

The Weekly Comet Update

From Tom Meyer, Superintendent of the Bellevue Community School District

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NO School and Early Dismissal Dates

- March 24: 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Teacher Professional Learning
- April 2-6: No School (Spring Break)
- April 28: 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Teacher Professional Learning
- May 28: Tentative Last Day of School for the 2021-2022 School Year
- May 29: Bellevue CSD Graduation at 4:00 PM (note the time change from previous years)
- August 23: Tentative 1st Day of School for the 2021-2022 School Year

Staff Member Highlight



Makenna Christensen is a 5th grade teacher in the Bellevue CSD, in her first year of teaching (but you would never know it based on her reaching each and every learner!). Some interesting aspects of Makenna include the following:

She has a Labradoodle named Auggie, which she named after the children's book "Wonder".

Makenna is engaged to be married in June of 2022, and her and her fiancé attend a CrossFit gym in Maquoketa (which assists her with her own self-care after school each day).

Makenna entered the field of teaching after having several very influential teachers in school who inspired her to *want* to learn and always pushed her to reach her highest potential. Makenna also grew up spending a lot of time with her grandma who was a teacher for 30+ years, and was a perfect example of a selfless, caring, and purposeful educator.

The most fulfilling part of teaching for Makenna is building relationships with students that support her ability to create relevant and exciting learning experiences that connect with their out-of-school life/interests.

Teacher of the Year - Abby Veach



Each year the Bellevue Masonic Lodge recognizes one teacher as the Teacher of the Year in the Bellevue CSD. This year's recipient is Abby Veach (farthest to the right in the picture) based on her endless dedication to students, and her continuous support of all teachers in the building. Abby is a Reading teacher in the district, and is a source of knowledge who is always searching for ways to assist students in their reading, and finding the "right fit" book for each student. Congratulations Abby! Her official recognition will be in May by the Masonic Lodge at their annual breakfast for all staff members.

BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS by the NUMBERS

"The primary aim of education is not to enable students to do well in school, but to assist them to do well in their lives outside of school."

9.6 Enrollment Percent Increase in Bellevue CSD enrollment since 2015

22.4 Percent Increase in Bellevue Elementary enrollment since 2015

40.0 Percent Increase in Bellevue Preschool enrollment since 2015

Technology

700+ The amount of student devices for students in Bellevue Elementary and Bellevue Middle/High School

380+ Chromebooks and Macbooks sent home with students each day for their learning

300+ Student Chromebooks and iPads at Bellevue Elementary School

Course Offerings

70+ Number of college courses and programs available to students during an average school year for both high school and college credit.

140+ High School Courses offered at Bellevue High School, including: Art, Business Education/Computer Science, Driver's Education, English/Language Arts, Family and Consumer Science, Foreign Language, Health and Physical Education, Industrial Technology, Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Studies, Special Education, and Vocational Agriculture

College Courses

1300+ College course credits completed annually by Bellevue High School Students

400+ College courses completed annually

18 Average College Credits earned by Bellevue High School Graduates

77 Percentage of Bellevue High School students receiving an "A" or "B" in college courses

3.17 GPA in College Courses by Bellevue High School Students

0 Dollars it costs students to take online courses while a student at the Bellevue CSD.

Graduation Rate

98+ Percent of students who graduate from high school in four years at the Bellevue CSD.

91 Statewide Graduation Average Percent

ACT Scores

100 Percent of students required to take the ACT at Bellevue High School

\$0 Cost for students and families to take the ACT (The Bellevue Community School District pays for all fees)

22.1 Average ACT score over the last 5 years in relation to the state average number of students taking the ACT

21.7 Average State ACT Score

Miles Traveled

105,000 Miles traveled by school transportation annually for bus routes and student activities

Meals Served

100,000 Lunches served to students each year

17,000 Breakfast meals served annually to students



