The Bellevue School District Mission:
To serve each and every student academically, socially, and emotionally, through a rigorous and relevant education that is innovative and individualized. As a learning community that values one another’s humanity, we provide courageous support for an equitable and exceptional education for all students.

Bellevue School District Early Learning

We help preschoolers SPARKLE & SHINE!
One of the keys to equity is removing barriers and increasing access to early childhood education resources that are crucial to mitigating early learning and development gaps. Finding and accessing resources can be problematic and affordability can be an issue.
Our Vision

P-5 schools where ALL kids are OUR kids.

- Provide developmentally appropriate activities and experiences through linguistically and culturally appropriate curriculum.
- Promote inclusionary placement options for preschoolers with disabilities and those furthest from socioeconomic justice.
- Create inclusive classrooms
- Implement effective evidence-based strategies that improve the learning and well-being outcomes for all students
- Support and encourage families to partner in their child’s education.
How do you help Preschoolers SPARKLE & SHINE every day?
What makes our program unique?

- General education preschool
- Special education services blended with general education
- ECEAP (state-funded grant we hold to serve families below 110% FPL)
- Spanish language
- Mandarin language
- Part-day, 3-hour classes
- School-day, 6.5-hour classes
- Working day hours 7am to 6pm (allows for childcare before and after school day preschool)
- Ardmore, Enatai, Eastgate, Clyde Hill, Jing Mei, Lake Hills, Newport Heights, Phantom Lake, Sherwood Forest, Stevenson, Wilburton, Woodridge
Research shows that fully inclusive models work for children across all levels of abilities. Educators can create high expectations for each child to reach his or her potential through high-quality group instruction, individualized support, as well as an increase in positive social interactions, compassion and empathy.
How our classrooms support our vision

Our inclusive classrooms provide preschoolers with the following:

• Consistent curricula aligned with Kindergarten readiness indicators, which include:

  Social-Emotional  Science and Technology
  Language  Social Studies
  Cognitive  The Arts
  Literacy  English Language Acquisition
  Math

• Access to diverse peer groups for social and emotional growth
• Certificated and classified preschool teachers partnering together
• Support for families entering the public education system
• Equitable access for all students
The Funding that supports our vision

- Special Education Dollars
- Tuition Dollars
- ECEAP Grant
- *Bellevue Schools Foundation*
- City of Bellevue
- DCYF Child Care Subsidies
- Child Care Resources
Who BSF serves

- Students and families who do not qualify for state funds.
- Students receiving special education services who would like to attend a full-day program.
We help all students sparkle and shine!

A story of supporting families and students
Watch us GROW

• We currently serve 631 students between the ages of 3-5 at 12 elementary school locations across the district

• Demographics snapshot:
  • 36% Asian
  • 8.2% Black
  • 25.4% Hispanic
  • 21.1% White
  • 26.7% Special Education
  • 36% Free and Reduced Lunch
Who BSF supports

- 24 students
- 5 Experiencing Homelessness
- 27% Special Education
- 32% Black
- 9% Asian
- 32% Multiethnic
- 23% White

*Numbers from 2021-2022 school year*
Because of BSF students and families are SHINING

• A family experiencing homelessness, yet unable to qualify for a state childcare subsidy, can send their 5-year-old to a full day of preschool with extended working-day hours using BSF dollars to give this child the kindergarten readiness experience to create a life-long learner.
Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.

— Malcolm X