

# 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:** 89% White, 8% African-American, 2% Hispanic, 0.5% 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:** 67%    **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.
- **USC-L Dual Credit on campus**
- **York Tech opportunities on campus**

### 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
  - Archery/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