

High Standards for ALL Students

We are committed to holding all students to high standards for learning. All students deserve to be pushed to their highest potential. Bellevue educators strive to guide every student in every classroom to deep, meaningful learning every day.

Building Lifelong Learners

Education is more than job-specific training. Education teaches students to be lifelong learners, and lifelong learners can adapt to the many changes they will face in their lives. They can contribute meaningfully in the ever-changing society in which they live. Education is thus a path to being a better person. Lifelong learners improve their problem solving and communication skills throughout their lives. We are committed to inspiring students to lifelong learning in every lesson we teach.

Constant Growth and Improvement in Our Instructional Skill

Bellevue educators are committed to constantly seeking new ways to meet the needs of our students. We seek meaningful professional development that will allow us to grow as educators and improve our ability to engage the students in vibrant and inspiring lessons. We continually evaluate and improve our work by refining lessons and learning new ways to reach students.

Accountability

Bellevue educators take responsibility for being at the top of our profession. We take great pride in our teaching, and we hold ourselves and our peers to high standards. Just as we take responsibility for preparing for our students, we teach our students to take responsibility for doing their best work and reaching their highest potential.



Every Child Deserves a Comprehensive Education

Bellevue Educators Are Highly Skilled Professionals

A complete education focusing on the whole child includes arts, physical education, math, science, reading, world language, social sciences, and vocational training. We want students to leave our classrooms prepared to pursue any avenue of life **Bellevue Education Association** they choose. We develop critical thinking skills, engross children in a variety of subjects, and prepare students to be productive members of society. Education both prepares students

for work and teaches them the beauty of knowledge.



Trained educators are most qualified to make program decisions and work with parents to make the best decisions for educating their children. A "one size fits all" model does not work for curriculum, assessments or

> educator evaluations. Students are best served when educators determine

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what curriculum and assessments will best meet the needs of the students.



Time to Prepare for **Greatest Student Learning**

Students learn most when a teacher is both prepared with engaging lessons and is able to respond creatively and effectively to the challenges of the day. Teachers need time to reflect on their students, puzzle over instructional challenges, and create class activities. More planning time makes teachers more effective in responding to students' needs in the classroom.

Individual Attention for Students

With more teachers and staff in a school, every student gets more instruction time and attention. Educators most effectively respond to the individual needs of the students in personalized learning environments. Every child is a unique individual, and each individual receives the best, most personalized education in a smaller class.

Respect for Professional Judgment

Educators are creative and critical thinkers who model lifelong learning for our students. We continually question and evaluate the effectiveness of our teaching practices, and we discover better ways to reach our students. For students to reach their highest potential, educators must be free to use these discoveries to select the most appropriate assessments and the best curriculum to fit the needs of each group of students.