

## Accomplishments

- Busbee was awarded the Palmetto Silver Award from the South Carolina Department of Education.
- Sixth grade social studies teacher, Sarah Weaver, was named Busbee's 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year.
- Seventh and eighth grade students were able to strengthen their fine arts skills by auditioning for advance classes in art, drama, dance, and chorus.
- Asher Kay was Busbee's Sertoma Essay winner.
- Busbee had 15 students participate in the SC Speech and Theatre Association Middle School Festival Competition. Lucy Greiswell, Shannon Hagains, D'Aisha Edwards, Sam Yeorgan, and Tyler Hass won second place for Group Acting. Joseph Young and Logan Ard won third place for Duet Acting.
- Busbee had 39 students participate in the district art show with a total of 78 art entries.
- The 6th Annual Dance & Drama District Showcased 23 Busbee students.
- Busbee had 54 students inducted into the National Junior Beta Club.
- Paw Der and Asher Kay were named Junior Scholars for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Christina Brown, Malachi Brown, Sierra McKnight, Dajuan Richardson, and Justin Smith were named Myrdis Walker Scholars for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Busbee Creative Arts Academy hosted Lexington School District Two's 3rd annual Day of Dance with 142 students from Busbee and Saluda River participating in the event.
- Busbee had 30 students participate in Auntie Karen's Master Class with Al Jarreau.
- The Archery Club competed in Myrtle Beach, SC for the first time as team.

## Busbee Creative Arts Academy Mission

Through a comprehensive arts and technology infused curriculum, Cyril B. Busbee Creative Arts Academy, in partnership with parents and the community, will prepare students for a successful transition to high school.

### We believe in an exemplary school:

The curriculum involves teaching strategies that are hands-on, real world, motivating, and interdisciplinary.

The curriculum focuses on instruction that is arts and technology infused.

The curriculum involves common goals and teacher collaboration.

The staff participates in professional development opportunities.

The school environment promotes professionalism towards all students and faculty.

The school environment provides simple, consistent, and realistic rules that reward good behavior and help maintain a positive and disciplined working environment.

The home-school relations improve with innovative ways to communicate with parents.

The school community provides resources through service learning opportunities, mentors, classroom speakers, business contributions to curriculum, and finances.



*Report to the Parents  
2015-2016*

## *Purpose of the Report to the Parents*

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The School Improvement Council at Busbee Creative Arts Academy has prepared this report for you and community members interested in our school in accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Academic Act (Act 135) of 1992.

Busbee Creative Arts Academy is renewing the focus on arts infusion. Busbee has approximately 340 students, grades six through eight. Busbee's attendance areas include Cayce and West Columbia.

This report reflects the goals and strategies that are outlined in our School Improvement Plan for 2012-2018 school years.

### *SIC Members, Chair*

Donna Wilmot, Chair

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Sarah Weaver, Teacher

Jennifer White, Parent

## *Accomplishments Toward School Improvement Plan Goals*

**Performance Goal #1: By 2017, students in grades 6-8 will meet or exceed PASS met or above targets by content area: ELA - 80%, Math - 80%, Science - 75%, and Social Studies - 80%.**

- We continue to provide opportunities for teachers to attend content related conferences and workshops.
- We continue to use formative assessments to drive our instructional decisions.
- We began studying the Arts in Basic Curriculum Project. As a result of our study, we have written a Fine Arts Strategic Plan and have been awarded the Arts in Basic Curriculum Grant through the SC Arts Commission.

**Performance Goal #2: By 2017, school report card surveys will show at least 92% of parents and teachers will agree or strongly agree that the district provides a safe and healthy learning environment.**

- We continuously improve our emergency safety procedures to reflect the newest law enforcement recommended safety protocol.
- The Bulldog Brief continues to serve as an electronic communication tool from the principal to all of the stakeholders.
- The faculty and staff participated in Child Abuse and Neglect Training; Reporting and Signs & Symptoms of Abuse and the More than Sad: Suicide Prevention Training as required by the Jason Flatt Act.

**Performance Goal #3: By 2017, the number of suspensions (In-School Suspension and Out of School Suspension) will decrease by 12%.**

- The students meet once a month in their mentor groups to work on activities that promote positive social and emotional health.
- We continue to meet with parents to discuss their student's progress, both academically and behaviorally.
- We continue to use classroom guidance lessons to address behavior concerns with students.
- We implemented a Positive Behavior Intervention and Support system that reinforces the positive behaviors every student and staff member should display.

**Performance Goal #4: By 2017, the school will have a minimum of five formal business partnerships.**

- We continue to maintain our database of business and community partners.
- We continue to use the school's Twitter and FaceBook account as a way to promote the activities at school.

**Performance Goal #5: By 2017, classes taught by highly qualified teachers will be 100%.**

- Teachers are surveyed about their professional development needs.
- We schedule weekly meetings so teachers can collaborate in their Professional Learning Communities.
- We monitor classroom instruction through AdvancED's Effective Learning Environment Observation Tool.