

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 eight. Twenty years later in 1993, Bryson Middle School relocated to its current building, then recently renovated, 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 one of the largest of the nineteen middle schools in Greenville County with over 981 students and is adjacent to the county's largest high school, Hillcrest High. Our school serves the cities of Fountain Inn and Simpsonville.



Parent Involvement Opportunities

BMS PTSA Volunteering Mentoring

Monthly Parent Involvement Nights

(Meet the Teacher, Open House, Related Arts Fall Festival, Veterans' Program, Chorus/Band/Strings Concerts, Inspiring Excellence/Curriculum Night, Spring/Fall Musical, Talent Show, and Bulldog Dash and Fun Run)

School Improvement Council

Melissa Marsh, Chair, Parent

Dr. Adrienne Davenport, Principal

David Schoolfield, Assistant Principal

Denise Lambert, Guidance Counselor

Mary Cole, 6th Grade Science Teacher

James Kliewer, 7th Grade Math Teacher

Heidi Rugg, PTSA President

Dale McMinn, Parent

Katrina Jones, Community Member

Leon Hunt, Community Member

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" 2015-2016



Bryson Middle School

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*Inspiring
Excellence*

Celebrate with Us

- ◆ 18 Junior Scholars; 72 Duke TIP Candidates with 8 receiving State Recognition
- ◆ Beta Club—State Convention winners with 1st place in Tower of Power, art, wood working; 2nd in wreath; 3rd place in Songfest, Quiz Bowl, Living Lit, Scrapbooking and Language Arts
- ◆ Bryson Middle Beta Club was the top award winner at the State Convention and won the most awards of any other middle school in Greenville County
- ◆ Spring 2015 production of *Peter Pan, Jr.* with 41-member cast; semester recitals for piano students
- ◆ PTSA Reflections State recognition: Award of Merit in visual arts
- ◆ Fine Arts Honors: Band with 4 students in All-County; Band—Excellent Rating at SCMEA Concert Festival; Strings 1 student in Region Orchestra and 1 student in All State Orchestra; Strings Orchestra—Superior Rating at SCMEA Concert Festival; District Juried Art Show—1 student 3rd place; Chorus with 21 students in All-County Spring Sing Chorus, Participant in annual Rotary Night of Singing; Semester Piano Recitals
- ◆ Clubs—Battle of the Brains; FFA; Bryson Buddies; Book Club; Chess Club; Coding Club
- ◆ Faculty includes 4 National Board Certified teachers and 71.0% with advanced degrees
- ◆ Service through Student Council for Backpack Blessings and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; other service and support with the American Heart Association, HOG Day, and the United Way
- ◆ 2014-2015 Greenville County Middle School Girls Basketball Champions; Softball, - District Runner Up
- FFA Archery Team—Recognition at Regional Competition—1st and 3rd places and World Qualifier; Tool Identification Team—Regional participants; Creed Speaking—2nd place Regional; 1st place State; National Qualifier

SCHOOL

IMPROVEMENT GOALS

Student Learning /Achievement

Performance Goal: Annually increase by one percentage point students meeting standard (Met and Exemplary) in , science, and social studies as measured by the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS). Note: The SC Ready test will be administered Spring 2015. Accountability levels have not been established as of April 2016.

Science 74.5% to 75.5%
Social Studies 75.6% to 76.6%

Teacher Quality

Performance Goal: Offer a minimum of twelve hours of professional development in-house on school-wide initiatives.

School Climate

Performance Goal: Maintain an annual student attendance rate of 95% or higher.

Performance Goal: Maintain an annual student expulsion rate below 0.5% of the total school population.

Performance Goal: Increase by 0.5 the percentage of parents, students, and teachers who are satisfied with the learning environment.

Parents 84.6% to 85.1%
Students 66.4% to 66.9%
Teachers 74.2% to 74.5%

Performance Goal: Increase by 0.4 the percentage of parents, students, and teachers who feel that the students are safe at school.

Parents 83.7% to 84.1%
Students 82.2% to 82.6%
Teachers 95.1% to 95.5%

SC School Report Card

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Spring 2015 ACT Aspire

	ELA	Writing	Math
Sixth	71	30	55.1
Seventh	74.5	26.6	33
Eighth	74.3	28.5	29.7

ACT Aspire scores reflect percentage of students scoring Ready or Exceeding.

Spring 2015 PASS Scores

	Science	Social Studies
Sixth	73.8	80.5
Seventh	72.7	69.1
Eighth	63.1	78.5

PASS scores reflect percentage of students scoring met or exemplary.

2014-2015 MAP Scores

	Reading	Math
Sixth	52.9%	46.0%
Seventh	55.8%	47.5%
Eighth	60.4%	51.5%

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