

# Vision, Mission, and Beliefs

## Vision Statement

Burke County Schools will exemplify a quality system that is respected for high standards, outstanding performance, and excellence in student achievement.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Burke County School System is to ensure that all students will graduate with the necessary skills to function successfully in a global society.

*NOTE – Our Vision and Mission Statement serves our school system and each school. Both statements were re-visited, studied and approved by System Level Planning (SLP) and our Board of Education.*

## System Belief Statements

### 1. Student Performance

All students will experience a high quality, data-driven, and academically challenging learning environment, designed to meet their unique needs, to help them become socially responsible citizens, to enhance their opportunities, and to facilitate their post-secondary goals.

### 2. Stakeholder Engagement

A strong partnership among employees, students, families, and the community is essential for optimal student achievement, advancement of our community, and fulfillment of civic responsibility in our society.

### 3. Organizational Effectiveness

The recruitment, hiring, and retention of a highly qualified and effective faculty, staff, and administration is vital to the development and sustainability of a positive climate, culture, and learning environment.

### 4. Continuous Improvement

Continuous improvement is non-negotiable and fostered through systemic planning and assessment, building capacity, maximizing resources, collaboration, partnerships, professional learning, networking, transparency, communication, stakeholder feedback, and utilization of current trends and technologies.

*NOTE – Guided by the work of each AdvancED Standard 1 Committee, the system and school Belief Statements are unique and based on the four guiding principles of our Strategic Plan.*