



Buist Academy for Advanced Studies SIC

Annual Report to Parents and Community

2024-25

April 2025

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.

BUIST ACADEMY ADMINISTRATION

Principal: Shawntay White



Assistant Principal: Marvin Conyers



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.



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BUIST ACADEMY SCHOOL SC READY GOALS

The percentage of students reading on grade level/scoring meets/exceeds will increase from 96.7% in July 2024 to 96.8% in July 2025 as measured by SC READY ELA.

The percentage of students scoring meets/exceeds will increase from 92.7% in July 2024 to 92.8% in July 2025 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

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.

2024-2025 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/>

2024-2025 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ex-Officio Members

Shawntay White - Principal
Marvin Conyers - Assistant Principal
Tracie Howe - IB Coordinator
Janet Preston-Mack-Reading Coach
Melanie Hofstom-Climate

Elected/Appointed Members

Jill Chandler-Staff/Chairman
Angelina Newman-Teacher
Joseph Bennett-Parent
Jenny O'Shea-Parent

Neil Sneath-Community Member

BUIST ACADEMY HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2024-2025

- National Blue Ribbon School
 - New Family/Student Welcome Events
 - 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 and Finalists
 - Social-Emotional Learning Through Second Step Curriculum
 - Terrific Kids and Knights of the Month Recognition
 - Musical Performance (*The Lion King*)
 - 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
 - Robotics and Lego Team
 - Annual Royal Fun Run-Neon Run
 - Multiple Sports Teams including volleyball, basketball, tennis, soccer, baseball and golf
 - Lowcountry Food Bank food drive
 - Book Drive with the Charleston Police Department
 - Jostens National Yearbook Program of Excellence-Gold (3rd year awarded)
 - Chess Club
 - World Cultures Class and Events
 - Family Curriculum Night (Buist-A-Mania) and Art Show
 - #1 Ranked Elementary/Middle School
- <https://www.schooligger.com/go/SC/search.aspx>