
MEMO

To: Blue Ridge Board of Education
Mr. Ryan Peyton, Superintendent

From: Burton Huddleston, Principal, Blue Ridge Intermediate and Junior High School

Date: 6/8/2026

RE: Principal Report

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3rd	Online registration begins
August 5th&6th	Induction Days
August 6th	In person registration
August 6th	Online registration closes
August 17th	Curriculum Day
August 18th	First Knight 5:30-7:00 (5:30-6:00 4th grade only)
August 19th	First day of school

Summer Programming

BRIJHS will provide Extended School Year (ESY) services during the summer months for students who qualify through their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). Mrs. Leah Shadix will serve as the ESY teacher for both Blue Ridge Intermediate/Junior High School and Schneider Elementary School students. She will work with participating students throughout the summer on schedules developed in collaboration with families to help maintain progress toward their IEP goals and support continued academic growth.

Summer Professional Development

Our teachers will continue their professional learning throughout the summer by participating in a variety of training and collaboration opportunities designed to strengthen instruction and student outcomes. Teachers will work together to plan for a deeper implementation of the Amplify CKLA curriculum, focusing on instructional practices and alignment across grade levels. In addition, our fourth- and fifth-grade teachers will participate in training related to the implementation of the SAVVAS science curriculum to ensure high-quality science instruction for students. Teacher leaders will also engage in Professional Learning Community (PLC) facilitator training as part of our efforts to strengthen collaborative team structures and support continuous school improvement. These learning opportunities will help ensure that staff are well-prepared for the 2026–2027 school year.

5Essentials Survey

The 5Essentials were developed by the University of Chicago Urban Education Institute, in partnership with Chicago Public Schools. Past research has shown that schools strong on at least three of the five essentials are 10 times more likely to improve student learning than schools weak on three or more of the five essentials.

Our response rate from both staff and students was very high. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, the parent participation rate wasn't high enough for us to get a report of their responses. Overall, BRIJHS had a large number of indicators showing growth over a three year period. I look forward to sharing the results with the staff to help not only help guide us in areas of needed growth but also to celebrate the successes indicated on the survey.

Where is Blue Ridge Intermediate-Jr High Sch performing the highest?



Academic Press	58
Program Coherence	57
Safety	57
Teacher Influence	57

What has improved most for Blue Ridge Intermediate-Jr High Sch?



Teacher-Teacher Trust	24 + 15
Student-Teacher Trust	56 + 14
Academic Personalism	51 + 13
Teacher Influence	57 + 10
School Commitment	50 + 9



Where is Blue Ridge Intermediate-Jr High Sch performing the lowest?



Teacher-Teacher Trust	24
Collective Responsibility	40
Collaborative Practices	44
Instructional Leadership	44
Teacher-Principal Trust	45

What has decreased most for Blue Ridge Intermediate-Jr High Sch?



English Instruction	47 - 1
Parent Involvement in School	47 - 1

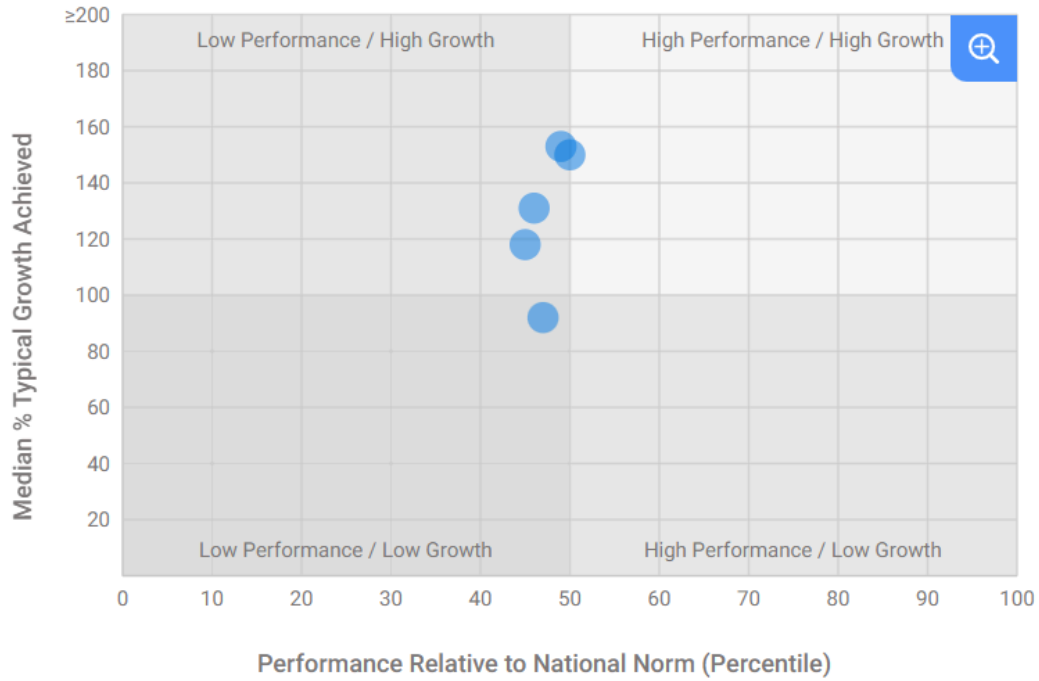
iReady Spring Diagnostic

The school wide data collected during the spring diagnostic shows that most of our grade levels demonstrated a high level of growth in both reading and math from the fall diagnostic taken in August of 2025. We will look to continue to have high growth measures in the upcoming school year and also focus on high performance in those areas too.

Student Growth in Reading Shown by **Grade**

Across the School from Fall to Spring (March 2 - End of Year)

03/02/26 - 06/30/26



Student Growth in

Math



Shown by **Grade**

Across the School from Fall to

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