

Goals for School

Improvement:

- Continue to improve PASS scores for all students
- Increase the use of technology within our building.
- Increase community involvement.

Professional Development:

- Our faculty continues to participate in Making Middle Grades Work program and NetScope Programs.
- We hold Professional Learning teams to increase student success.
- We continue to increase the technology skills of our teachers and students.



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Accomplishments/Awards

- Our National Junior Honor Society has grown by 30 students.
- We began our National Junior Honor Art Society this year to recognize those students who excel in the arts.
- Our students raise money for Hope of Lancaster, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and for many local charities throughout the School year.
- BMS has a strong athletic program. We have volleyball, cheerleading, football, wrestling, and basketball. Our students may also participate in the high school athletic programs.
- Our students have earned recognition as junior scholars, MLK writers, and Celebrate Great Teaching.



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2013-2014

School Improvement Council Annual Report to Parents

Buford Middle School

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Our Mission Statement
Educating the Whole Child

Our Beliefs:

- We believe all children can learn.
- We believe that students learn in a variety of ways.
- We believe that all students should be exposed to different cultures and backgrounds.
- We believe that our school should be a safe environment that students consider warm and

OUR SCHOOL STRENGTHS:

- * **Student Centered**-In all administrative decisions made at Buford Middle School the student comes first. The staff takes great pride in the helpful and caring attitude of our school and community. Our faculty and staff always takes the effort to make sure that Buford Middle School is a good place to be.
- * **Open Minded Staff**-Our teachers use innovative 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 are focusing on student attendance as well as academics for our students. With a greater percentage of student engagement and encouraging student attendance, we believe we would show positive gains in test scores and the overall well being of all students.

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Our parent/guardian support programs:

- Every student receives a progress report and a report card each nine weeks.
- Parent/teacher conferences are held 4 times each year. This gives parents the opportunity to speak to teachers, meet with our administration/guidance or simply drop by.
- **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.
- **eChalk**- Is a web based site offering another means for keeping parents informed about class activities, upcoming deadlines, and student progress. Each teacher, as well as the school, has their own site that parents may visit. All areas of the school are represented on the website: the administration, academics, exploratory classes, the media center, guidance, and sports. Faculty and staff contact information is also included on the site at: <http://bms.lancasterschools.org>
- **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.

State of SC Annual Report Card Ratings

For 5 year Period

2009: Absolute Rating: Average
 EOC Pass Rate Alg I: 98%
 Adequate Yearly Progress: Met 19 out of 21 Objectives.

2010: Absolute Rating: Average
 EOC Pass Rating Alg I: 100%
 Adequate Yearly Progress: Met 19 out of 21 Objectives

2011: Absolute Rating: Average
 EOC Pass Rate Alg. I: 100%
 Adequate Yearly Progress: Met 13 out of 21 Objectives.

2012: Absolute Rating: Average
 EOC Pass Rate Alg. I: 100%
 Overall Grade Conversion: B

2013: Absolute Rating: Average
 EOC Pass Rate Alg. I: 100%
 Overall Grade Conversion: B

