

Buford High

Yellow Jackets

Our demographics

School principal: Michael Belk **Began at school:** 2018 **In district:** 2018 **In education:** 2001
Grades served: 9-12 **Enrollment:** 575 **Economic status:** 50.5% free & reduced lunch
Diversity: 86% White, 9% African-American, 0.2% Hispanic, 0.004% Asian, 0.4% Other
Number of teachers: 43 **Classified:** 14 **Administrators:** 3 **Counselors:** 2 **Media specialists:** 1
Other: Resource Officer, Nurse, Testing Coordinator/Global Career Development Facilitator, Instructional Technology Specialist
Teachers with advanced degrees: 60% **Teacher attendance:** 95.8% **Student attendance:** 92.8%

Our mission

The mission of Buford High School is to shape sound minds and sound bodies.

Our motto

“Can’t hide that Jacket P.R.I.D.E.”

Our facilities

Date main building was built: 1993 **Date of renovations:** N/A
Square feet: 135,703 **Number of computers:** 276 **Number of classrooms:** 44 (including MP Building)
Specialty areas: 4 computer labs, a multipurpose building including scene shop, dressing rooms, athletic training room, five flex rooms, performance athletic space and three health science and sports medicine classrooms.

Our school programs

- **Distance learning classes** – Students have the opportunity to take advanced placement classes and classes for USCL through our distance learning classes.
- **Health Science Technology** – This program provides an opportunity for completer students to become certified nursing assistants.
- **CATE completer programs in the following career clusters** – Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources; Architecture & Construction; Business Management & Administration; Education & Training Careers and Human Services; Sports Medicine.

Our co-curriculum, clubs, athletics

- **Athletics**
 - Football
 - Basketball
 - Cheerleading
 - Volleyball
 - Wrestling

- Baseball & Softball
- Golf – Boys & Girls
- Soccer
- Track
- Cross Country
- **Clubs/Organizations**
 - Academic Challenge
 - Beta Club
 - Chorus
 - Drama Club
 - Educators Rising
 - Fellowship of Christian Athletes
 - Future Farmers of America
 - National Honor Society
 - Rifle/Drill Team Club
 - Seth’s giving Tree
 - Theater

Our parents/parent support programs

- **School Improvement Council**
- **Band Booster Club**
- **Athletic Booster Club**
- **Teacher Appreciation Activities** are supported by the SIC, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Teacher Cadets, National Beta Club and National Honor Society.
- Most sports and clubs have **fundraisers** to support themselves and/or give to the community.

Our school strengths

- **School and Community Pride** – From the parents that serve on the SIC to the parents that are financially and spiritually supporting all of our school functions, school and community pride abound at BHS.
- **Our staff** – Certified and classified staff are always willing to make the effort to see that Buford High School is a good place to be. It is an “All In” effort on everyone’s part to build “The Ideal Buford Graduate”.
- **Our students** – Students show a strong sense of pride in their school and community.
- **Opportunities** – Students have the opportunity to build world class knowledge, world class skills and life and career characteristics through our offerings in the areas of academic, athletics and the arts.
- **Sports** – A large number of students participate and the community is a great supporter of the programs.

Our honors & awards

- National Beta School of Merit – 2016-2017, 2017-18
- Palmetto Gold Recipient – 2010-11, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2018-19
- Future Farmers of America: Gold Start Chapter 2017-2020
- Governor’s Citation for Growing Leaders 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20
- BHS JROTC – Accredited in Excellence – Gold Staff Recipient – 2020-21