

# *Bellevue School District Early Learning*

*We help preschoolers  
SPARKLE & SHINE!*



## *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.

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.

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ITS ARCHITECTURE.”**

**-- Andrew S. Garner**

# 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

Language

Cognitive

Literacy

Math

Science and Technology

Social Studies

The Arts

English Language Acquisition

- 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



BELLEVUE  
SCHOOLS  
FOUNDATION

Special Education Dollars

Tuition Dollars

ECEAP Grant

**\*Bellevue Schools Foundation\***

City of Bellevue

DCYF Child Care Subsidies

Child Care Resources



# Who BSF serves

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- 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

- Ardmore 3
- Clyde Hill 2
- Eastgate 1
- Enatai 2
- Jing Mei 2
- Newport Heights 2
- Phantom Lake 2
- Stevenson 5
- Woodridge 1
- Wilburton 4

*\*Numbers from 2021-2022 school year*

# Because of BSF students and families are SHINING

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- 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.



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Education is the passport to  
the future, for tomorrow  
belongs to those who prepare  
for it today.

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