

Black River Middle School Clubs

BRMS offers a variety of after-school activities. Clubs generally meet from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Parents/guardians must provide transportation home after meetings. Some clubs meet year round, while others take place seasonally. Watch the [morning announcements](#) for further information, or contact the club advisor(s).

As per [board policy](#), students who wish to participate in extracurricular activities are required to pay an annual club fee. It's a single fee that covers an individual student for one club or as many clubs as he/she chooses to join for the school year. The club fee will be collected upon joining the first club of the year. It can be paid online at [MyMealtime](#) or with a check made out to BRMS.

Abilities Awareness

Advisor: [Jen Yeager](#)

The Abilities Awareness Club is an after-school club that teaches students about disabilities. It heightens sensitivity and fosters tolerance and respect in the school community. The club offers collaborative and responsible group talks, special activities, volunteer speakers, and simulation activities.

Art

Advisor: [Sarah Smith](#)

The Art Club offers students an extended opportunity to express themselves through art. Members work on individual and group projects after school.

Chinese

Advisor: [Haiping Wang](#)

The Chinese Club is open to students who wish to experience Chinese culture. Activities include Chinese crafts, music, food, movies, and games.

Destination Imagination

Advisor: [Andrew Gray](#)

[Destination Imagination](#) is a creative problem-solving program in which students tackle one of five brain teaser challenges. Students present their challenge solutions at a statewide tournament. State winners are invited to participate in the global finals.

Digital Media/Yearbook

Advisors: [Sarah Smith](#) and [Cinthia Mullen](#)

The staff works on school-related social media projects including posting photos and videos online as well as producing the school's yearbook.

Drama

Advisor: [Doreen Aiello](#)

The Drama Club puts on an annual performance in the spring. Students participate as actors, set designers, and/or backstage crew.

English Tutor

Advisor: [Joseph Pizzo](#)

Open to all students who would like to improve and/or supplement their language arts skills.

Environmental

Advisor: [Kathleen Werner](#)

Members participate in a variety of activities to promote a “greener” school community and world.

Forensics

Advisors: [Nicole Hey](#) and [Meryl Ironson](#)

Forensics members practice the art of public speaking and demonstrate their skills at area competitions. It’s a great self-confidence booster, and lots of fun, too!

French

Advisor: [Alexandra Livesey](#)

The French Club is open to all students who wish to experience French culture. Activities include film, food, and holiday traditions.

Homework

Advisor: [Kim Dempsey](#) and [Dana Mazza](#)

Meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays and provides students with time to do their homework in a quiet, supervised environment.

Honors Music

Advisor: [Kenneth Piascik](#)

This program will further recognize, challenge, and inspire our music students. For information, visit www.brmsmusic.weebly.com.

Jazz Ensemble

Advisor: [Kenneth Piascik](#)

An auditioned group comprised of our top instrumentalists. Music varieties include standard jazz, Latin, and rock-n-roll. For information, visit www.brmsmusic.weebly.com.

Junior Model U.N.

Advisor: [Dana Mazza](#)

To explore the relationships between countries and to create solutions to global issues in order to help students become more familiar with the world they live in.

Math League

Advisor: [Nicole Hey](#)

Math League is a competition with students from all over the U.S. It offers students a variety of higher level thinking type math problems. It’s great for students with an interest in math or those who would like to improve their skills.

Math Tutor

Advisor: [Theresa Meierhofer](#)

Open to all students who would like to improve and/or supplement their math skills.

Meteorology

Advisor: [Michael Stagg](#)

Members learn basic forecasting skills and study severe weather events, investigating the science behind them with various experiments and activities. The club monitors the BRMS weather station.

Percussion Ensemble

Advisor: [Kenneth Piascik](#)

An opportunity for our percussionists to be further challenged. The music varies from drums and mallets to objects found around the house. For information, visit www.brmsmusic.weebly.com.

Science League

Advisor: [Michael Stagg](#)

Science League is a competition between schools in biology and earth science. All competitions are on two levels. The first level is as an individual, and the second level is as a team representing BRMS. The club meets weekly from October through April.

Service

Advisor: [Kathleen Werner](#)

Members work on projects that help our school and community. The club is designed to teach children the benefit of serving others.

Ski and Snowboard

Co-Advisors: [Gina Lorusso](#) and [Theresa Meierhofer](#)

Seventh and eighth grade students of all skill levels take five trips to Shawnee Mountain in the Poconos during December to February.

Spanish

Advisor: [Kathleen Werner](#)

The Spanish Club is open to all students who wish to experience the Hispanic culture. Activities include cultural crafts, guest speakers, and fiestas!

STEM

Advisor: [Andrew Gray](#)

The STEM Club offers students an extended opportunity to explore the integration of science, technology, engineering, and math.

Student Government

Advisors: [Sean McQueeney](#) and [Taryn Mansolino](#)

Members are elected by their peers to represent the student body in order to plan school-wide activities.

Technology

Advisor: [Laura Garrison](#)

Members learn about technology by troubleshooting the systems at Black River as well as through activities such as a flight simulator, 3D printing, MIT app inventor, and EZ robots.