



Buford Middle School

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Buford Middle Schools' mission statement reads "Educating the Whole Child." This mission charges us as a school to prepare each child academically, socially and emotionally. The embodiment of these characteristics help us in the development of a student who will eventually fit the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. Buford Middle will do this through an engaging, challenging, and rigorous curriculum that equips students to be responsible lifelong learners. Buford Middle administration continues to focus on allowing our teachers the opportunities to conduct individual and small-group instruction. With this focus comes setting rigorous standards in all courses and our teachers using classroom strategies that build creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem solving and effective communication. These goals provide our students with world class instruction and skills.

In 2019, Buford served 438 students throughout Grades 6-8. In 2019, 42.4% of Buford Middle students scored "Meets" or "Exceeds" on the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready (SC READY) assessments in English, compared to a district average of 47.0% and a state average of 45.4%. Meanwhile, 36.8% of our students reached the same level on the SC READY assessment in mathematics, compared to a district average of 47.5% and a state average of 45.1%. For the 2018-19 school year, 100% of Buford Middle students who completed the End of Course assessments in English I and Algebra I obtained passing scores. In order for us to maintain and continue to grow in these areas, our team has implemented several new programs that we believe to be beneficial to the academic success of our students. Some of these programs include: Jacket Pride time, Individual Recovery Program, Homework Helpers, GROW days, Pause days within subject areas and a variety of online academic supplement programs.

We at Buford Middle school are proud to have worked with the BMS School Improvement Council to continue to support our school wide efforts and vision. This team of dedicated individuals work collectively to provide an environment that is safe and supports a rigorous academic learning environment. Prior to the effects of COVID, our team met on the 3rd Thursday of each month after school in an effort to increase the level of communication that takes place between our staff, students, parents and community members. This partnership has continued to develop positive relationships and fostered the discovery of several new collaborations that have helped to grow our students in tremendous ways. This team will continuously seek means to improve as we look forward into the next year. The most valuable assets, our children, will always be the center of our goals and objectives, as we continue developing our students in the image of the Profile of the South Carolina graduate.