

Bellevue Schools Foundation supporters are investing **\$1 million** this year in programs that transform education and support students. Here are some of the ways these investments support kids at **Highland Middle School**:



- **Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports (PBIS):** PBIS at Highland provides school wide structure and supports for teaching and reinforcing positive behaviors for a positive, safe and inclusive community. Over **\$110,000** invested to date helps kids with needed academic and behavior intervention that has resulted in decreased discipline referrals, improved attendance and grades.
- **K-12 Computer Science Initiative:** One of the first-in-the-nation integrated K-12 computer science/computational thinking curricula. At the middle school level, we are piloting computer science lessons in core science, math, and social studies classes, AVID electives, and special education to help close gender gaps and gaps for other underrepresented students in computer science education and provide more students access to AP computer science. The initiative also supported development of Python Computer Science electives for middle school. To date, Bellevue Schools Foundation donors have invested **\$400,000** in this cutting-edge initiative.
- **Social/Emotional Learning (SEL):** SEL helps students develop skills to address stress, positive relationships, and responsible decision-making to support a positive and productive life. SEL skills are linked to academic and life success. This year, Restorative Practices are piloted in Bellevue middle schools to build community and positive relationships. **\$235,000** invested to date in the secondary SEL initiative.
- **AVID—Advancement Via Individual Determination:** Students with the will and potential to succeed receive study skills coaching and encouragement through AVID, a nationally-recognized program offered at Highland. Bellevue Schools Foundation has provided over **\$770,000** to bring AVID to our district and continue annual support for teacher training, licensing and AVID coaches.
- **BOOM & SHOUT:** Engages Black, Native American, Latino/a, Pacific Islander/Southeast Asian students with speakers and adult mentors who identify with them on racial, cultural, and social topics. Last year, **Highland students participated** with over 600 students from across the school district to learn leadership skills, college and career readiness, and community building. **\$40,000** invested over two years in this new innovative program.
- **College & Career Next Steps Initiative:** This six year, **\$850,000** investment improves access and preparation to apply to college and other post-secondary educational opportunities. This initiative provides counselor training, student 24/7 access to *Naviance*, an online college and career-planning tool, including SAT/ACT prep, resume and application support. *Naviance* is a valuable tool for middle school students to explore careers and plan for high school course work.

Visit the Bellevue Schools Foundation website, www.BellevueSchoolsFoundation.org, to learn more about educational programs at the elementary, middle, and high school level.

- National Board Certification:** Highland teachers received support for their National Board Certification. **28% of Highland teachers have achieved National Board Certification.** Students benefit from their teacher’s expertise and love of learning in classrooms every day. The Foundation has invested over **\$950,000** to help the Bellevue School District lead Washington State in total National Board Certified teachers.
- Volunteers in Bellevue’s Education System (VIBES) Mentoring Program:** VIBES mentors support **Highland students.** Last year, VIBES mentors guided over 4,500 students in Bellevue’s public schools. Foundation donors have provided **\$1.68 million** to support mentoring for 25+ years.

- Arts, Enrichment & Innovation (AE&I) and Music Grants:** Teachers can apply for grants to fund music, field trips, and more. Bellevue Schools Foundation donors have provided over **\$2.25 million** in these school enrichment grants over multiple years, including many grant awards to **Highland teachers** for orchestra, band, field trips, art, STEM, and more. See the table for this year’s grants to **Highland Middle School.**

2017–18 AE&I Grants	Teacher	Award
Advanced Band Central WA University Workshop & Visit	Mary Davis	\$1,000
Highland Mariachi Band	Mary Davis	\$1,000
Commitment to Global Citizenship & Service	Patty Shelton	\$1,630*
A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution—a story that should never be forgotten— Ji-Li Jiang	Patty Shelton	\$2,000*

*Shared grant