Clubs and Activities
- Charger Pride Afterschool Program
- Grade level field trips

- Parent University
- ROSES
- Teams assess students in need be it academic, social, or survival.

## **Organizational Support**

- SACS Report
- School Renewal Plan/Annual Report
- Data Driven
- Shared Leadership (leadership team)
- Walk-throughs
- Outside Consultants-IPA visit
- Staff Development: Common Core, Differentiated Instruction, Project Based Learning
- 90 minutes of planning - common planning
- Teacher and staff membership and leadership in professional organizations
- Professional Development school with University of South Carolina
- Columbia College Alliance Network