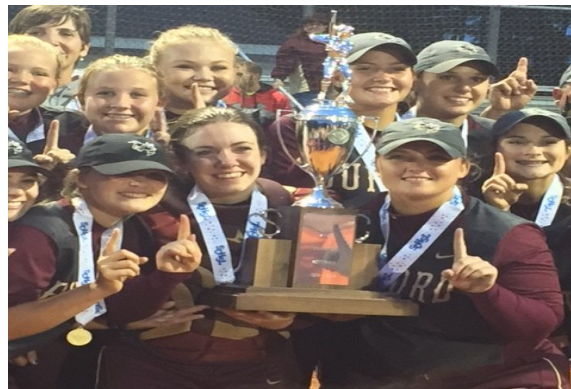

Buford High School Accomplishments/Programs

- The BHS Jr. Civitan club inducted 24 new members for the 2016-2017 year with a total of 73 members. This service-driven club seeks to better our school and community by volunteering their time to make the world a better place. This year, the club began a recycling program in connection with the Coke company. Coke provided several recycling receptacles around the school, and members collect the bottles and cans at the end of the week. Members also helped to establish a Jackets Care Pantry to assist less fortunate students within the school. Jr. Civitan members continue to donate food and personal hygiene items so that our students do not go without over the weekend or during breaks from school. The club will also assist at this year's Special Olympics held in Rock Hill, SC. Members will partner up with other LCSD special needs students and assist the students as they participate in a variety of sports-related events.
- We have many students involved in our National Honor Society, Student Council, Beta Club, Jr. Civitans, FEA, FFA, and FCA. These organizations are involved in many community activities such as blood drives, collecting food and supplies for the local HOPE food bank, having "showers" and drives for the Pregnancy Crisis Center, volunteering for Special Olympics, having "Angel Trees" at Christmas for our students in need, and doing food drives for the local SPCA just to name a few of their endeavors.
- We have a strong sports program offering football, baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, track, cross country, volleyball, golf, wrestling and cheerleading. Dakato Barton was named SC State Champion in Wrestling for the second year in a row. Our softball team won the State Championship for 2016. Our football team competed in the first round of State AA playoffs. Our cheerleaders placed 5th in the 3A State Competitive Cheer Competition. The girls basketball team went to first round playoffs.



More about Buford High School Student Enrollment

612

Number of Certified Staff

42

Number of Advanced Degrees

60%

Highly Qualified Teachers

79%

Percent of Free/Reduced Lunch

47%

Average Class Size

25

**School Improvement Council
Members**

Imogene Steele, Chairperson

Randy Mellichamp, Parent

Roslin Blackmon, Parent

Sandy Wemes, Teacher

Representative

James West, Teacher

Representative

Cory Scholl, Student Member

**Stephanie Vasquez, Student
Member**

**Steve Burrelson, Community
Member**

Buford High School
"You just can't hide that jacket pride"



2016-2017
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Annual Report to the Parents

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Buford High School is to shape sound minds and sound bodies.

OUR BELIEFS

We believe that...

- all students in our school need an equal opportunity to learn in a safe, comfortable environment, which promotes student learning.
- students learn best when they are actively engaged and are held accountable in the learning process.
- all staff will have similar and consistent expectations for student achievement, character, and behavior.
- students learn more when provided with a variety of instructional approaches where all learning styles are accommodated.
- all students participate in a life-long learning process which prepares them to be contributing members of society.
- each individual is unique and can understand and accept cultural diversity.
- students learn in a variety of ways.

Buford High School

Our parent/guardian support programs:

- **School Improvement Council** – This group meets once a month to discuss school related issues, concerns, and ways to improve our school and engage the community in support for our students and school. We are grateful to our School Improvement Council and appreciate their hard work and outstanding dedication to our students and school.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences**— Each year we hold two school-wide conferences per semester in the evenings, to give our parents the opportunity to come for a conference with their child’s teachers. This may be for academics, or to see our guidance counselors, or just to drop in and meet the faculty and staff.
- **Parent Portal on PowerSchool**—This is an information management system used by the SC Dept. of Education for all schools state wide. It also allows the parents to access their child’s grades and see teacher comments pertaining to their child throughout the school year.
- **Blackboard Connect** — This is a phone system that allows us to connect with/notify every parent in the Buford Community of any incident, event, parent-teacher conferences, or other information that a parent or student may need to know or be reminded of.

Our school strengths:

- **Student Centered** – Our faculty and staff always make the effort to make every student feel they are important and provide the opportunity for each student to learn and experience success. At BHS, we also provide our students many opportunities to become good stewards of the community through our many service organizations such as Student Council, FEA, FFA, JROTC, Jr. Civitans, NHS, SGT, and Beta Club.
- **Open Minded Staff** – Our teachers use innovated activities to improve student learning and accelerate the student’s performance. The faculty works hard to meet each student’s needs and individual learning style so the student will have the opportunity to reach their learning potential.

Our improvement/growth areas:

- **Student Engagement** – We have made a collective effort to encourage and maintain student success. We have seen a reduction in retention rates across all grade levels. Our dropout rate is also decreasing. Our ESEA (Federal Accountability Rating System) report card grade improved from a D to a B. Even though there are areas that need improvements, we are committed to making those improvements.

State of SC Annual Report Card Ratings for 2016

WorkKeys: % of Students Meeting Platinum, Gold or Silver

Applied Mathematics	95.7%
Reading for Information	99.3%
Locating Information	94.9%

Average ACT Score:

Composite	17.7%
English	16.0%
Mathematics	18.0%
Reading	17.8%
Science	18.2%
Writing	14.8%

Graduation Rate:

4 year Cohort	5 year Cohort
90.1%	79.8%

AP Exams—Passing Rate

2012	41.9%
2013	27.0%
2014	24.2%
2015	33.3%
2016	23.0%



Goals for School Improvement

- Collaborate with faculty to develop and implement effective learning strategies which are aligned with the school’s beliefs, vision, and mission.
- Increase the use of computer-based programs such as GradPoint and AP online. These programs are scaffolded to the students’ academic ability level.
- Continue to improve our rate of graduation and to work with our at-risk population to ensure that they do not drop out and they do graduate.
- Continue to improve State testing and AP scores
- Continue to encourage community involvement

Professional Development

- Our faculty participates in summer PGI/Professional Growth Institute classes. They also are involved in Professional Learning Teams (PLT) and meet once a month.
- We continue to participate in instructional technology training and workshops for integration into professional development, curriculum development, and in the classroom to improve teaching and learning.
- The BHS staff works hard to help our graduates reach goals to be successful after high school.