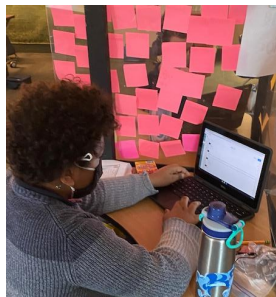


Awards and Grants

- Best Teacher Grant Recipient
- College of Charleston Lowcountry Regional Science and Engineering Fair Award Winners
- Atlantic Institutes Art & Essay Award Winners
- SC National History Day Winners



Mission

Buist Academy for Advanced Studies aims to challenge students in a rigorous environment that 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.



Fast Facts

- Enrollment of 539 students
- Gifted and Talented endorsed teachers
- 97% student attendance rate
- Authorized by IB for Primary and Middle Years Programmes
- 2017 National Blue Ribbon School

Teacher of the Year
2020-2021
Wendie Kilgore



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Buist Academy for Advanced Studies

2020-2021

Annual School Improvement Council
Report to Parents & Community
Members

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<http://buist.ccsdschools.com>

Administration

Shawntay White, Principal

Karrie Looney, Assistant Principal



Vision

Buist Academy seeks to become a center of innovative teaching practices and learning for the purpose of producing accomplished scholars, life-long learners, and internationally minded citizens of the world.

Purpose

The purpose of the Annual Report to Parents is to communicate major accomplishments of the 2020-2021 school year and report progress towards fulfilling goals set for the current school year.

Special Highlights for 2020-2021

- Foreign Language Program for Students in 1st-8th grades
- Differentiation of Instruction Through Digital Resources and Personalized Learning
- Annual High School Information Presentation-Google Site
- Middle Years Programme Community Projects
- Primary Years Programme Exhibitions
- Middle School Mock Trial Team Participants
- District Spelling Bee Participants and Finalists
- Social-Emotional Learning Through Second Step Curriculum
- Terrific Kids and Knights of the Month Recognition
- Virtual Winter Music Performance
- Kids Heart Challenge
- Monthly Celebrations including Hispanic Awareness Month, Veteran's Day, Literacy Awareness Month, Black History Month, and Women's History Month
- Kindness Week with Random Acts of Kindness
- MYP Quiz Bowl Team
- Annual Royal Fun Run
- Multiple Essay and Art Contest Winners
- Multiple Sports Teams including volleyball, basketball, soccer, and golf
- Lowcountry Food Bank food drive
- Established a District Math Tournament

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

Year In Review

The 2020-2021 academic year was outstanding for Buist Academy. Though instruction had to be conducted virtually for some students, we continued providing meaningful learning opportunities. Our goal was student growth, and we were able to continue providing quality educational experiences.

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

Buist Academy will maintain academic excellence by focusing on the growth and development of the whole-child through the SC Ready Standards, social-emotional education, and the International Baccalaureate framework. The curriculum will have an emphasis on inquiry-based learning and academically accelerating students to meet their full potential.

Our faculty and staff will participate in a variety of professional development opportunities to encourage the growth of a diverse learning community. We will continue to work with parents, guardians, and community partners to meet the needs of our school community.

2020-2021 Goals

- All students will meet or exceed end-of-the-year grade-level targets as assessed by Fastbridge and MAP assessments.

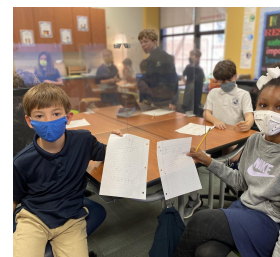
School Improvement Council Members

Ex-Officio Members

Shawntay White - Principal
Karrie Looney - Assistant Principal
Sara Lyle - IB Coordinator
Janet Preston-Mack-Reading Coach

Elected/Appointed Members

Jill Chandler-Staff/Chairman
Ashley Wright-Parent/Vice-Chairman
Ami Calhoun-Parent/Secretary
Marvin Conyers-Teacher
Officer Bradish-Community Member
Sterling DeVries-Community Member



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

