

memo

To: Blue Ridge Board of Education
Dr. Hillary Stanifer, Superintendent

From: Brian Easter, Blue Ridge High School Principal

Date: June 11, 2025

Re: BRHS Board Report

Upcoming Events:

JULY

4 Marching band at Bellflower parade
11-13 Drama Department summer performances

FYI:

By the numbers -

We had 157 students enrolled at Blue Ridge High School this year. Average Daily Attendance Rate for the month of May was 94.1%. Our average attendance for the year was 91.7%. As a comparison, last year's average attendance was 89.6%, so this was a nice increase!

Chronic absenteeism is a section in our school report card from the state that affects our overall rating on the report each year. A student is considered "chronically absent" if they miss more than 10% (18 days) of school either excused or unexcused. Here is what that has looked like for BRHS in the past 4 years:

- SY22 - 30.5%
- SY23 - 28.7%
- SY24 - 32.3%
- SY25 - 28.3% (means that 28.3% of our students this year were classified as chronically absent)

Nice to see a large drop in this number for this past year. Hoping that we are able to continue to see this number trend in this direction.

14 total students failed a total of 23 classes during 2nd semester. This is down from 33 total students and 63 total classes in the first semester.

97.6% of courses taken were passed during 2nd semester. This is up from 94.3% during 1st semester.

Discipline data for the year (Also data from SY24, SY23):

- Detentions - 148 (112, 251)
 - Slight increase over last year, but still down quite a bit from 2 years ago.
- Saturday Schools - 1 (11, 6)
- In-School Suspensions - 12 (15, 26)
 - Nice to see this trend.
- Out of School Suspensions - 3 (4, 13)
 - Also a good trend.
- Electronics referrals - 88 (98, 118)
 - 45 students received a referral for electronics.
 - 21 students reached at least level 2.
 - 10 students were on a contract.
 - There were 12 contract violations for the year

Congratulations and Kudos:

Our Athletes of the Month for May are:

Girls Track - Indra Nolan - Indra has taken her throws up to the next level this year eclipsing 80' in disc as well as being a stalwart in our 4x800 team. Indra also runs the 3200 as needed to help the team in absences and to stay in shape with her running. I cannot wait to see how much Indra improves and develops for her senior year with track facilities to train on.

Boys Track - Romero Fernandez - Romero has been focused this season on improving his skills and his speed. He has come a long way in a short time with this team, but his impact has been huge.

Baseball - Preston Jiles - Preston has faced a huge battle as a freshman pitcher playing varsity baseball and he has absolutely crushed it! Junior year he is going to make a lot more noise!

Softball - Carsyn Stiger and Mya Laidley -

Carsyn is our story teller... our mental reliever. Every time we are struggling within a game, she starts to tell a story that has nothing to do with softball. Most of the time there isn't even an ending to the story... but what it does for our team is huge. It allows everyone to step away from the game for a moment and then refocus. This leadership quality is very difficult to find. Mya has a heart of gold and is a lion on the field. I've seen her run into an outfield fence many times this season while giving it her all to chase down a fly ball. She listens and responds well to advice and her growth as a player shows. I have no doubt she will accomplish anything she sets her mind to.