



BCS offers more for students!

Did you know that Birmingham's School system offers unique programs that give our students a leg up on school and career success? The deadline to apply for these programs is Jan. 15.



SPECIALTY SCHOOLS

Our speciality schools at EPIC, Princeton, Phillips, Christian and Ramsay challenge students with advanced courses that enhance academic performance and encourage leadership. Students must apply and are selected based on academic scores and other criteria. [Learn more here!](#)



CAREER ACADEMIES

Birmingham offer 10 career academies at seven schools. Programs focus on everything from healthcare and hospitality to engineering, architecture and business/finance. [Learn more here!](#)



EARLY COLLEGE

Students can graduate from high school with 60 hours of college credit through our dual enrollment programs at Woodlawn and, now, Wenonah. [Learn more here!](#)

REGISTER NOW!



School Board
Jan. 14 & Jan. 28

The board meets at 5:30 p.m. at the central office building.



Report Cards
Jan. 9

Report cards go home and will show how students fared in the grading period that ended in December.



MLK Holiday
Jan. 20

Look for ways to serve our community as we celebrate the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

DISTRICT 4



The Inglenook Neighborhood Association's annual Christmas event celebrates families and youth in Birmingham, and I was honored to be there with several community leaders.

Pictured:

- Derrick Billups, BCS school board, District 4
- Rev. Gwendolyn Webb, Inglenook Neighborhood President
- J.T. Moore, Birmingham City Councilor, District 4
- Richard Franklin, Birmingham AFT President
- Lonnie Malone, Birmingham community activist

BCS, HABD discuss partnership on school attendance at statewide meeting

The Alabama Association of School Boards heard from BCS and the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District about an innovative partnership to improve school attendance. Armon Matthews and Jackie French, both of HABD, joined BCS Superintendent Mark Sullivan as they shared how this partnership and other strategies have reduced chronic absenteeism among BCS students by half.



Birmingham City Schools officials joined U.S. Secretary of Labor Julie Su and others at a roundtable to discuss how enhanced childcare supports employment opportunities for parents.

Pictured:

- Adrienne Marbury, BCS Strategic Partnerships Coordinator
Derrick Billups, BCS Board of Education District 4
Mary Boehm, BCS Board of Education District 3
Dr. Mark Sullivan, BCS Superintendent
Sherman Collins, BCS Board of Education District 1
(Not Pictured)

**Wishing all of our students,
staff and families a safe,
happy and successful 2025!**

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