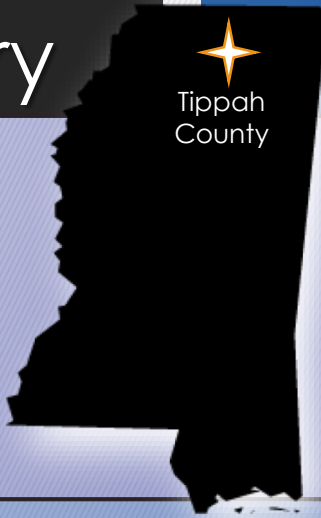




# Blue Mountain School

South Tippah School District

## Impact Story



### HIGH SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

Configuration	Pre K-12
Student Population	323
Teachers Impacted	36

- Redesign Team**
- Kelly Gates - Principal
  - Ben Knight - Graduation Coach
  - Melinda Marsalis - School Improvement Facilitator
  - Cheryl Bass - Counselor
  - Brent Grisham - Librarian/Teacher
  - Sarah Taylor - Teacher
  - Elizabeth Elliott - Teacher

### Organizing Adults

Creating structured time for tutoring, career planning and club activities.

### Students at the Center

Increase student voice by including student representation on school committees and P16 council.

### Teaching & Learning

Reimagining teaching assignments with a focus on STEM to advance student achievement.

### Postsecondary Pathways

Early warning systems serves us to keep students on track for college and career.

Graduation rate increase from 52.6% to 84.2%

*I have seen great growth at Blue Mountain over the last several years. Teachers have become more involved in student success. I have noticed that teachers are going above and beyond and treat us as individuals, sitting down with us to explain things. As a student, teachers have not only helped me with academics, but also have helped me personally as I have gone through many tough moments. We are heading in a positive direction and it's great to see!*

**Brooke Fryar, 11th grade**

### One idea that turned out better than we expected

Our graduation rate has trended upwards over the course of the last three years. We started at 52% and we are projected to be over 90% over the next two years

