

# Burke High School

2024–2025 Annual School

Improvement Council

Report to Parents

## A Message from the Principal

### Pathways, Certification & Innovation

Burke High School empowers every student to succeed by equipping them with the academic knowledge and social-emotional intelligence necessary to graduate college and/or career-ready. We commit to data-driven instruction and to maintain a high standard of excellence through rigorous and engaging learning experiences.

*As we move into the final stretch of the 2024–2025 school year, I wish to take a moment to reflect on the incredible momentum we’ve built together. From academic preparation and testing to student leadership, community engagement, and cultural enrichment, Burke continues demonstrating what it means to empower every scholar for success. I am deeply proud of our students, faculty, and staff who rise to every occasion with integrity and purpose. Your support as stakeholders ensures our continued progress, and I thank you for your partnership in building a thriving school culture.*

*With gratitude and high expectations,*

**Cheryl F. Swinton, Principal**



## Academic & Career Readiness

Instructional footprints were laid during the first week of school. We embraced the theme “**Re-Think, Re-Focus, and Re-Imagine Success**”, setting the tone with a school-wide assembly led by the Class of 2025. Our instructional, learning, and support teams have been vigilant in observing classrooms and engaging students in activities that provide academic and social-emotional growth opportunities. We will continue to forge ahead as we seek to empower our students for SUCCESS.



# GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT BURKE

- Our School Improvement Council (**SIC**) and **Title I Teams** meet **monthly** to allow stakeholders to engage and support existing programs and focus on continuous improvement.
- BHS offers **tutoring opportunities** Monday–Thursday from 3:45–5:30 pm.
- Teachers host office hours every week.
- BHS will host a **Bridge program** to transition rising 9th-grade students to the rigorous academic expectations of high school. We will offer two sessions during Summer 2025.
- BHS offers **Advanced Placement courses**, including AP Lang, AP Prob and Stats, AP US History, AP Computer Science Principles, AP Art Studio, and AP Seminar. Based on academic needs and requests, additional AP courses are added yearly.
- **Community partnerships** have been established with multiple organizations to benefit our students and offer them opportunities and experiences. Some of our partnerships include Communities In Schools, Doors to Dream, MUSC, Trident Technical College, Roper Hospital, the City of Charleston, and the Burke Foundation.
- BHS provides “Groceries on the Go” monthly.
- **CTE completer pathway programs** are offered in Business Information Management, Building and Construction, Culinary Arts, Health Science, and PLTW Pre-Engineering
- Burke offers **dual enrollment** courses through Trident Technical College, The Citadel, College of Charleston and NEEL- Arizona State University, Spelman College, Columbia University, Stanford University, Howard University, Morehouse College, and Wesleyan University.
- Burke offers a **variety of extra-curricular activities** and **athletic programs**, including the High Steppin’ Bulldog Marching Band, football, basketball, cheerleading, track, soccer, wrestling, and volleyball.



