



Buist Academy for Advanced Studies SIC Annual Report to Parents and Community 2022-23

April 2023

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. The principal is an ex-officio member of every SIC. A SIC may create additional ex-officio positions such as the school's Teacher of the Year, PTA or PTO President, past SIC Chair, or a representative of the school's Title I Advisory Committee.



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BUIST ACADEMY ADMINISTRATION



Principal: Shawntay White



Assistant Principal: Karrie Looney

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.

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 our educational endeavors at Buist Academy.

www.buistacademyfoundation.org

BUIST ACADEMY SCHOOL REPORT CARD

Buist Academy's South Carolina school report card can be viewed at [Buist Academy Elementary School SC State Report Card 2022-23](#) and [Buist Academy Middle School SC State Report Card 22-23](#).

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.

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.





SIC ANNUAL GOALS

Buist Academy will maintain academic excellence by focusing on the growth and development of the whole-child through the SC Ready Standards, social-emotional education, and the International Baccalaureate framework. The curriculum will have an emphasis on inquiry-based learning and academically accelerating students to meet their full potential. Our faculty and staff will participate in a variety of professional development opportunities to encourage the growth of a diverse learning community. Buist will continue to work with parents, guardians, and community partners to meet the needs of our school community.

BUIST ACADEMY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Special Highlights for 2022-2023

- Foreign Language Program for Students in 3rd-8th grades
- Differentiation of Instruction Through Digital Resources and Personalized Learning
- Annual High School Information Presentation-Virtual Fair and School Visits
- Middle Years Programme Community Projects
- Primary Years Programme Exhibitions
- Middle School Mock Trial Team Participants
- District Spelling Bee Participants and Finalists
- Social-Emotional Learning Through Second Step Curriculum
- Terrific Kids and Knights of the Month Recognition
- Musical Performance (Frozen Jr.)
- Kids Heart Challenge
- Club Days
- Monthly Diversity and Inclusion Focus to include Hispanic Heritage Month, Veteran’s Day, Black History Month, Autism Awareness, and Women’s History Month
- Kindness Week
- Book Battle Team
- MYP Quiz Bowl Team
- Annual Royal Fun Run
- Multiple Sports Teams including volleyball, basketball, tennis, soccer, and golf
- Lowcountry Food Bank food drive
- Book Drive
- District Math Tournament
- Girls On the Run/Heart and Sole Programs
- Chess Club
- Grades 5-8 Team Building Intramural Sports
- Essay Winner-2023 Annual TeenSpot Black History Essay Contest
- Excellent Rating on State Report Card

2022-2023 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ex-Officio Members

Shawntay White - Principal
Karrie Looney - Assistant Principal
Sara Lyle - IB Coordinator
Janet Preston-Mack-Reading Coach

Elected/Appointed Members

Jill Chandler-Staff/Chairman
Noelle Blaney-Parent/Secretary
Robert Podolsky-Parent
Wendie Kilgore-Teacher
Caleb Bradish-Community Member



Mock Trial Team

Essay Winner

22-23

Teacher of the Year
Dr. Chad Williams



Chess Club



Canned Food Drive



Theater



World Cultures



STEM



Intramurals



Quiz Bowl Team



News Crew



Clubs-Sewing

For more information you may view Buist Academy’s South Carolina school report card at www.ed.sc.gov

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