



Buist Academy for Advanced Studies SIC Annual Report to Parents and Community 2025-26

April 2026

WHAT IS THE SIC?

In South Carolina, a School Improvement Council is an advisory council to the principal and school on issues related to school improvement. By law, every K-12 public school in South Carolina must have an SIC that is made up of parent, teacher, student (grades 9-12), and community member representatives.



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PURPOSE OF THE SIC ANNUAL REPORT

This Report is issued by the Buist Academy for Advanced Studies School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.

MISSION OF BUIST ACADEMY

Buist Academy for Advanced Studies aims to challenge students in a rigorous environment that emphasizes achievement, encourages academic excellence, and promotes respect for individual differences. Together with Charleston County School District, the International Baccalaureate Organization, and community partners, Buist Academy equips students with the knowledge, skills, and attributes necessary to take action in their local and global community.

BUIST ACADEMY SCHOOL SC READY GOALS

The percentage of students reading on grade level/scoring meets/exceeds will increase from 99% in July 2025 to 99.2% in July 2026 as measured by SC READY ELA.

The percentage of students scoring meets/exceeds will increase from 94% in July 2025 to 95% in July 2026 as measured by SC READY Math.

VISION

Buist Academy seeks to become a center of innovative teaching practices and learning for the purpose of producing accomplished scholars, life-long learners, and internationally minded citizens of the world.

BUIST FOUNDATION

We continue to enjoy strong parental involvement evidenced by our Parent Foundation. Our Foundation represents a wide range of parent, business and community partners who support the schools quest for academic excellence and international-mindedness.

www.buistacademyfoundation.org



SIC ANNUAL GOALS

By July 2026, Buist Academy for Advanced Studies will reduce the rate of chronic absenteeism from 5.9% to 4.7%, representing a 20% overall decrease in students missing 10% or more of the school year. As of April 27, 2026 the rate was 2.3%.

By July 2026, Buist Academy for Advanced Studies will increase the amount of positive referrals given to students. During the 24-25 School Year, there were 400 positive referrals given to students. We want to increase the number to at least 520, reflecting that each student gets at least one this school year. As of April 27, 2026 we are at 1,714.

2025-2026 Overall Report Card Rating

Excellent

The School's Performance substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate.

For more information you may view Buist Academy's South Carolina school report card at <https://screportcards.com/>

2025-2026 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ex-Officio Members

- Marvin Conyers - Principal
- Melanie Hofstrom - Assistant Principal
- Tracie Howe - IB Coordinator
- Janet Preston-Mack-Reading Coach

Elected/Appointed Members

- Jill Chandler-Staff/Chairman
- Amanda Kennon-Teacher
- LeAnn Gardner-Parent
- Jenny O'Shea-Parent
- Guy Rosenlieb-Community Member

BUIST ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2025-2026

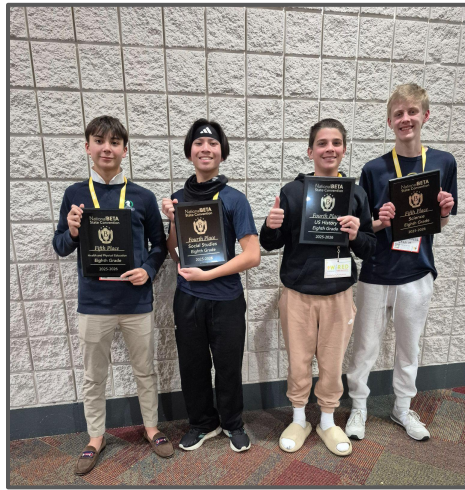
- National Blue Ribbon School (Year 2)
- New Family/Student Welcome Events
- 6th Grade Orientation (Summer)
- Foreign Language Program for all in grades 3-8
- Multiple Field Trips and Special Guests
- Differentiation of Instruction Through Digital Resources and Personalized Learning
- Annual High School Information Presentation-Virtual Fair and School Visits
- Primary Years Programme Exhibitions
- Mock Trial Team Middle School Participants
- District Spelling Bee Participants with 1st & 3rd place winners
- Social-Emotional Learning Through Second Step Curriculum
- Terrific Kids and Knights of the Month Recognition
- Knight's Roundtable Student Council (5th-8th)
- Musical Performance (*Beauty and the Beast*)
- Kids Heart Challenge
- Club Days
- Monthly Diversity & Inclusion Focus to include Hispanic Heritage Month, Veteran's Day, Black History Month, Autism Awareness, and Women's History Month
- Kindness Week
- Spirit Weeks throughout the year
- Quarterly Recognition Celebrations-Bounce Castle Day, Buist Arcade, Pi Day, and Field Day
- PBIS & House System with daily/weekly incentives
- Book Battle Team
- MYP Quiz Bowl Team
- Robotics and Lego Team
- Annual Royal Fun Run-Neon Glow Party
- Multiple Sports Teams including volleyball, basketball, tennis, soccer, baseball and flag football & golf
- 8th Grade Girls Team Volleyball Champions
- 7th Grade Boys Basketball Senior Division II Champions
- 3rd Grade Boys Basketball Champions
- BETA Club with 4 top academic awards at the BETA Club State Conference, qualifying to compete in the National Conference
- HOSA Future Health Professionals Club-Charter Year
- HOSA Future Health Professionals Club Blood Drive
- Lowcountry Food Bank Food Drive 3,945 lbs. donated
- Book Drive with the Charleston Police Department
- Jostens National Yearbook Program of Excellence-Gold (4th year awarded)
- Chess Club (3rd Grade Only)
- World Cultures Class and Events
- Family Curriculum Night (Buist-A-Mania) and Art Show
- #1 Ranked Elementary/Middle School

<https://www.schooldigger.com/go/SC/search.aspx>

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7th Grade Basketball Champions



Beta Club State Winners to Compete in National Beta Competition



Spelling Bee 1st & 3rd Place Winners



Buist LegoRobotics Team



8th Grade Girls Volleyball Champions



6th Grade Summer Orientation



3rd Grade Basketball Champions



Beauty and The Beast Musical



4th Grade Invention Convention



Buist HOSA Club Blood Drive



Buist Mock Trial Team



Arcade Day Recognition Celebration