

BLACKMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Meet Our Administration

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What will my child's grade level look like?

Each grade level is divided up into mini-schools, for example: 6A, 6B, 6C. Each mini-school is made up of 5 teachers. Those classes include Math, English, Writing, Science, and Social Studies

Mini-schools are simply an easy way for us to divide up our students and give each student a specific group of teachers for the year. Periodically, due to attendance fluctuations, we may add another mini-school or have overflow teachers in a grade level. Overflow teachers do not have a defined mini-school, but allow us to reduce class size numbers.

What will my child's schedule look like?

All students will have Math, English, Writing, Science and Social Studies, during the day.

Most all students will have 1 elective that changes each 9-week grading period. These electives are randomly selected, and students do not get to pick electives unless they are interested in Band, Choir, or STEM. Students taking band or choir will have that as their elective all year long. Students accepted into the STEM course will take STEM and two additional electives.

Students will also have 1 period a day set aside for lunch and a recess/study hall. Additionally, some students may receive Tier II or Tier III intervention time. Students may also have Spectrum classes if they are qualified.

How can I stay informed during the school year?

Visit www.blm.rcschools.net for weekly updates and teacher webpage links.

Follow us on Twitter @BlackmanMiddle

Follow us on Instagram @BlackmanMiddleFlames

Have a working e-mail that you check regularly and give it to your homeroom teacher. Our teachers will send out a daily homework/announcement e-mail each afternoon.

What are your policies on dress code and electronic devices?

There will be an assembly at the beginning of the year to go over each of these questions in detail, but here is a brief answer. Student's attire must not distract from the education of other students. Holes in pants above the knees are not allowed, no sagging, no spaghetti straps, and backpacks cannot be worn in between class changes. We follow the Rutherford County Electronic Device Policy found in your student handbook. Teachers may allow students to use electronic devices for educational reasons only.

*****Students may NOT use personal devices to call/text home during the day—students should come to the front office to make phone calls home*****

What to know about front office procedures!

- Doors open at 7:15 AM and close at 3:15 PM
- Official school hours are 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **BUS RIDERS:** Students are dropped off and picked up by bus in the front of the main building.
- **CAR RIDERS:** All students are dropped off by car in the mornings behind the main building. 6th graders are picked up by car in the annex car rider line, unless they have an older sibling, in which case they will be picked up in the back of the main building.
- Students may NOT be checked out after 2:30 PM.
- All medications MUST be checked in with the nurse's office before entering the building

Guidance Counselors & SRO

Mrs. Stefanie Prater—7th and 8th grade students last names A-L

- praters@rcschools.net

Ms. Amber Thomas – 7th and 8th grade students last names M-Z

- thomasam@rcschools.net

Ms. Kristin Peña – All 6th grade students

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SRO – Casey McClure

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Blackman Middle School Band

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(615)-893-5815 ext. 29155 FAX (615)-904-3861
David England and Joshua Yohe, Associate Directors
www.blm.k12.tn.us go to clubs then band

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new and exciting adventure in music – Band! Those of us that have chosen careers in this field have found many rewards which may not be apparent when one first considers, “Why should I be in band?”

Recent statistics prove that young people who participate in music are among the academically strongest in their schools. They also have higher SAT and ACT score averages than their fellow classmates. The majority of our band students are on the Honor Roll and Principal’s List at BMS. Also, *many of our 300 band students hold top positions on the football, soccer, baseball, and track teams, and we also have students that participate in all other sports including basketball, softball, wrestling, and cheerleading.* In general, students that participate in band have their lives filled with the successes that are a direct result of their band experience: self-discipline, group cooperation, high self-esteem, understanding teamwork, developing a sense of persistence and performance confidence. Band can provide this foundation for your child. Some quick facts:

- No experience is necessary to be in 6th grade beginning band.
- Band meets every day...as your elective class for the school year.
- Students can be in band AND still participate in all school sports, 6th grade choir and all school clubs. Very little after school time is required in band.
- Every beginning student is carefully evaluated by the directors and professional teachers to determine which instrument would fit them the best and allow them to be most successful.
- We provide some school owned instruments like French horns, bass clarinets, tubas, baritones, tenor saxes, bari sax, and mallet percussion instruments. However, flutes, clarinets, alto saxes, trumpets, trombones and snare drums must be owned by the student.
- We will discuss how to get an instrument at our band parent meeting the last week of August at BMS. If you can’t make it, you can email us with questions if needed.
- We currently have 120 beginning band members and 300 students in the band program at BMS.

We are very excited about the beginning band at Blackman Middle School. It is without a doubt one of the most important aspects of the band program and an integral part of our school. These band students set the standard for future students. The beginning band year is a very rewarding and memorable experience for everyone involved. We hope that you will join us and that your son or daughter will get to share in this great experience.

Please turn in this application to your homeroom teacher. They will fill out the bottom portion. By turning in your application, we will know you are interested and we will contact you about what to do next. One note: *There is no need to purchase anything or obtain an instrument at this point. We will discuss this when school resumes in August.*

We look forward to hearing from you. Welcome to the world of music!

Sincerely,
David S.England , Joshua Yohe
Associate Band Directors

(see back for details and application)

Blackman Middle School Flames Band
6th Grade Beginning Band Application 2018-19

PLEASE PRINT!

Name (print) _____

Current School _____

Homeroom teacher _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Parent Email _____

Parent/Guardian(s) name(s) _____

Everyone will be evaluated for an instrument by the directors and placed on an instrument sometime within the first three weeks of band in August. Students will be placed on the instrument that best suits them (physically and according to aptitude). *We will send home information regarding instrument rental or purchase at that time.*

The bottom portion of this form **must** be completed and signed by the student's **homeroom teacher** for the form to be accepted.

ALL STUDENTS THAT TURN IN THIS FORM WILL BE *temporarily* SIGNED UP FOR BAND CLASS.
Membership will be finalized after all evaluations are completed.

Student signature _____

Parent or guardian signature _____

Please return completed forms to your homeroom teacher.
(If you get this online, mail to: BMS Band, 3945 Blaze Dr, Murfreesboro, TN 37128)

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-----**Homeroom teacher only**-----

Teachers, please provide the following information about this student: (circle each)

Letter grade average: A B C D F . Behavior: Exceptional Good Poor Problematic

Personality (circle all that apply): Outgoing Center of Attention Hardworking Quiet Not Motivated

Any comments about this student: _____

Teacher Signature (required): _____

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are excited to continue our STEM program at Blackman Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program is an enrichment or advanced class for high achieving students who also exhibit good behavior and leadership skills. Students in STEM will be challenged and engaged, while becoming real world problem solvers through use of the Engineering Design Process. Mr. Zach Martin is our STEM teacher, and he is passionate about working with our students on these topics.

STEM is offered as an elective course. If your child is eligible for the program, then he/she will have STEM for two quarters. The quarters would run either August through December or January through May. The other two quarters will be PE, and one other elective course.

*****Because the STEM program would be your student's elective, band and choir students that are selected may not be eligible based on scheduling conflicts. Our counselors do their best to accommodate such conflicts, but are not always successful*****

To qualify for STEM, the following criteria will be considered:

- Maintains an Honor Roll grade point average (all A's & B's)
- Consistently maintains good behavior, leadership skills, and a hard work ethic
- Teacher recommendation
- Most recent standardized math and science test scores available

If your student is interested and wants to be considered for this program, please sign and return this letter to Blackman Middle by May 25th.

If you are not able to return this letter, please e-mail Ms. Amber Thomas at thomasam@rcschools.net with your child's name and where they attended 5th grade.

I would like to be considered for the STEM program for the 2018-2019 school year at BMS.

Student name: _____

Where student attended 5th grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Blackman Middle Choir Interest Form
2018-19

Name _____

Grade for 2018-19 6th 7th 8th

Have you been in choir before? Yes No

Parent Name (print) _____

Parent email _____

Parent Phone# for text _____

Choir does not interfere with any sport or drama club. We have a minimum of two concerts in the evening, one in December and one in May. Concerts are also scheduled during the school day. Concerts are mandatory and count as a grade. The choir is a class that meets every day in place of other elective classes. If there is enough interest we will add an intervention time choir class for students who also plan to do band. There is a nominal fee for choir shirts and music. Students audition on the song of their choice. Auditions are used for voice placement.