

Bellevue Community School District

Preparing for Excellence in 2021-2022

OUR MISSION

We believe real-world learning opportunities build passionate and engaging experiences for student success in life.

“Believe in the Blue”
with the Bellevue Comets



Progress & Excellence

To say this school year was different is a tremendous understatement. Yet, students in the Bellevue CSD showed success in many areas, both academic and non-academic areas. The commitment to learning, perseverance, and grit in their work and never-ending dedication to success was outstanding. While success was reached in many areas with our continued progress and adaptations to our environments during the pandemic, it is also interesting to remember some historical information about our school system and its excellence:

- The first school in Bellevue was built in 1837;
- Two classrooms were added to the Jackson County Courthouse (the current Bellevue Elementary building in 1849);
- The Bellevue Township School District formed in 1858;
- Three wings were added at the elementary in the late 1800s;
- A gym was constructed at Bellevue Elementary in 1949;
- Bellevue High School was built in 1969;
- The first computers were purchased by the district in 1982, with all grade levels being 1:1 computers or iPads for the last several years.

Teaching and learning have also had their own share of progress. No longer are students forced to utilize outdated textbooks for all of the information about topics. Instead, students and teachers both have nearly unlimited access to information to help them learn. Students at all levels have the ability to control their own learning, while also being supported by teachers and others in the school and the community.

While changes have occurred outside of the classroom, we also must continually analyze and reflect on what we are doing in school...and do better! We are reflecting on and analyzing what we can do to better prepare our students for their futures outside of school, what skill sets they need to be successful outside of the school walls, and if we are providing them opportunities to develop the essential skills of problem-solving, critical thinking, collaboration, and other vital life skills. The Bellevue CSD is reflecting on continually reviewing our teaching practices, our goals for the future, and the design of learning opportunities in and out of school for our students so that they may compete in the increasingly global markets.

Ultimately things are always changing, and what may have worked in the past may not work today. As a result, the district recognizes the need to continually evolve as a school. The pandemic has taught all of us about teaching and learning, and it has allowed the district to transform some ways of learning, while also allowing our students to recognize how they may learn best in their future in an increasingly digital age.

Finally, we developed skills that we never thought we would need to have as we dealt with the pandemic this school year. Future graduates in our school system will continue to develop skills based on their individual needs for success, and develop a mindset of lifelong learning and innovation that allows them to thrive beyond the walls and borders of the Bellevue CSD.

BY THE NUMBERS

- A 9.6% enrollment increase in the Bellevue CSD since 2015
- Over 140 high school courses are offered to students at Bellevue High School
- Graduation Rate of 98+%; State average is 91%
- Over 100,000 lunches are served to students annually in the Bellevue CSD
- Over 105,000 miles are traveled by school transportation for bus routes and student activities

GRADES OF “A” OR “B” IN COLLEGE COURSES BY STUDENTS

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2020-2021 School Year	74.2%
2019-2020 School Year	82.1%
2018-2019 School Year	76.1%
2017-2018 School Year	74.4%
4-year Average	76.7%

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- 70+ College Courses are available to students at no cost for college credit and high school credit
- All Bellevue High School students are required to take an online course before graduation, and several earned over 40 college credits while in high school from the Eastern Iowa Community College District in addition to the various college courses offered at Bellevue High School.
- 236 courses were taken for an approximate total of over 700 college credits.
- College credits are not only for 4-year schools, but can be transferred to community colleges and other training institutions for associate degrees and degree programs overall in welding, auto tech, radiology, business, and nearly any other degree areas that are offered in colleges. Ultimately, these courses are not only for 4-year college programs.
- These are not only credits for 4-year schools but also credits in math, english, welding, etc. that can be transferred to other community colleges across the state for associate degrees and degree programs overall in welding, auto tech, radiology, business, and many other areas that degrees are offered in. Ultimately, these courses are not only for 4-year college programs.
- Courses are the same courses which are offered on the college campus to college students, are of college rigor, and do not depend on specific testing to be passed to earn the college credit when entering college.

POST GRADUATE INTENTIONS FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

Below is information on Bellevue High School Post-Graduation Intentions for the 52 students in the 2021 Graduating Class...

- 73% Attending College
 - 2-Year College - 55.3% who are going to college
 - 4-Year College - 44.7% who are going to college
- 12% entering the workforce; Several of these students are participating in work which they have been preparing for in their courses specifically (welding, etc.)
- 15% were undecided at the time of graduation between college or entering the workforce, or a combination of the two pathways.

EARLY INTERVENTION GOALS FOR READING FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM FOR TEACHER (FAST)

In accordance with Iowa Code requirements for the Early Literacy Implementation (ELI), students in grades K-5 were given the Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FAST). End of year testing results for grades K-5 are shown below. Universal Tier instruction is considered proficient at the 80% benchmark, and the most recent state average is also listed.

	Percent of Students at Benchmark	
	2020-2021	State Average
K	91%	69%
1st	89%	66%
2nd	87%	67%
3rd	70%	68%
4th	83%	69%
5th	74%	68%

ALL GRADUATES TAKE THE ACT AT THE BELLEVUE CSD AT ZERO COST FOR PARENTS AND STUDENT

All Juniors at Bellevue HS are required to take the ACT, which at times may reflect lower scores as a result since between 35% and 50% of students in other high schools often do not take the ACT. But, when we compare the top 60% of the scores of our students we see higher scores than both the national and state averages traditionally. While we do not have to give the ACT to all Juniors, we believe it serves several purposes for our district and its students. Some of these include the following:

- The ACT allows the school district to analyze the educational program as a whole and specific curricular areas.
- The ACT allows students to see their area of strength overall, along with seeing their growth in comparison to other testing associated with the ACT that is given through middle school and high school.
- The ACT provides students with the confidence to apply and move on to post-secondary training of various kinds in order to attain a “post-secondary credential” for use in their life after high school

Below is information from the BHS Classes of 2019, 2020, and 2021, and their scores on the ACT in English, Math, Science, Reading, and the overall Composite score using percentages of students who took the ACT (60%).

	Eng.	Math	Sci.	Rdg.	Comp.
Top 60% of Class of 2021	20.0	20.7	22.9	22.5	21.4
Top 60% of Class of 2020	20.8	21.8	21.6	22.8	21.4
Top 60% of Class of 2019	21.4	22.5	24.0	24.0	22.8
State Average (2020)	21.2	21.3	22.6	22.1	21.9
National Average (2020)	19.9	20.2	20.6	21.2	20.6

If you have a comment about any of the information, please contact the Bellevue Community School District at any time at 563.872.4001.

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