

# Buist Academy for Advanced Studies

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### **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 2022-23: 3 - 8**

### **Buist Application Priorities (in order- for applicants meeting eligibility criteria):**

1. 1st Priority - D20 zoned students attending D20 schools
2. 2nd Priority - Students zoned for D20 schools
3. 3rd Priority - Students in all other constituent areas zoned for CCSD high poverty schools
4. 4th Priority - All other countywide applicants
5. 5th Priority - All other applicants



**All seats, including any seats created due to student withdrawals, will be filled according to the following process:**

#### **Step 1: Students must first meet eligibility criteria A and/or B.**

##### **● Eligibility Criteria A: Gifted and Talented Identification**

Applicants **identified as academically gifted** based on the student meeting state-identification criteria. Local identification criteria may not be used for determination of state-identification. \*Official documentation must be provided.

##### **● Eligibility Criteria B: High Achievement Assessment**

**75<sup>th</sup> national percentile** or better on both the winter MAP Reading and winter MAP Math assessment conducted in-person for the application school year. MAP Reading and Math scores from a virtual test administration will not be considered for eligibility purposes.

- Winter MAP assessment scores administered in-person and submitted from an accredited school district are accepted for review by the School Choice Office.
- Applicants who do not have a MAP assessment score for the winter in-person administration of the current school year will be scheduled for one of predetermined in-person administration dates for the MAP assessment administration sponsored by CCSD.
- One opportunity for make-up will be offered for students who are unable to attend their initial scheduled in-person testing date.

#### **Step 2: All applicants meeting eligibility criteria A and/or B will be included in the lottery.**

#### **Step 3: Based upon available seating priority levels, and lottery number, applicants will be seated.**

**\*\*\*Transportation to and from centralized location is provided to all students who live in Charleston County and attend Countywide Magnets.**

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### Additional Buist Academy Admissions Process Information:

- Sibling priority and twin policy will be applied within each priority level.
- Grade-level openings vary based on vacancies.
- In order to receive priority seating for attending a D20 school, students must be enrolled in a CCSD D20 school during the first semester of the application year and maintain continuous enrollment in a D20 CCSD school throughout the end of the school year. Withdrawal from CCSD prior to the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year will result in the release of the accepted Buist seat, or removal from a waitlist status.
- In order to receive priority seating for zoned to attend a D20 school, applicants must provide proof of residency for the zoned D20 school by the registration deadline.
- 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.

***Notice of Buist Admissions Process Seating Priority Changes Beginning 2023-2024 for Memminger Elementary  
2nd-grade Advanced Academic Cohort and zoned applicants  
(who meet Buist admissions criteria, and submit a school choice application to Buist by the established deadline)***

- Beginning in the 2023-24 School Choice application cycle for grade 3 Buist applicants only, the following priorities will apply:
  - 1st Priority seating will be applied for all applicants **attending Memminger Elementary** who either entered through the 2020-21 Inaugural Memminger Elementary Advanced Academic Kindergarten Cohort or are zoned to attend
  - 2nd Priority - D20 zoned students attending D20 schools
  - 3rd Priority - Students zoned for D20 schools
  - Students in all other constituent areas zoned for CCSD high poverty schools
  - All other countywide applicants
  - All other applicants
- Beginning in 2026-27, Memminger applicants to Buist for grade 6 will also be seated as above. All other grade level seat openings will follow the seating priorities established in 2022-2023