

Our History

Bryson Middle School opened its doors as Bryson High School in 1954 at the old P. Meadors' homestead on approximately 86 acres. In 1970 with the federal mandate for school integration, buildings and student populations had to be re-configured. Ninth graders from Hillcrest High School then attended in Bryson's building, later becoming Bryson Center, while Bryson's seventh and eighth graders joined with Hillcrest Junior High.

In the fall of 1973 and after the building of an additional local high school, Bryson Center changed to a middle school to serve students in grades six through eighth. Twenty years later in 1993, Bryson Middle School relocated to its current location, a then recently renovated building which had formerly been Hillcrest High School.

Today Bryson Middle School is a regionally accredited public middle school serving grades six through eight. It is the largest of the eighteen middle schools in Greenville County (over 1100 students) and is adjacent to the county's largest school, Hillcrest High. Our school serves the cities of Fountain Inn and Simpsonville.



Parent Involvement Opportunities

BMS PTSA Volunteering

Monthly Parent Involvement Nights
(Meet the Teacher, Related Arts Festival, Musical Masquerade, Art Exhibitions, Chorus/ Band/Strings Concerts, Curriculum Night, Musical, International Festival, and Talent Show)

School Improvement Council

Leon Hunt, Chair, Parent
Phillip Davie, Principal
Paula Gause, Assistant Principal
Pam Templeton, Instructional Coach
Shawn Shumaker, Teacher
Attila Uregen, Teacher
Jaycina Witherspoon, Parent
Terry Rogers, Parent
Natalie Sweeney, Parent
Leigh Owens, PTSA Representative, Parent

Purpose of the Report

This Report is issued by the Bryson Middle School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.



School Improvement Council "Report to the Parents" 2010-11



Bryson Middle School

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Preparing students
academically, ethically, and socially
for their futures

Celebrate with Us

- Related Arts classes with unique specialties: Agriculture Education, Health including CPR and First Aid certification, Basic and Intermediate Art, Spanish, Band/Percussion, Chorus/Piano, Strings/Guitar, Keyboarding, Gateway to Technology, and Physical Education
- Junior BETA Winners from State Competitions— 3rd Social Studies Quiz Bowl, Runner-up with T-shirts, 1st place with Tower Power, Best in Banner
- BMS Robotics Team—2nd place in First Lego League in Region
- 27 State Honors Choir Participants; 28 Spring Sing in All-County Choir
- Spring production of Aladdin with 80 student cast members
- Excellent ratings in 7th/8th orchestra at SC Concert Festival; six students perform with Greenville County Chamber Strings; 5 in Sinfonia Orchestra
- Introduction of new club offerings— Junior Forensic League; Club R.O.A.R. (Reach Out and Read); Battle of the Brains
- PTSA Reflections Winners—5 honorees at each grade level, with participation at the district and state levels
- Teacher Recognitions: Golden Apple Award—Sherry Konczal, Founding Coach as Charter Member for Jr. Forensics—Vence Gaskins; Teacher who makes Magic—Ryan Parker; Teacher of the Year—Angela Rex
- Community Service: Fundraisers for homeless family, Hoops for Heart, Dodgeball Tournament, HOG Day
- School winner for Geography Bee, qualified at district, and competed at state level
- Student Spirit Week, sponsored by PTSA, raised \$15, 000.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Student Learning and Achievement

#1 Performance Goal: The percentage of students scoring Met and above on the PASS writing test will increase from 72% in 2009-10 to 100% in 2012-13.

#2 Performance Goal: The percentage of students scoring Met and above on the PASS Reading/Research test will increase from 66% in 2009-10 to 100% in 2012-13.

#3 Performance Goal: The percentage of students scoring Met and above on the PASS math test will increase from 57% in 2009-10 to 100% in 2012-13.

Teacher Quality

#4 Performance Goal: 100% of BMS teachers will receive support, training and professional development in research-based instructional strategies, best practices, and technology integration.

School Climate

#5 Performance Goal: The percentage of students suspended from school will decrease from 18.5% in 2008-2009 to 10.5% in 2012-13.

#6 Performance Goal: The percent of parents reporting positive responses on the School Report Card for the criterion “satisfied with school-home relations” will increase from 50% to 85% by 2013.

2010 SC School Report Card Ratings for Bryson Middle School

Absolute Rating:
Average

Growth Rating:
Average

2010-11 MAP Scores

	Reading	Math
Sixth	56.3	50.4
Seventh	54.7	49.4
Eighth	47.8	53.9

MAP scores reflect percentage of students meeting Growth Targets. Goal scores are expected to be at 50%.

Spring 2010 PASS Scores

	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
Sixth	68.5	63.2	69.5	76.8
Seventh	70.5	57	78.5	64.8
Eighth	61.2	51.4	59.7	69.8

PASS scores reflect percentage of students scoring met or exemplary

Link for SC Report Card information:
www.ed.sc.gov