



Buford Middle School

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The Buford Middle School motto is "Ready for Greatness." Each year, the school makes greater and greater strides in addressing the academic, social, and personal needs of adolescent learners. Staff members and students have worked together to develop high expectations for academic success and personal responsibility. Such collaboration creates a strong school community in which students, teachers, and parents are partners in the learning process.

Through a comprehensive program of study that details courses for grades 6-12, Buford prepares its students for success in high school and beyond. Parent conferences are held several times during the year to make sure that both students and parents fully understand what progress is being made toward high school graduation. Honors level courses are offered in some subjects for students who are ready for accelerated learning.

Classes follow a block schedule for sustained learning and a sharper focus on core classes. Teachers use the "Understanding by Design" model to create lesson plans that fully engage students for longer class periods and develop higher order thinking skills.

Buford has one of the strongest site-based athletics program in the area, offering more than 20 activities year-round. Approximately half of the students participate in at least one school sport. Other after school clubs are devoted to drama, yearbook, gardening, and student council. Students can stay after school to receive academic help. In all, 75% of the student body participates in an extra-curricular activity—academic, fine arts, or sport—during the school year.

In order to educate all students so that they will become responsible and productive citizens in a culturally diverse society, Buford employs a rich variety of enrichment and intervention resources so that every student can identify and nurture his or her talents.

Buford Middle School sponsors multiple community service projects throughout the year. On Veteran's Day, Buford invites CCS staff members who are

veterans and other community veterans to attend a special Veterans Day of Recognition at the school. The veterans visit classes, have lunch, and are treated to a special concert and assembly.

The Buford Schoolyard Garden is a unique learning environment where students explore connections between food, health, and the environment through hands-on activities that are fully integrated into the curriculum

History of Buford

Named in honor of Charlottesville educator Florence Buford, Buford Middle School opened its doors in August 1966 as one of two junior high schools. (Walker School was the other.) In 1988, Buford became the City's only middle school, housing grades 7 and 8. Walker became an upper elementary school, serving grades 5 and 6.

Awards and Recognitions

The Buford Knowledge Master team took 1st place out of 170 schools in their national enrollment category, sixth place out of 22 Virginia schools, and 25th place out of all competing schools during the 54th Knowledge Master Open academic competition.

The Buford Middle School Orchestra won the 2011 Grand Championships at Fiesta-Val musical competitions in Williamsburg. The BMSO earned a Superior Rating and two Outstanding Section Awards for the Cello Section and Bass sections.

Seventeen students from the Buford Middle School Orchestra program were selected to participate in the 2011 Junior Regional Orchestra.

The Buford Band Program reached a major milestone when the Buford Symphonic Band received straight Superior Ratings at the Virginia Band Directors' Association Concert Festival. This marks the 28th consecutive year that the Buford Band program has achieved a Superior rating at the District Level.

Buford students took top prizes at the Division 4 regional competition for 2011 National History Day including a 1st place and 2 honorable mentions in the

individual exhibit category and a 2nd place for the paper category. One Buford student won 2nd place in the Historical paper category at the State level and participated in Nationals.

In 2011, The Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF) Future Fund gave the City Schoolyard Garden at Buford a \$50,000 grant to support the garden and the educational programs centered around gardening at Buford.

Buford students won awards in the 2011 Annual Virginia Piedmont Regional Science Fair including 3 first place awards, 6 second place awards, 4 third place awards, 9 honorable mentions and 3 special awards.



A 7th grader at Buford Middle School, was named the first place winner in the Virginia School Boards Association 2011 Central Regional Art Contest.

Opportunities for Parent Involvement

Buford has an active PTO that organizes special events such as the book fair to support school programs. Athletic events at Buford attract hundreds of cheering fans. International Night is a popular school tradition that features international foods, exhibits, and performances. The annual school Health Fair is held in conjunction with a Community 5K Walk/Run to encourage fitness as a family activity.

What Parents Say about Buford School:

The guidance department at Buford is wonderful! Such a great support system for the students. Buford is a great place to learn! Keep up the good work!

My children have had wonderful dedicated teachers at Buford and their math classes have been especially worthwhile. The music program is also stellar and has added a great deal to the lives of children at Buford.

School Population (June 2011)

Enrollment: 477
Asian/Pacific Islander: 4.0%
African American: 48.4%
Hispanic: 6.7%
White: 40.9%
ESL students: 15.1%
Gifted students: 29.4%
Special Education students: 14.7%
Pupil/teacher ratio: 16.25:1

Buford Athletics Program & Clubs

- Garden Club
- Drama Club
- Yearbook
- Knowledge Master Club
- Student Council Association
- Girls Volleyball
- Football
- Girls Cheerleading
- Fencing Club
- Tennis Club
- CHS Junior Varsity Athletics
- Boys & Girls Basketball
- Wrestling
- Youth Motor Sports Club
- Baseball
- Softball
- Lacrosse Club
- Outdoor Track

