



Peninsula Promise: Building Arts

Partnership with American College of Building Arts at Burke HS

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Burke Admissions Procedures

Applicants to Burke for the **American College of the Building Arts Partnership** may apply for admission through the School Choice process during the March 1-31 open application timeline. Burke is a countywide magnet school that accepts students using admission criteria. **Launching August 2026**

Grades Offered: 9-11

Transportation: Provided to and from centralized location for all students who live in Charleston County and attend Countywide Magnets per CCSD School Choice transportation guidelines schoolchoice.ccsdschools.com/transportation

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF THE BUILDING ARTS

All students in the program will participate in:

- Artisan in Residence experience each year
- Curated Academic Course Offerings with a focus on the Arts and Architecture
- Annual Special Projects Week, where students collaborate to create a work of interest
- Week-long Intensives (class) each year, introducing students to the art and artistry of ACBA in a variety of traditions trades.
- High School CTE pathways in carpentry, building construction, or masonry before entering their specialization at the ACBA
- In the 10th grade, students have the opportunity to begin their coursework in advanced courses in Math and English, preparing them for ACBA
- In the 11th grade, students have the opportunity to begin their coursework in architectural history, design, drafting, and preservation, preparing them for ACBA
- In the 12th grade, students have the opportunity to begin their coursework in their ACBA specialization (woodworking, architectural stone carving, plaster). Note - we aren't offering blacksmithing as a specialization, but students will gain exposure through intensives.
- All students will be supported by AVID throughout their tenure in the program

Accepting rising 9th-11th grade students

Eligibility Criteria

- 8th Grade Winter Math Score of 50th%ile on MAP/i-Ready
- 8th Grade Winter Reading Score of 50th %ile on MAP/i-Ready
- 7th Grade SC Ready of approaches or above

Application Priorities:

1. Resides on the Peninsula
2. Resides in Charleston County with sibling currently attending
3. Student of CCSD employee resides in Charleston County
4. Resides in Charleston County
5. Resides out of Charleston County with sibling currently attending
6. Student of CCSD employee resides out of Charleston County
7. Resides out of Charleston County

Find out more by visiting: <https://www.ccsdschools.com/schoolchoice>

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Students interested in being considered for admission must submit an application by published deadline.

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