

Blue Ridge Middle School provides a variety of extracurricular activities & highly competitive athletic programs:

Volleyball	Softball	Girl's Soccer	Tennis
Boy's Basketball	Baseball	Wrestling	Track
Girl's	Boy's	Football	Cross
Basketball	Soccer		Country
VEX	Science	Math	Drama
Robotics	Enrichment	Counts	Program

#### **SIC Members 2018-2019**

Karen Bullard—Principal
Sheila Earley—Assistant Principal
Don Kauffman—PTSA
Jim Barbare—Community Member
Dr. Marshal Community Member
Beverly Willbanks—Community Member
JoHanna Joines—Teacher
Donna Burgess—Teacher
Donna Odom—Teacher
Pauline Nichol—Parent
Jimmy Vereen—Parent
Karen Nunez—Parent



Blue Ridge Middle School is a sixth, seventh, and eighth grade school located in the northwestern corner of South Carolina. As part of the Greenville County School District, Blue Ridge Middle has the largest geographical attendance area, currently serving 988 students. BRMS has 91 employees which include 59 full-time teachers, 4 administrators and 3 school counselors, plus support staff.

Blue Ridge Middle School provides opportunities for students to take courses that offer high school credit Carnegie Units:

Onsite	Algebra 1 Honors	English 1 Honors	Art 1
Virtual	Geometry 1 Honors	Personal Finance	PE1
	Computer Science Discoveries	Google &Multimedia Basics	Graphic Design

BRMS also offers <u>Gifted and Talented</u> courses for our students in the Challenge Program through Language Arts

We also offer a <u>wide variety</u> of Related Arts classes to help ignite an interest of learning in non-traditional classroom settings.

Band	Strings	PE
GTT	Creative Writing	Health
Art	Chorus	Yearbook
Skill Building	Service Learning	

# Blue Ridge Middle School

We are BR! Where positive attitudes and understanding hearts make a great school community!



S.I.C.

Report To The Community
2018-2019

### **School Improvement Council**

The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to the school's principal and faculty. SIC plays a key role in the education of our state's children, bringing together parents, educators and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve their local schools.

#### S.I.C. Goals

- 1. Read to Succeed To improve our students academic literacy across all courses.
- 2. Student Lead Conferences To provide students the opportunity to own their educational experiences and share with a family member or trusted adult their successes throughout this school year. Student will discuss grades, opportunities for personal improvement and goal setting.
- 3. Parent University This idea was designed to bridge the communication gap that sometimes exists between students, family, school and community.

#### We are BR! Hear us ROAR!

Respect

**O**rganization

**A**ttitude

Responsibility

#### Read to Succeed

- Greenville Drive Reading Challenge 311 Students participated
- Reading Support Classes:

#### Read 180 System 44 Language Live

- Book Fairs
- Raised Funds to Pay for Author visit in 2019-20
- Developed Student Book Advisory Panel To preread and select "Whole School Read" books for 19-20
- Book Challenges & Contests—To promote reading and generate excitement about books.

## Parent University

- Parents of 8th grade students participated in Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) conferences with their student and a school counselor. Future goals, test scores and high school course requests were discussed and parents received helpful information for successfully navigating high school. 93% of 8th grade parents participated in their student's conference.
- TNT (Tigers in Training) / Curriculum Night was held in February for all 2019-20 students and their families. Information was presented about academic and Related Arts classes. Information regarding extracurricular opportunities was also available.

### **School Achievements**

<u>Girl's Basketball</u>—Undefeated Region Champs (Season) <u>Girl's Softball</u>—Region Champs

Girl's Volleyball—Region Champs

<u>Band</u>—Superior Rating—SC Band Director's Association <u>Orchestra</u> - Excellent Rating—Carowinds Festival of Music 2018—7th & 8th Grade

<u>VEX Robotics</u>—Design Award- E.C. Robotics Competition, Mann Robotics Upstate Qualifier Champions **5K**—502 students participated to promote wellness



#### **Student Led Conferences**

- Student Led Conferences were piloted by BRMS students in the STAR Academy program.
- Students compiled a portfolio of work to share at their conferences.
- Students prepared a presentation to discuss what they have learned through the STAR program and their future goals.
- Conferences were completed in February with 100% parent participation.
- Teachers, administrators, counselors and mentors were also present to support students at their conferences.

