

**Blackmon Road Middle School
Yearbook Application 2020-2021**

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Commitment to Excellence

Blackmon Road Middle School's yearbook, has an established tradition of creativity and stability. Each year, the staff's goal is to define and record the school year in a poignant and provoking photographic historical record that creates lasting memories of student life, sports, academics, clubs, our school community, and most importantly, the people who breathe life into our school.

Members of the yearbook staff are entrusted to plan the yearbook from cover to cover. Under student leadership, we decide all content, interview, photograph, write, design and represent Blackmon Road Middle School, a role that we take very seriously. We schedule and conduct school picture days, club pictures, and distribute the pictures. We also sell and design 8th grade ads. In short, we do it all. It's a lot of work, a lot of fun, and it's an incredible real-world publishing experience. It's a fast paced, deadline oriented team of hard workers. Truth and trust are key elements of our mission for the yearbook.

By applying for a position on the *BRMS* yearbook staff, you are accepting a trusted role in recording our school's history, becoming a member of an ILT team and an extra-curricular activity that may require work outside of school hours.

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Complete the following information and return to BRMS by emailing or mailing.

Bowen.penny.a@muscogee.k12.ga.us

I. Personal Information

Name	
Grade Level Next Year	
Home Address	
City, State, ZIP	
Email Address	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	

Please list the extracurricular activities you intend to participate in next year. List any other activities outside of school in which you will participate next year. (scouting, church, job, vocational, etc.)

II. Journalism Skills

Yes	No	
		Are you willing to work as needed after school, on weekends, or during holidays, to fulfill your responsibility in meeting deadlines?
		Do you feel comfortable writing and having your work edited?
		Do you know how to use a computer?
		Do you own a computer/laptop at home with Internet access? (not required but helpful)
		Do you own a digital camera? (not required but helpful)
		Do you know how to upload digital photos?
		Do you have experience with electronic publishing (Photoshop, PageMaker, etc)?
		Do you have your own transportation? (not required but helpful)
		Do you work well with others?

III. Personal Statement

Please explain in the box below why you think you would be an asset to the yearbook staff. Include your experiences, personality, special skills, etc. Be sure to share why you WANT to be a staff member.

BRMS Yearbook Staff Student/Parent Contract

Being a student member and a parent of a member of the yearbook staff requires a commitment. In order to avoid unnecessary conflicts concerning expectations and responsibilities, please read the contract below, the grading policy sheets, and the time commitment form before signing below.

In order to pass this journalism class, please understand that the staff member agrees to the following:

- Be on time to yearbook class every day. No unexcused tardies.
- Be constant in attendance. No unexcused absences. Excess absences may result in removal from the class.
- Refrain from action which will result in suspension in any class.
- Maintain a C average in each class he/she is enrolled.
- Complete, to the advisor's specification, all assignments.
- Behave in an adult manner during class and any yearbook activity.
- Refrain from misuse of staff privileges.
- Complete all assigned pages ON-TIME. Working on page includes the layout, obtaining pictures, writing the headline, copy, and caption, going to events covered on the pages and conducting any interviews necessary to gather information for **COMPLETING THE DEADLINE**.
- Work with a professional attitude. Strive to be fair, accurate, and to use good judgment in covering the school year.
- Work as a team player.

Failure to do any of the above items, or failure to meet any deadline (which would cause problems with the delivery of the yearbook) will result in failure of the course and removal from the yearbook class at the next grading period.

Please understand that this class is for a grade. Grading will be based on ad sales, yearbook sales, other tests, daily grades, participation grades, and periodic performance evaluations.

By signing this form you signify that you have read the above contract and agree to support the program as detailed. We also understand that our student journalist maybe asked to participate in after-hours workshops.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date