



Buena Vista Parent FAQ

Question	Answer
Can I eat lunch with my child?	Yes! Just check in with your driver's license at the office and meet the class in the cafeteria.
Are there any rules around eating lunch with my child?	No. Outside food is allowed.
Where do I find my child's schedule?	You can usually find this on the teacher's website and on the Backpack app. https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/Parents/main.asp?titleid=bpenrollment
What is the best way for my child to visit/make purchases from the school store?	Through the teacher in the mornings from 7:15am to 7:45am
How does carline work? Why do I need a QR code? What time are kids dismissed?	School dismisses at 2:15pm. You MUST have the car tag to be scanned and your child's name will appear on the promethean board in their classroom.
Can I bring in treats for my child's birthday?	No. Children are recognized the last Friday of their birthday month by the PTA. Please DO NOT bring cupcakes, cookies or any other treats to the school.
Can I change transportation mode on a short notice? And how?	If you have a short change of notice please call the front office. You MUST also send in an email to the teacher and front office authorizing the dismissal change. This is for the safety of your child. The teachers' phones do not ring during the day and they may not see their email. The front office will contact the teacher.
What should I do when my child is going to miss school?	Email the teacher and call the front office. If your child goes to the doctor, please ask for a Medical Excuse. Please visit the BVE Attendance Tab and review the information. You can also submit an excuse online. The link is highlighted on the Attendance Tab.
What kind of vaccination is required? How should I proceed when my children's previous school was overseas?	Students must meet the South Carolina DHEC vaccination requirements and provide either a SC DHEC Immunization Record or a

	<p>Medical/Religious Exemption form. Please see https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/Parents/main.asp?titleid=immunization</p>
What are breakfast/lunch options? What does it typically cost? What are the “extras” my kid can buy at lunch and how does that work?	<p>Breakfast is free for all students: Students can pick between breakfast pizza, different type of biscuits, cinnamon rolls, cereal, yogurt parfait.</p>
Do you propose after-school programs/options?	<p>The extended day program (EDP) is an option for after-school. Daycares that pick up from Buena Vista currently are: Greenville Martial Arts, YMCA, Primrose, Minds in Motion, Four Winds, KinderCare, Precious Jewels, Coast to Coast, Big Blue Marble, Gilmore Prep, Sunshine House, Cadence Academy, La Petite, and Giggles</p>
What is ML? How does it work?	<p>Multiple Lingual Learners: Students are accessed on their English acquisition and then receive services based on their performance.</p>
What’s the student-teacher ratio?	<p>This is different for each grade level Kindergarten 1-25 1st 1-16 2-3 1-23 4th and 5th 1-26</p>
What distinguishes BVES from other ES in GCSD?	<p>Our staff, students and family support.</p>
How do you support children with different learning styles and needs?	<p>Students received differentiation within their general ed classroom. Students that need more assistance can receive intervention.</p>
What should I do before my child starts school?	<p>Kindergarten enrollment starts in December for the next school year. Pre-enroll your rising 5K student early. You may use the Backpack application tool. You will need to have the students’ Birth Certificate, SC Immunization Record, two current Proofs of residency, such as a lease, mortgage statement or two current (within 30 days) utility bills that list your name and residential street address and your state id uploaded onto the Backpack app. https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/Parents/main.asp?titleid=bpenrollment</p>

What can I do at home to help my child succeed in school?	Greenville County Schools places high emphasis upon attendance. We believe that through regular attendance your child will best benefit from the academic programs we have to offer him/her in this district. South Carolina law stipulates that after three (3) consecutive unexcused absences or five (5) cumulative unexcused absences a child is truant.
How can I tell how well my child is doing in school?	Student's grades should come home every week in their Tuesday folder. Also, you can find their grades in Backpack. This link lets you see your child's grades and standardized test scores.
As a parent, how can I be more actively involved with BVES?	Attending the monthly PTA meetings is a great way to learn about things going on in the school and ways to get involved. Also, you can fill out the volunteer interest form at the beginning of the year and you will be contacted about volunteer opportunities you are interested in.
What are the attendance rules for BVES?	If your child is absent, send in a Parent Note or a Medical Excuse on the day your student returns or use the Attendance Link on the BVE website on the Parents Tab: https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/bvista/ . You may have 10 Parent Notes in a school year. After 10 Parent Notes, you MUST have Medical Excuse for each new absence. Family Travel is not excused. After 3 consecutive unexcused absences, or 5 total unexcused absences, your child is TRUANT. You will start to receive Truancy notices from the school districts' automated phone service. You MUST send in documentation for the absences.
What are the drop off and pick up options in Buena Vista?	We have students come and go to school in many different ways.
What are available transportation modes?	To School: Car, Bus, Walker From School: Car, Bus, Walker, Daycare, Van, EDP (Extended Day Program)

How can I add money to my child's ID for lunch?	www.myschoolbucks.com You can also check how your child is spending their money (snacks, ice cream, etc) on the website.
What are the volunteer options for parents?	
What is the Challenge Program at Buena Vista?	Jessica Moore Challenge is an enrichment pull-out program designed to meet the needs of academically gifted and talented students. Challenge encourages inquiry, flexibility, creativity, and critical thinking. Challenge integrates the arts and technology, while the curriculum meets both South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards and SC Gifted Goals. Challenge supports grade level standards and instruction, but also extends and goes beyond what students receive in the regular classroom.
How is the process of assigning the kids for the next school year?	GCSD has a helpful tool on their front webpage that details zoning for specific addresses. If you are already registered for Buena Vista and have not moved, you will be automatically re-enrolled for the next school year. All new enrollments are required to submit two current Proofs of Residency (within 30 days) that list the enrolling parents' name and the residential street address.
How can I participate/chaperon on a field trip with my child?	You will need to register as a volunteer 2. Then teachers usually send out information for each field trip as to how many chaperones are needed and the process for selection.
Do you have an After School Program at Buena Vista, if so, provide the details?	Buena Vista offers extended day care to grades K5-5 every weekday from 2:30- 6. I am happy to provide additional information regarding pricing and procedures via email. Feel free to contact me with any questions at AHeitman@greenville.k12.sc.us
I signed up to paint the rock. Now how do I actually paint it?	Acrylic paint! Spray paint is usually easiest for doing the background. You will need 3-4 cans depending on your color and the color that was there before. If you're doing a light color it's very helpful to do a layer of white before putting on your color. Then use acrylic

	paint for letters/pictures. If it's raining it's helpful to bring a towel to dry off the rock and a tailgate tent to put over the rock while you paint and while the paint dries.
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