

Buist Academy for Advanced Studies

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Focus/Description:

<https://buist.ccsdschools.com>

Buist Academy for Advanced Studies is an academic magnet school established in 1985. The school provides a rigorous curriculum emphasizing language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, and foreign languages. All students study French or Spanish. In 2007, Buist became an authorized International Baccalaureate World School for the Primary Years Programme (PYP). In September 2010, Buist was fully authorized as a Middle Years Programme (MYP) as part of the International Baccalaureate School.

School Category: Countywide with admissions criteria

Grades Offered: 3-8

Entrance into Buist Academy is a three-step process:

- Applying through the School Choice application process
- All applicants meeting eligibility criteria
A and/or B will be included in the lottery
- Lottery, priority levels, and selection of seats

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.

- Grade 2 academically gifted state-identification in South Carolina is based on aptitude, achievement and/or performance.
- Academically gifted state-identification in a state outside of South Carolina will be accepted, upon verification of state identification of applicant. Local GT identification criteria is not accepted for eligibility.

Eligibility Criteria B: High Achievement Assessment

75th national percentile or better on both the winter MAP Reading and winter MAP Math assessment conducted in-person for the application school year. MAP scores from virtual administrations will not be accepted.

- 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 two predetermined in-person administration dates for the MAP assessment administration sponsored by CCSD. Winter MAP retests will not be scheduled and retest scores will not be accepted
- One opportunity for make-up will be offered for students who are unable to attend their initial scheduled in-person testing date.

Description of Placement Process: All applicants meeting the eligibility criteria will be included in the lottery. 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.****

2022-2023 Buist Academy Seating Priorities:

(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

Note: Sibling priority and Twin policy will be applied within each priority level. All applicants should review the 2022-2023 Buist Academy Admissions Screening Procedures for detailed application guidelines and requirements.

Find out more by visiting: <https://www.ccsdschools.com/families/students/choice>

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Students interested in being considered for admission should submit an application by published deadline.

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