

Bonnie Branch Middle School

PROFILE

2016-17

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Bonnie Branch Middle School is committed to academic success and community involvement.

As a gold-medal Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program (PBIS) School, we create a safe school environment where students are comfortable learning and confident recognizing the value and diversity of others.

Our mission focuses on three schoolwide principles: readiness, responsibility, and respect. Students at Bonnie Branch Middle School are challenged by rigorous academic standards and supported by a variety of programs from GT instructional seminars and world language classes to academic intervention. Students build interpersonal skills through a variety of shared learning experiences, such as collaborating on production of the memory book and television studio news, participating in band, orchestra, chorus, and debate team, and joining after-school intramurals.

At Bonnie Branch Middle School, we recognize that learning does not stop at the doors of our school. Our students learn the value of community involvement through experiences like service learning and Outdoor Education. Our teachers open doors to learning with an annual neighborhood walk to meet the families in our community. Our community is involved in the learning process through parent participation in the PTA and music boosters, as well as business partnerships, including Green Valley Marketplace and Eyre Bus.

Bonnie Branch Middle School prepares our students to be leaders. We are proud to provide students with the opportunities for academic success in middle school and the tools for a lifetime of community involvement.

Cher Jones, Principal
Nan Brown, Assistant Principal
Aaron Tark, Assistant Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1999

School Capacity: 662
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 2 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 713

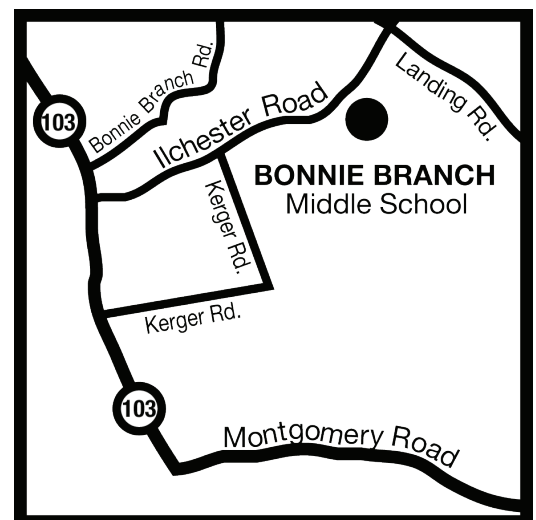
Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	0.3%
Asian	13.9%
Black/African American	26.0%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%
Hispanic/Latino	13.2%
White	40.1%
Two or more races	6.5%

Students Receiving Special Services 2015-16

Free/Reduced Lunch	26.0%
Ltd. English Proficient	≤5.0%
Special Education	9.1%

PTA members: 300

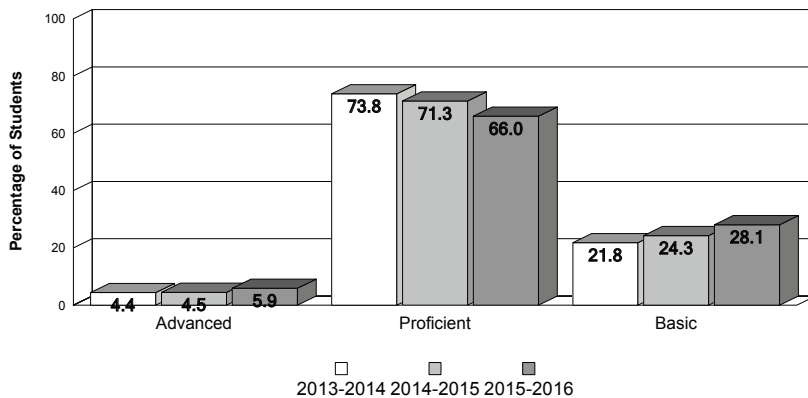


Achievement Data

Bonnie Branch Middle School PARCC Assessment Performance Results

Performance Level	Mathematics		English Lang. Arts	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Level 5: Exceeded expectations	5.4%	<=5%	7.9%	7.2%
Level 4: Met expectations	44.6%	43.1%	41.2%	38.5%
Level 3: Approached expectations	25.6%	25.8%	28.7%	27.3%
Level 2: Partially met expectations	16.3%	19.4%	13.7%	17.0%
Level 1: Did not meet expectations	8.1%	8.6%	8.5%	10.0%

MSA - Science



State accountability information can be accessed at www.mdreportcard.org.

Accomplishments

School Recognition:

- PBIS Green Ribbon Award School, 2010 Bronze; 2011, 2012 Silver; 2013–15 Gold
- Healthy Schools Program: silver and gold recognition

Student Recognition:

- Carson Scholars, 2012–2014
- Award-winning Black Saga competition teams: placed in top 10 in state 2009–15
- Award-winning student art at many local, regional, and state competitions (Youth Art Month, artwork at State House, and PTA Reflections contest)
- Numerous superior ratings for band, orchestra, and chorus programs (students performing at the All-County, GT, and All-State levels)
- Award-winning Middle School County debate team
- Award-winning student essays in Watson's Tin Box Sherlock Holmes essay contest for past 4 years
- BBMS recognizes and celebrates student excellence throughout the school year:
 - Monthly Student of the Month awards
 - Quarterly honor rolls: Principal's Honor Roll, gold, silver
 - Quarterly recognition of Straight A students

Special Programs

- WEB (Welcome Everybody) develops student leadership as Ambassadors, Student Team Leaders, and Shark Talk Leaders
- Concert band, jazz band, and wind ensembles
- Concert orchestra and chamber orchestra
- Chorus
- *Our Voice* Middle School Literary & Art Magazine
- Poetry Slam
- PTA Reflections
- Student Service Learning for all grade levels
- Outdoor Education program for 6th grade
- Student production of television news
- Student production of memory book
- Black history poetry night
- PBIS positive behavior program with Shark Bucks and Shark Shop
- GT Instructional Leadership Seminar
- Student Environmental Awareness Committee
- Competitive teams: GT Debate, National History Day, MathAlon
- After-school programs: STEM, Art Club, Anime Club, Athletic intramurals, Dance intramural, High Achievers, Latin Program, Morning Intervention Program for math, ELA, reading, and study skills