



Points of Pride

2-24-20

Established in 1907 Bettendorf Community School District boundaries include approximately nine square miles within the City of Bettendorf, Iowa, as well as a small section of Davenport, Iowa. We currently serve approximately 4,600 preschool through 12th grade students through five elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, and an alternative high school program.

- ▮ **Student Achievement** scores consistently exceed state averages.
 - Reading Proficiency – 85.07% (State 77.04%)
 - Math Proficiency – 85.78% (State - 78.26%)
- ▮ The Bettendorf High School **Graduation Rate** (94.5%) exceeds the state average (90.98%).
- ▮ We've adopted a **District Portrait of a Graduate Vision** providing a strategic direction for the overall educational experiences for our students and habits of mind to navigate and thrive in our rapidly changing world.
- ▮ Our district is committed to providing **Quality Learning Environments and Facilities**. Most recent examples include the opening of the new Grant Wood Elementary School (2018) and the new Mark Twain Elementary school (2020).
- ▮ **Student Access to Technology** is a priority in the district with a 1:1 initiative in grades 6-12 and working toward 2:1 devices at the elementary level.
- ▮ Our high school students consistently score above the state average on **ACT College Readiness** indicators (BHS 23.0 | State 21.6).
- ▮ We have a **Therapy Dog Program** with five professional training dogs and trainers working with students in our schools.
- ▮ Bettendorf High School offers 19 **College-Level Advanced Placement (AP) Courses**.
- ▮ Thanks to a US Department of Education **21st Century Community Learning Center Grant**, Mark Twain and Neil Armstrong elementary schools offer students & families an **All-Day Summer Program and Before- and After-School Care Program** for students.
- ▮ We **Collaborate with Scott Community College** to offer opportunities for high school students to earn college credit and to explore career options.
- ▮ The Donald A. Schaefer Planetarium makes Bettendorf High School the **only high school with a planetarium** in the state of Iowa.
- ▮ 61% of our **Teachers Have Master Degrees** or MA with additional hours.
- ▮ High school students can earn college credit while gaining real-world experience through our **Business Education Partnership Career Academies** for Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley students.
- ▮ Bettendorf High School is ranked 29 on the **2019 Iowa AP index**.
- ▮ Bettendorf Community School District continues to be a **Highly Desired School District** with a 3:1 ratio of students open enrolling into the district, compared to those open enrolling out (668 – Enrolled In | 239 Enrolled Out 2019-20).
- ▮ We have **Socio-Economic Diversity** with 36% of our students qualifying for Free & Reduced Lunch.
- ▮ The Bettendorf Community School District has a greater **Cultural Diversity** among our students than the state average (Non-white 35.1% BCSD | 32.9% State).
- ▮ We have at least **15 languages spoken by our students**. We offer English language development programming and academic support for all language levels throughout the district.
- ▮ Foreign exchange students are welcomed to our high school each year, helping students **embrace world cultures**.

- D Our high school offers all 21 **IHSAA/IGHSAU Sanctioned Sports** including Dance and Cheer teams and in school, and has won 70 **State Championships**. Annually, more than 20 high school student-athletes take their talents to the collegiate level.
- D The district participates in the state **4-Year-Old Preschool Program** offering five preschool classes for special needs and economically challenged families within the district and supporting programs at six private preschools.
- D Bettendorf Middle School provides students with rigorous learning tasks through a **Project-Based Learning** approach - an instructional approach that presents students with opportunities to solve real-world problems.
- D Edison Academy is our **Alternative High School Program**, which helps meet the needs of students in conjunction with North Scott and Pleasant Valley high schools.
- D **Professional Learning Communities** are embraced to build a collaborative culture, assure high levels of learning for all students, and make data-driven decisions around curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
- D **Twenty-one teachers have taken teacher leader roles** through our Teacher Leader System as curriculum and professional development teacher leaders, instructional coaches and literacy coaches.
- D Bettendorf High School and Bettendorf Middle School have **Support and Enrichment Opportunities** built into their student schedules.
 - High School - PRIDE (Poise, Respect, Integrity, Determination, Excellence) Time
 - Middle School – Bulldog Block
- D We have seven **National Board Certified Teachers** on our faculty.
- D Our high school offers 24 student **Clubs and Organizations** which grow each year and give students more opportunities to become connected including marching band, show choir, vocal and instrumental music, theatre, art club, scholastic bowl, science club, and Future Business Leaders.
- D **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)**
 - **Elementary:**
 - There are makerspaces in all of our elementary buildings for students to work on personalized creative projects.
 - Grant Wood Elementary is piloting a STEM extension program in grades 3-5.
 - Several of our before and after school programs work on coding and STEM projects.
 - We have begun the process of aligning our computer science curriculum K-12 with the new state standards.
 - **Middle School:**
 - The school offers a strong STEM program through student rotations. These include coding, robotics, and engineering courses that every student is exposed to.
 - We have a very strong Robodogs Lego Robotics Team.
 - The BMS science club participates in the Science Bowl and Science Olympiad.
 - A Bett STEM Expo is held for all families in January at BMS.
 - **High School:**
 - Computer science course sequences have been adjusted to offer more courses for students of all interests.
 - Our BHS Science Club participates in Science Bowl and Science Olympiad.
 - BHS's UBett Robotics Team competes annually in the First Tech Challenge.
- D **A Great Place to Work!** We value our staff throughout the district and work to recruit and retain highly-qualified employees.
- D **2019 Niche Best Places** - Bettendorf
 - #1 Best Places to Live in the Quad City Area
 - #2 Best School District in Quad Cities Area
 - #3 Suburbs with Best Public Schools in Iowa
 - #5 Places with the Best Public Schools in Iowa
 - #6 Best Suburb to Raise a Family in Iowa

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