

Fast Facts

- Enrollment of 482 students
- Gifted and talented certified teachers
- 97% student attendance rate
- 63% of teachers with advanced degrees
- Authorized by IB for Primary and Middle Years Programmes
- 100% parental involvement

School Improvement Council Members

Ex-Officio Members

Shawntay White - Principal
Bryan Smith -
Assistant Principal
Sara Lyle - IB Coordinator

Members

Karrie Looney –Chairman/
Teacher
Elena Tuerk- Parent
Sherlonda Adkins - Parent
Pamela Rijo - Teacher
Sterling deVries-Community
McCown Griffin-Community

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
FOR ADVANCED STUDIES
Caring, Internationally-Minded, Life-Long Learners

Buist Academy for Advanced Studies 2016-2017 School Improvement Council's Report to Parents & Community Members

Purpose

The purpose of the Annual Report to Parents is to communicate major accomplishments of the 2016-2017 school year and progress towards fulfilling goals set for the 2017-2018 school year.



The Mission Statement

Buist Academy for Advanced Studies aims to challenge students in a rigorous environment which 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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School and Student Highlights for 2016-2017

- Ranked # 1 Elementary and Middle School in SC According to Schooldigger.com
- National Blue Ribbon Nominee
- Palmetto's Finest Award Semi-Finalist
- Palmetto Gold Award Recipients
- Foreign Language Program for Students in Grades K-8
- Differentiation of Instruction Through Digital Resources and Personalized Learning
- Annual MYP Book Symposium
- Annual High School Information Fair
- Middle Years Programme Community Projects
- Primary Years Programme Exhibitions
- Award Winning Mock Trial Team
- Community Service Focus Through House System
- District Spelling Bee Participants and Finalist
- MYP Quiz Bowl Team
- Award Winning School Chorus
- Sea Perch Participants
- Quest Competition Winners
- Student House Philanthro-Parties
- College of Charleston Science Fair Participants and Winners
- Steel Drums and Ukulele Program
- Terrific Kids Recognition
- Annual Special Person's Day
- Student Led Recycling Program
- Student Led School News Show
- Winter Music Performance and Spring Musical
- Annual Fall Festival
- Jump Rope for Heart
- 1 to 1 iPad School
- 4th-6th Grades Attended the Columbia International Festival
- Reading Awareness Month Celebrations
- Annual Career Fair
- Great Kindness Challenge Participants
- Gaillard Artist in Residence Charleton Singleton
- Student Art Gallery



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

Year In Review

The 2016-2017 academic year is proving to be another outstanding year for Buist Academy. We continue to achieve high scores on all standardized tests including SCREADY, SCPASS and Algebra EOC. We started the year with a goal to focus on student growth and children are continuing to make gains.

Our International Baccalaureate curriculum provides a framework for instruction which emphasizes inquiry, interdisciplinary connections and collaboration.

Buist Academy continues to take action in the local community and beyond by participating in various programs such as book drives and environmental clean up programs.

School Renewal Goals

We will work to maintain academic excellence through hands on inquiry driven learning, professional development for our staff and the development of professional learning communities. We will also continue to expand professional development opportunities for teachers, work to increase diversity within the school population and develop partnerships within the Charleston community.