



SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS TO WATCH MODEL SCHOOL—VISITOR'S GUIDE

Belton Middle School

2006-08 School Statistics

Community: Rural
Enrollment: 468
Grade Levels: 6-8
School Schedule: Traditional

Student Demographics
1.06% Hispanic
75.9% White
21.7% African American
0.0% Filipino
1.27% Asian/Pacific Islander

49% Free/Reduced Lunch
<1.0% English Learners

2006 AYP: Met 18 of 21 Objectives
2007 AYP: Met 17 of 21 Objectives
2008 AYP: Met 15 of 21 Objectives



Designated in 2009

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School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- Focused Data Analysis System
- NCS Lab/PLATO Labs – ELA and Math
- Differentiated Instruction
- Co-teaching/Inclusion Classes
- Advanced Technology Opportunities
- Technology Rich Classrooms and Labs
- Gateway to Technology Class; Music Ideals; Art Ideals; Band
- Reading and Math Strategies Classes
- GPS – Goals + Performance = Success (Student Accountability/Academic Mentoring Program)
- After School Program – Merit Academy
- Honor Classes or High School Credit Classes
- Collaborative Planning and Shared Lesson Plan System
- District Pacing Guides and Support Documents
- Grade Level Teaming and Flexible Scheduling
- Before School Academic Enrichment

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Developmental Responsiveness

- “Good News from School” Postcards/Newsletters/Teacher Program Pamphlets
- PBIS PEACE Plan with: Weekly, Monthly and Quarterly Celebrations and Awards Ceremonies
- Focused Literacy Programs and Rewards: Staff Development with Reading Specialist; Warrior’s Write/Young Author; Author Visits; Coffee Shop Poetry; Poetry Anthology Booklets; Reading Program; Reading Plus; Accelerated Reader; Books on I-Pod; etc.
- CICO (check-in/check-out) with guidance: At Risk Youth Program
- Professional Learning Team Guidance Component: Weekly PLT Meetings
- Communication Plan
- S.T.A.M.P. out Bullying Program
- Service Learning Opportunities: Hoops for Heart; Trees for Troops; Relay for Life; Meals on Wheels; Salvation Army Stockings; Food Pantry; BIMA; St. Jude’s Math-a-thon; Keep America Beautiful Phone Book Recycling; etc.
- Mentors for At-Risk Students
- Inclusion Classes/ Co-taught Classes
- Career Development Program
- PTA/School Improvement Council

Social Equity

- Student Council
- BETA Club
- Library Club
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Interscholastic Athletics – Basketball, Football, and Cheerleading
- Reader’s Theater
- Students are instructed using a variety of engaging activities including mock trials, class debates, art projects, re-enactments, simulations, collaborative group projects, authoring, etc.
- Individualized pace in math and ELA utilizing Success Maker, Larson’s, and other computer software.
- Learning modalities inventories are completed and used to guide instruction toward student’s strengths.
- Science Fair
- Warriors Inventing Now (WIN) Invention Fair
- Reading by the Reedy River
- Students are provided books on tape, Reading Plus, Flo-cabulary, DIBELS assessment, and SRA reading programs.
- All classes are connected to the real world through a wealth of technology.
- High Quality Field Study Opportunities for All Students
- Related Arts Program supports Core Academic Curriculum
- Equal Access to Curriculum for All Students
- All students have equal access to the school’s PBIS PEACE Plan designed to support positive character traits and maintain a safe and respectful school community
- Instruction is student-centered/standards-based not textbook driven
- Staff development opportunities are abundant, current, and relevant
- Teachers use many instructional opportunities to enhance cultural awareness

Organizational Support

- **District/School Accountability Calendar of Activities**
- **Professional Learning Teams**
- **Department Meetings**
- **School Level Literacy/Reading Team**
- **School Incentive Program**
- **Bully Prevention and Awareness Committee**
- **School Transition Committee**
- **School Improvement Council**
- **Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) Team**
- **Leadership Team**
- **School Level Initiatives**
- **School Level Accountability Document**
- **District Instructional Fair**
- **Professional Conferences**
- **WebbCraft Family Foundation**
- **District Level – “Wish List” for Instructional Materials and Supplies**
- **Focused Staff Development Opportunities**
- **High Level of Technological Advancement and Training Opportunities**
- **Higher Education Connections with local universities and colleges for placement of prospective teachers**