

## We are BR

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

Vex Robotics Volleyball BRMS Talent Show

Girls and Boys Basketball Softball Baseball

Girls and Boys Soccer Kindness Club

Science Club Wrestling Track Cheerleading

Football Cross Country Tennis Beta Club

Walking Club Student Council Red Ribbon

Extended Day Program Chess Club

Criminal Justice Club Creative Designs Club

### SIC Members 2020-2021

Karen Bullard—Principal

Jay Grady—Assistant Principal

Andrew Marshall—Community Member

Jim Barbare—Community Member

Beverly Willbanks—Community Member

Karyn Bigger—Teacher

Morgan Raines—Teacher

Charlie Kendrick—Teacher

Stephanie Howard—Parent

Tabitha Brower—Parent

Ben Ludwick—Parent



BRMS Shines at Spring Sing 2022!

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 912 students in a traditional and virtual setting. BRMS has 91 employees, which include 54 full-time teachers, 4 administrators and 4 school counselors, plus support staff.

BRMS also offers Gifted and Talented courses for our students in the Challenge Program through Language Arts and advanced Math placement. Blue Ridge Middle School provides opportunities for students to take courses that offer high school credit Carnegie Units:

English 1 Honors Algebra 1 Honors

Art 1

Personal Finance Fundamentals of Computing

We also offer a wide variety 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	Release Time

"BRMS is unlike any other school that I have been to. The teachers, students, and staff are amazing and try to do everything they can to make this school awesome. That is what I expect from a school." — 7<sup>th</sup> grader's response to a Social and Emotional assessment activity

## School Improvement Council Report to the Community 2021 - 2022



# Blue Ridge Middle School

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



## 2021 – 2022 BRMS School Improvement Council

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BRMS SIC is firmly committed to three goals:

1. Raising Academic Performance of Each Student.
2. Ensuring a Safe, Responsible and Respectful School Environment.
3. Engaging Community and Stake Holders in the School Environment.

We have provided food and kind notes to teachers to foster an encouraging environment, and we have slowly restarted our mentoring program to support struggling learners. We have also fostered partnerships with Greenville Water System, the Lions Club, and Greenville County Council.



Canned Food Drive

### Accolades 2021-2022

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- Excellent Rating for both Honor Band and Orchestra
- 3 - 1<sup>st</sup> place NCD A Poetry Contest winners
- 14 PSAT Junior Scholars
- 6 Region Band and 9 All-County Band participants
- 1<sup>st</sup> place PTA Reflections winner
- 2 Peace Poster Contest winners
- Multiple awards at SC Beta Club Convention
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place SC Wrestling Tournament
- VEX Robotics – Think Award, Tournament Champion, Judge's Award, State Qualifier
- Softball Preseason Tournament Winner
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Greenville County Anti-Drug Poster Contest



### Traditional Responsibilities of a School Improvement Council

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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.

### Social and Emotional Learning at BRMS

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Once a week this past year, students participated in lessons that focused on their social and emotional health. These lessons included ideas such as actions and consequences, resilience, and conflict resolution. Students were also opportunities to share their voice and thoughts about BRMS and how we can improve ourselves.

**Fun Fact:** Over 400 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in job shadowing experiences in March of 2022. Students learned about job responsibilities in industries such as Engineering, Health Science, Hospitality, and Education.

## Blue Ridge Tigers, Hear Us ROAR!

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Respect  
Organization  
Attitude  
Responsibility

### PBIS Behavior Support System (ROAR Cards)

Blue Ridge Middle School proactively addresses student behavior through a Positive Behavior Intervention and Support system where teachers and staff intentionally address positive behaviors desired by students, which support the mission of Blue Ridge Middle students. Utilizing the ROAR acronym, positive student behavior is centered on Respect, Organization, Attitude and Responsibility. Students receive points using digital QR codes when they demonstrate ROAR characteristics. These points can be redeemed for a variety of rewards and incentives throughout the year.

### Academic Programs and Initiatives 2021-2022

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In addition to our content and related arts classes, we have other opportunities available that provide educational opportunities for the students of Blue Ridge Middle School.

- Writing in all disciplines
- Teaming
- Literacy Emphasis
- Read to Succeed Initiatives
- Google Classroom
- Discovery Learning Education
- Interventions – both academic and behavior
- Skill Building
- SC Junior Book Award Reading Program
- Book Fair (Media Center)