

BMS Commonly Used Terms



Schoolology

Schoolology is a learning management system (or LMS) which helps transform the traditional classroom to a twenty-first century learning experience. It allows teachers and students to share digital information, personalize learning for each student, and provide feedback for each lesson or activity. Math, ELA, and science textbooks are embedded. Many other technological tools are integrated within Schoolology to make it a collaborative virtual classroom for teachers and students.



Skyward

Skyward is a student, parent, and teacher database used throughout the entire District. It contains things such as grades, records, attendance, test scores, health history, etc. Parents, students, and teachers use Skyward often and each have their own login and access.



Related Arts

Related Arts classes are enrichment classes that are offered to all students. Students typically rotate through classes on a nine-week, semester, or yearly basis. Courses include, but are not limited to: Theater, Physical Education, Spanish, Media, Art, Chorus, Music, and Robotics.



OER (Open Educational Resources)

OER stands for Open Educational Resources and is a dynamic digital library of educational texts, media, virtual labs, interactive activities, and other digital materials. OER materials provide up-to-date, virtual resources to support teaching and learning in today's progressive environment such as interactive formative assessments with immediate feedback, simulations, and science and engineering investigation suggestions. Currently WCS uses these teacher resources to support our TN social studies in place of a student textbook.



SRO

The School Resource Officer provides a comforting level of security throughout the BMS campus.



STARS

STARS is the acronym for Students Taking a Right Stand. This school-based assistance program helps schools tackle tough issues that threaten the emotional, psychological, and academic well-being of each student. Through assemblies, classroom presentations and group/individual counseling sessions, STARS assists schools in preventing and confronting these very difficult challenges.



THRIVE

Taking Honorable Responsibility In Viking Excellence ("THRIVE") is a 40-minute class designed to empower students to take ownership of their learning. Teachers review weekly student-performance data to design "Open" and "Closed" sessions of instruction to support and enrich student learning. Students receive a THRIVE schedule each Tuesday for classes Wednesday-Friday and are encouraged to choose the THRIVE sessions that will have the greatest impact on their learning.



Connections

Connections is a non academic 25 minute period that is designed to foster connections between self and others, including community circle questions, games, outside time, and more.



Focus

Focus is a school-wide study hall period.



VAC

The Viking Athletic Club is parent volunteers who support fundraising for all sports and promote student participation, school spirit, and commitment to Brentwood Middle School athletics.



VFAC

The Viking Fine Arts Club is parent volunteers who support all arts endeavors (band, choir, orchestra, theater, and visual art) at Brentwood Middle School through fundraising, student participation, and community engagement.