

Barnwell School



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Barnwell School District 45 takes pride in the progress and accomplishments achieved by the combined efforts of its five member Board of Trustees, its dedicated employees, its hardworking students and supportive parents, and its engaged community. An AdvancEd accredited school district, rigorous instruction is delivered through well researched, proven teaching strategies providing challenging opportunities daily. These methods have proven successful, as evidenced by the rise in State test scores in three out of our four schools in the 2013-14 school year. Additionally, our SAT composite score is above the State and National averages, and complete on the ACT as is our four year high school graduation rate.

In our on-going journey to excellence, we will continue to provide new, innovative programs to support the academic development of our students. The Barnwell 45 Summer Reading Camp for third graders was featured in a special on ETV and used as a model for the implementation of Summer Reading Camps statewide. Barnwell Primary School and Barnwell Elementary School continue to increase literacy excellence within the primary and elementary classrooms. This includes implementing Fountas and Pinnell's Benchmarking System for Reading Progress Monitoring in grades Kindergarten through Sixth Grade, utilizing Istation as a comprehensive e-learning program, and implementing an innovative literacy outreach program for at-risk students. Guinyard-Butler Middle School has created a detailed plan for targeting those students who continue to need reading and math support in middle grades. Barnwell High School continues to focus efforts on improving student achievement and the graduation rate by offering after-school programs which target students struggling in core academic areas. These efforts include, but are not limited to, technology-based remediation software and individualizing student scheduling needs.

Increasing success within our schools requires a collaborative and concentrated effort by many stakeholders. In Barnwell 45, we make concerted efforts to include all stakeholders in planning, executing, and reflecting upon the district's goals and activities. We have a curriculum and supervision team made up of school and district leaders that serve as catalysts for changes that positively impact student success. In addition to this team, we have created a Superintendent's Advisory Council comprised of influential business leaders, community organization leaders, church leaders, local government leaders, and parents. This is a separate group from the curriculum and supervision team. Although separate groups, the two are complementary in nature.

The community council is used to create and enact a plan to energize the community and to make the community true partners with the district. Through the community council, ways in which the community can take the lead in celebrating school success are discussed and implemented. Community-based honor societies are being developed to bring attention to high achieving students. The community council also takes the lead in exploring ways to motivate parents to increase enthusiasm for the district.

Education is the Key to the Future



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Principal: Jon Burdge

Guinyard-Butler Middle School
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Principal: Craig Hart

Barnwell Elementary School
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Strategic Plan

Student Achievement

By the end of the 2015-2016 academic year, Barnwell School District 45 students will demonstrate academic proficiency by meeting the following targets:

- SCPASS/ACT Aspire – The district mean of students scoring Met or exemplary will be above the state mean,
- SAT, ACT, ACT WorkKeys – The mean total score for Barnwell 45 School District students will be at or above the national average.
- AP Exams – Of the Barnwell 45 School District students taking AP exams, 65% will score 3 or above.

By the end of the 2015-2016 academic year, the on-time graduation rate for our students in each demographic subgroup will be at least 80% and will meet or exceed the state average as indicated on the district report card.

Teacher/Administrator Quality

By the end of the 2015-2016 academic school year, the number of core Academic subject area teachers who maintain highly qualified status as defined by No Child Left Behind Act will be 100%.

Student Climate

By the end of the 2015-2016 academic school year, the percentage of our students, parents, and teachers satisfied with the learning environment, physical environment, and home-school relations will increase to 95% or higher.

BARNWELL HIGH SCHOOL

Jon Burdge, Principal, Barnwell High School
Debra Coleman, SIC Chairperson, Barnwell High School

The following *Report to the People* is intended to inform the parents, patrons, and community supporters of Barnwell High School (BHS) about the progress made by faculty, staff, and students toward meeting the ambitious goals that we have established. It is our belief that we will continue to improve as long as we work together with our students as our focus. We wish to provide the very best possible educational experience for your children. You are an important part of the success that we enjoy. Thank you for your valuable support.

Major Accomplishments for 2013-2014 School Year

- Our senior class of 2014 earned in excess of \$4.3 million in scholarships.
- In 2014, fifty-three seniors earned Enhanced Diplomas.
- Twenty-five BHS seniors earned the President's Education Award based on PSAT scores.
- BHS continued to partner with the Southern Regional Education Board and the State Department of Education in the *High Schools That Work* initiative.
- Approximately fifteen BHS students and community members volunteered their time during the 2013-2014 school year to mentor students at Barnwell Primary School, Barnwell Elementary School, and Guinyard-Butler Middle School. The mentors offer love, encouragement, and advice to help students feel better about themselves and have a greater chance to experience success in their lives.
- Eleven Barnwell High School seniors were named South Carolina Palmetto Fellows and each received scholarships for approximately \$294,800 (\$6,700 annually) to attend a college in South Carolina. Eligibility requirements include at least a 1200 on SAT or 27 on ACT, a 3.5 GPA, and a top six percent ranking in their class.
- Thirty-one students were recipients of the South Carolina four-year Life Scholarship for approximately \$620,000 (\$5,000 annually) to attend a four-year college or university in South Carolina.
- Thirty students were recipients of the South Carolina two-year Life Scholarship for approximately \$300,000 (\$5,000 annually) to attend a two-year college in South Carolina.
- Forty-one students were recipients of the South Carolina Lottery Tuition for approximately \$73,800 (\$900 annually).
- Sixteen students were recipients of the South Carolina HOPE Scholarship for approximately \$44,800 (\$2,800 annually).
- Nineteen seniors were recognized by the SC High School League as scholar athletes.
- The 2014 graduating class of BHS had twenty honor graduates.
- Five graduating seniors received the South Carolina Academic Achievement Honors Award.
- One student received the National Merit Scholarship.
- One student received the Commended National Merit Scholarship.
- Two students attended Girls State.
- Two students attended Boys State.
- One student won the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.
- The "Scarlet Knights" Marching Band earned a first place rating in class AA at the Garden City Classic in Orangeburg, South Carolina for the second consecutive year.
- The "Scarlet Knights" also had their highest placement at the Lower State Marching Contest in five years.
- The Debate Coach was awarded coach of the year by the South Carolina Forensic Coaches Association.
- Two Debate students won the state championship in the "Duo Interpretation."
- The Debate team earned twenty-five NFL (National Forensic League) degrees this year.
- The BHS JROTC was designated as JROTC "Honor Unit with Distinction" for the twenty-second consecutive year. The Department of the Army presents this award only to the JROTC units that maintain an exceptionally high standard of performance.
- The JROTC Rifle Team won all matches during the 2013-14 school year.

- The JROTC Drill Team won first place in several matches at the Low Country Rifle and Drill Team League.
- The Raider Team won second place overall out of twenty-four participating teams the Raider Competition.
- Nineteen BHS Technology Student Association (TSA) students competed in the South Carolina TSA State Conference held at Airport High School where the team placed third overall in the level two division.
- Twenty-one students were inducted into the National Honor Society.
- Forty students were inducted into the Beta Club.
- BHS had three student athletes sign to play collegiate athletics.
- The girls' cross country team won the Region Five AA Championship.
- The golf team won the Region Five AA Championship.
- The baseball team won the Region Five AA Championship.
- The softball team won the District Championship.
- The golf team competed in the Lower State Championship.
- One student won the State Championship in weightlifting.
- Twenty-seven student athletes were selected as All Region across multiple sports, including baseball, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' cross country, football, golf, boys' and girls' soccer, softball, boys' and girls' tennis, and volleyball.
- One boys' tennis players qualified for the Individual State Tournament.
- One girls' tennis players qualified for the Individual State Tournament.
- One football player was selected to compete in the Football Border Bowl.
- One varsity softball player was selected to compete in the North/South All Star Game.
- Three track athletes qualified for the State Tournament.
- One varsity volleyball player was selected to compete in the North/South All Star Game.
- Three student athletes were selected as All State by the South Carolina Coaches Association in the following sports: boys' soccer, softball, and volleyball.
- One volleyball athlete was selected as All State by the High School Sports Report.
- The following teams made it to the playoffs: baseball, boys' and girls' cross country, football, golf, boys' and girls' soccer, softball, girls' tennis, and volleyball.
- Two students were Three Sport Lettermen.

Guinyard-Butler Middle School

Craig M. Hart, Principal

Willie White, Chair GBMS School Improvement Council

Guinyard Butler Middle School, in cooperation with students, teachers, parents, and the community, believes that our school should have a working and learning environment that is: nurturing, intellectually stimulating, technologically enriched, safe and respectful. Furthermore, we will strive to have a highly qualified and competent staff with strong relationships in the community. GBMS will endeavor to create a partnership with parents and the community at large that strengthens relationships and transition education beyond school.

GBMS Major Accomplishments

- 11 Junior Scholars students. Scholars recognized via local school board meeting and newspaper.
- 41 eighth grade students enrolled in Algebra I and 44 eighth grade students enrolled in English I.
- Jr. Beta Club activities and service learning projects included: attending the Jr. Beta Club convention in Myrtle Beach, and inducted 39 new members with 92 total members.
- 8th grade student placed 2nd in competition held at Junior Beta Club Convention. Student has been invited to compete nationally in Nashville, TN during the summer of 2015.
- Student Council activities and projects included: 1) honoring teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week and American Education Week 2) sponsoring Relay for Life campaign 3) sponsoring the Miss GBMS Pageant as well as participating in the Homecoming parade 4) monitors/assistants during Special Olympics 5) coordinating Red Ribbon Week and Spirit Week as well as ACT Aspire and SCPASS

Prep Rally 6) members conducting daily announcements as well as raising and lowering the American and South Carolina state flags daily. 7) Organizing a canned food drive.

- SIC/PTSO sponsored a Parent Bingo Night that correlated with school dance.
- Students and staff participated in Relay for Life fundraising event.
- Excellent athletic seasons in which many students participated in middle school and high school level sports. Football team competed exceptionally well this school year with six wins and only one loss.
- Band program served 55 students.
- School wide spelling bee was held. School winner participated in the Regional Spelling Bee in Allendale, SC.
- 7th & 8th grade students participated in the STEM Fair. School winners participated in the regional STEM Fair in Aiken, SC.
- Students participated in the STEM Day program. (Presenters held occupations in science, technology, engineering-related fields such as Bridgestone Tire, Energy Solutions, and SRS Ecology Lab)
- Four students received recognition for their participation in the CSRA Regional Science Fair. One student received honorable mention. Another student finished second place overall. One student garnered second place and secured the Genius Olympiad Award. One student placed first and received the Broadcom Master's Award.
- 7th Grade students went on a field study to Washington, D.C. and Charleston, South Carolina. (Students presented experiences to the local school board.)
- 8th grade students went on an end-of-the year field trip to reward student achievement as well as students that exhibited appropriate behaviors.
- GBMS drama club presented two performances "*Crumpled Classics*" and "*Disney's Aladdin, Jr*".
- War Pony Pride Passes were given out for good behavior, good/improved grades, and good citizenship. Pride Pass incentives were given each 9 weeks to students who exhibited outstanding character and citizenship.
- School Dance and Electronics Day held to celebrate students who passed the nine weeks benchmark examination and exhibited good character traits.
- Partnership established with local businesses to recognize GBMS "Students of the Month."
- Partnership continued with Hagood Baptist Church to support GBMS beautification.
- Anti-Bullying Seminar held for 7th and 8th grade students during the school year.
- Students created authentic anti-bullying posters that were displayed throughout the school.
- Heather Peters selected as the 2013-2014 teacher of the year.

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina graduate by:

- Constructing and implementing departmental generated pacing guides.
- Proctoring and utilizing benchmark data as well as common assessment data to drive instruction.
- Engaging weekly professional development meetings which focused on teaching to the state standards, developing common assessments, implementing best teaching practices, creating thinking maps, updating school renewal plans, and reviewing RTI.
- Sponsoring "Meet and Greet" before school started to address school issues as well as build/increase parent-teacher relationships.
- Facilitating fall and winter Open House correlated with drama productions.
- Holding monthly School Improvement Council meetings.
- Creating Data Room to analyze student performance and implement best teaching practices to drive instruction.
- Utilizing small group instruction as a means of providing students with enrichment and remediation.
- Submitting nominees to be recognized as "GBMS Student of the Month".
- Making daily, weekly, and monthly contacts made to parents to discuss students' academic and behavioral functioning levels.
- Scheduling conferences with parents to discuss academic functioning levels when a student is in danger of failing the course.
- Developing individual growth plans to target student's career and college readiness skills as well as choosing high school courses for the upcoming school year.

Barnwell Elementary School

Sherry McIver, Principal

Craig Martin, Chair BES School Improvement Council

Barnwell Elementary School is continuously striving to reach goals established for BES. The faculty and staff are dedicated to improving student achievement and fostering positive relationships with the parents and community.

Major Accomplishments

- We are in a partnership with the SCE&G to provide an Afterschool Homework Center to 40 students.
- The Boys & Girls Club served 110 students with an afterschool homework center daily.
- We are in a partnership with the Regions Bank. Banking opportunities were provided weekly.
- Student award programs were held after the first semester and at the end of the school year to recognize academic success, academic improvement, and perfect attendance.
- Chorus and 6th Grade Band students participated in music programs for students, parents and community.
- We hosted Barnwell High School Teacher Cadets.
- We provided community service projects such as: recycling ink cartridges, collecting cell phones and box tops, participating in Relay for Life and Goodwill Clothes Drive.
- Sixth Grade students were able to serve as Ambassadors and Safety Patrol.
- Students were able to receive numerous awards: Student of the Month, Writer of the Month, Athlete of the Month, Artist of the Month, Musician of the Month, monthly birthday celebrations and Student of the Month.
- Teachers were honored with teacher of the week, perfect attendance for the month, teacher of the month, staff member of the month and Drops In a Bucket.
- The school guidance counselor continued the implementation of character education, Red Ribbon Week, and conflict resolution programs in the classrooms, one-on-one and group sessions.
- The students were able to participate in Operation Get Smart.
- Students celebrated by having a character pirate parade with the Grand Marshall being the well-known author Phil Bildner..
- Students and parents were given the opportunity to participate in: Mi-Rancho Family Spirit Night, Family Game Night, ELA, Math, Social Studies, and Science Night.
- Title I Staff Development funds were used to purchase 90 computers for the computer labs, ELA and Social Studies, and Science classroom libraries.
- Students participated in Master's of Multiplication Challenge.
- Fourth grade students participated in Read Across America.
- Students were able to participate in: 5th Grade- Science Day, 6th Grade- Career Day, and monthly clubs.
- All students were able to participate in the Spelling Bee. A student was awarded the Regional Spelling Bee winner and will represent District #45 at the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.
- Students were able to participate in an afterschool running club, The Mustang Milers.
- Students were able to participate in a Bullying Summit held in Columbia, South Carolina.
- Fifth grade students were able to participate in D.A.R.E.
- Fall and spring book fairs and An Evening with the Arts were held.
- TAG students were able to participate in the following field trips: 4th grade- Barnwell Courthouse, Dorchester State Park, Lexington Museum, and Earth Shine; 5th grade- Charleston Pirate Tour, Barnwell County Airport; 6th grade- Medieval Times Myrtle Beach, SC, Ebenezer.
- TAG students will present: 4th grade- A Living Museum, 5th grade- Romeo and Juliet 6th grade- Compete in a school robotics competition called Green City.
- Thirty-eight sixth grade band students participated in the Edisto Conference Band Clinic.
- Sixty-three students qualified for Duke TIP (Talented Identification Program)

Barnwell Primary School
"Home of the Cool Colts"
Donna Selvey, Principal

Becky Huggins, Chair of School Improvement Council

The mission of Barnwell Primary School, in partnership with students, teachers and parents, is to develop an atmosphere of academically high standards, student-centered instruction, and positive collaboration among all stakeholders. Our ultimate goal remains to allow each child to reach his/her full potential and instill in them a lifelong love for learning.

BPS School Happenings

- We are in partnership with the Save the Children Foundation to provide Reading Intervention for students. We also have Early Steps to School Success that serves children ages 0-3 and we serve 40 students through the Raising the Reader Program.
- Student award programs were held during the school year to recognize academic success, academic improvement, perfect attendance, and character education/citizenship of our students.
- First through Third Grade Students participated in programs for music and the arts for students, parents and community.
- We have a very active Parent Volunteer and Mentor Program and active Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program.
- Barnwell High School juniors and seniors served as mentors to assist students with reading and math.
- We provided community service projects such as: recycling aluminum cans and ink cartridges, collecting cell phones and box tops, providing can food drive for needy families in the community, and collecting donations for the local animal shelter, participating in Pennies for Patients and Jump Rope for Heart.
- The Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program was continued to reduce the number of office referrals through more positive approaches to discipline. Students received rewards throughout the year for good behavior.
- The school guidance counselor continued the implementation of character education and conflict resolution programs in the classrooms, one-on-one and in group sessions.
- Title I Staff Development funds were used to provide on-going professional development on the South Carolina College- and Career Ready Standards. All grade levels have implemented the State Standards.
- Sherry Woods was selected as the 2013-2014 BPS Teacher of the Year.

Students and Staff (2013-2014)

School	Enrollment	Employees	
		Certificated	Non-Certificated
BHS Grades 9-12	641	48	28
GBMS Grades 7-8	386	29	23
BES Grades 4-6	498	37	19
BPS Grades Pre-K -3	782	57	44.5
Alternative School	N/A*	2	1.5
District Office	N/A	13	13

* Students are counted in BHS or GBMS enrollment.

Barnwell School district 45 employees 186 certificated persons. The total staff is 407 including district office staff, food service, custodians, transportation, and substitutes.

2013-2014 PASS Results
Percent of Students Which Met Standard

Writing

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8
B45	76.1	52.4	61.1	64.5	73.7	54.1

English-Language Arts (Reading and Research)

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8
B45	78.1	52.4	59.3	55.7	63.5	48.8

Mathematics

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8
B45	69.4	55.2	56.8	46.8	62.7	52.2

Science

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8
B45	49.5	40.7	39.5	46.0	66.1	50.0

Social Studies

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8
B45	55.4	56.6	42.0	60.2	65.3	43.6

SAT

	Composite Score
BHS	1513*
SC	1429*
USA	1471*

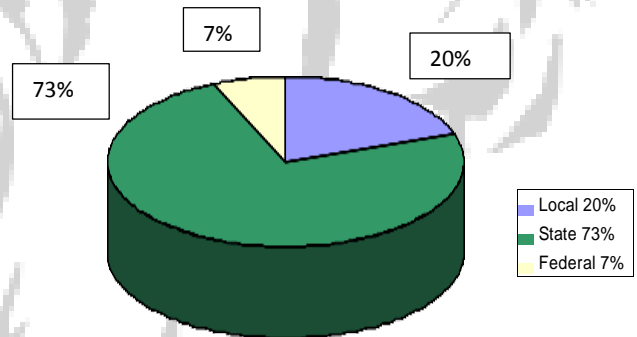
*The composite score is an average of the Critical Reading, Math and writing portion of the test.

ACT

	Composite Score
BHS	20.1*
SC	20.2*
USA	21.0*

*The composite score is an average of the English, Math, Reading, and Science portions of the test.

Barnwell School District 45
General Fund Revenue
FY 2013-2014



Mission Statement

The mission of Barnwell School District #45 schools in partnership with home and community is to provide challenging, appropriately-focused educational opportunities for children in a safe and nurturing school environment.



