

Buford Middle

Yellow Jackets

Our demographics

School principal: Sheri Wells **Years at school:** 8 **Years in district:** 28 **In education:** 28
Grades served: 6 – 8 **Enrollment:** 492 **Economic status:** 55% free & reduced lunch
Diversity: 98% White, 0.1% African-American, 1% Hispanic, 1% Asian
Number of teachers: 28 **Classified:** 10 **Administrators:** 2 **Counselors:** 1 **Media specialists:** 1
Other: Full-time nurse
Teachers with advanced degrees: 84.5% **Teacher attendance:** 95.5% **Student attendance:** 94.9%

Our mission

The Mission of Buford Middle School, in cooperation with parents and the community, is to provide our students with an education that will make them life-long learners by gearing our curriculum toward educating the whole child.

Our facilities

Date main building was built: 1956 **Date of renovations:** 1998, 2001, 2006
Square feet: 59,193 **Number of computers:** 196 **Number of classrooms:** 39
Specialty areas: 2 computer labs, 1 Mobile iPad lab

Our school programs

- **Exploratory Opportunities** – We offer courses to foster the artistic and varied interest of our middle school students outside the core curriculum. We have a strong Arts program that features choral music, drama, band, and all art mediums.
- **Student recognition** – We focus on recognizing students for both academic and character excellence. Rewards are given weekly, monthly, and each grading period.
- **Uniform Dress Code** – The uniform dress code outlines basic colors and styles that may be worn.
- **Service Learning** – Each year our students log many hours in service learning providing valuable learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
- **Character Education** – This program supports academic achievement and improves discipline for our school.
- **Literacy Program** – We have a strong reading program that encourages all children to become life-long readers. This includes a summer reading program with many incentives for our readers.

Our co-curriculum, clubs, athletics

• **Athletics:**

Football	Middle School Soccer	Golf
Volleyball	Basketball	Track
	Cheerleading	

• **Clubs:**

Jr. Beta Club	First Priority	Drama
Band	Student Council	Book Club
Chorus	Yearbook Staff	

• **Service/Community Organizations**

Mentoring	Annual American Red Cross	Seth’s Hope
Families and Schools	Community Food Bank (Hope)	March of Dimes
Together (FAST)	Shamrocks for Muscular	Hoops-for Hearts
Math-a-thon	Dystrophy	Relay for Life Team
Relay for Life	Seth	

Our parents/parent support programs

- **PTO** – Our Parent Teacher Organization is a strong supporter of our school. This group of dedicated individuals helps raise money to support our school in all areas and helps promote the many positive things that are happening in our school.
- **SIC** – Our School Improvement Council meets quarterly to discuss school-related issues and concerns.
- **eChalk** – Our web-based site allows parents to stay informed of school activities, classroom deadlines, and students’ progress.
- **Powerschool** – This web-based program allows parents to access their child’s grades daily.

Our school strengths

- **Strong, dedicated faculty and staff** – Most of the teaching staff at BMS has advanced educational degrees and many years of experience. They are a group of caring individuals who are willing to do what ever is necessary to ensure student success.
- **Community service focus** – Our student body and faculty participate in programs designed to make the world a better place. From adopting highways to collecting food for Hope, our students have shown their willingness to give of themselves.
- **Student-centered school** – BMS is a student centered school. All decisions are based around what is



best for students.

- **Small, rural school** – Buford Middle School is a small school, free of many of the troubles that plague larger facilities. The Buford Schools are located in close proximity, which allows students easy transition from one school to another.
- **PTO/SIC Involvement** – These organizations are very strong and are willing to work diligently toward goals set. They raise large amounts of money each year to be used for the improvement of the school.
- **Literacy Program** – Our literacy program has won local and state honors.

Our honors & awards

- **Awards for Community service from Relay for Life, The MDA Society, March of Dimes Math-a –Thon, and The American Red Cross**
- **Athletic Awards - Football, Basketball, and Cheerleading**
- **EIA Grant Recipients**
- **Mini Service Grant Recipients**
- **Junior Scholars**
- **Duke TIP Recipients**
- **Lancaster County Youth Art Show Winners**
- **Young Writers Conference Winners**
- **Marching Band Upper-State and State Awards**
- **Pre-honors Science and Social Studies Recipients**
- **National Board Certified Teachers**
- **Teachers of the Year**
- **State-wide Winner “No Book Left Unread”**
- **Palmetto Gold and Silver Award 2011-12**