

Buist Academy for Advanced Studies

ADMISSIONS SCREENING PROCEDURES

Buist Academy Admissions Procedures:

Applicants to Buist Academy for Advanced Studies may apply for admission through the School Choice process during the annual open application timeline. Typically this process occurs in the winter prior to the beginning of the next school year. Buist Academy is a countywide magnet school that accepts students using admission criteria.

Grades Offered in 2020-21: 1 - 8 **No additional students will be added in grades 1 and 2.*

Buist Application Priorities (in order):

Expansion Classes Grades 3 - 6:

For 2020-21 only, we will be expanding classes for grades 3-6. For expansion classes, priority will be given for students scoring at the 75th percentile or higher on current winter MAP Reading and Math who are zoned for an elementary school in Charleston County with a poverty index equal to or greater than 80 percent.

Seat Openings (due to student withdrawals):

A random lottery selection for students meeting entrance criteria will be applied. A random lottery selection for students meeting entrance criteria will be applied from the following priority categories: sibling of currently attending Buist student, resident of District 20, other designated schools, countywide applicants.

After applications are processed, an email will be sent (to the email address provided on the application) informing parents that the application has been accepted.

FILLING OPENINGS: **No additional students will be added in grades 1 and 2.*

- As seats become available, openings are filled at Buist Academy from specific grade-level waiting lists.
- After kindergarten, students most recent achievement test score results will be used to make selection decisions. If your child does not have any test scores, arrangements will be made for testing.

Additional Information:

- Students who were accepted from the District 20 list must maintain their primary residence in District 20 while their child is enrolled at Buist. If they move out of the District 20 area, they must withdraw their child from Buist.
- Grade-level openings vary based on vacancies.
- Process for Military dependents – Families will be required to provide appropriate documentation showing the student is currently enrolled in an IB (International Baccalaureate) school. This does not preclude Buist Academy from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement and continued enrollment of the student. The deadline for these applications will be the last day in May of the current year. Military families must also attach a copy of the military reassignment documents that clearly state the date the specific family's reassignment was received. Additional space specifically for military families will be made available, within limits, as determined by the Superintendent and staff.

