



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

### Blythwood Middle School



#### Designated in 2008

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- 2003 Technology Innovative Program Award**
- 2004 Award of Excellence for Designing  
Instruction to Improve Teaching and Learning**
- 2006 Palmetto's Finest**
- 2008 Schools to Watch**

### 2005-07 School Statistics

Community: Suburban/ Rural  
Enrollment: 952  
Grade Levels: 6 - 8  
School Schedule: 7:30-2:25

#### Student Demographics

4.20%	Hispanic
50.53%	White
42.96%	African American
0.00%	African American Indian
0.84%	Other
0.42%	Asian
0.11%	Pacific Islander

28.78%	Free/Reduced Lunch
1.89%	English Learners

2005 AYP:	No
2006 AYP:	No
2007 AYP:	Yes

## School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

### Academic Excellence

- Differentiated Instruction
- UBD Training
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)
- ITEC ( Integrating Technology to Enrich Curriculum)
- 6- Trait Writing and Six-Minute Fluency
- Data Analysis
- Honors Classes
- Reading/ Math Enrichment Classes
- ALEKS Lab
- ITI ( Integrated Thematic Instruction)
- Saturday Academy – credit recovery
- At Promise Program for comprehensive remediation
- LEAP
- Curriculum Mapping

**Academic Excellence** *(continued)*

- Interdisciplinary Instruction
- High School Credit Courses – Algebra, Geometry, French, Spanish and Keyboarding
- GK/12 Science Fellowship Program (Higher Education Partnerships)
- Extensive Technology
- Professional Learning Teams

**Developmental Responsiveness**

- Lifelong Guidelines/ Procedures
- Communities/ Advisories
- Peer Mediators
- Jumpstart Camp (transition 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders)
- LEAP (transition at-risk rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Career Counseling and Planning
- Academic Counseling
- Technology
- DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)
- Clubs and Student Activities
- Character Education Program/ Life Skills
- Service Learning

**Social Equity**

- Beyond Limitations Mentoring Program
- Parent University
- Data Analysis
- Single Gender Classes
- Saturday Academy
- AVID
- Diversity Training
- School, Grade, Classroom Procedures

**Organizational Support**

- Data Analysis
- Shared Leadership
- Community Business Partnerships
- Sustained Staff Development
- Professional Learning Teams
- Strong Parental Involvement (SIC, PTO, Education Foundation)
- Strong communication with parents, community, etc.