

## Bellevue City Schools - Knowledge for Tomorrow, Today

Bellevue City Schools have a long standing tradition of excellence in providing a quality well rounded education for all students. Throughout the area the District is known for outstanding achievement academically, athletically, and in the areas of performing and visual arts. The career technical programs are also a major source of pride to the residents of the District.

For several years all of our schools have been rated effective and above, many years earning Excellent and other distinctive awards. Most recently, Shumaker Elementary School was rated "Excellent with Distinction," the highest rating which the Ohio State Department of Education awards. Our High School has been rated Excellent by the State Department of Education, which is the second highest rating a school can receive. The Senior High School offers an excellent curriculum providing an array of electives along with the required courses of study. Senior High students have the opportunity to attend EHOVE Career Center to pursue Career/Technical training their junior and senior years. Students also may take advantage of the opportunity to take college classes for credit at local universities and colleges or may take advantage of the college credit classes offered by our own staff at the high school.

Students in grades 7-12 have the opportunity to participate in a multitude of outstanding extra curricular programs. Bellevue Schools can boast of having one of the elite marching bands in the state. The vocal music department boasts of several different groups which not only perform within the school but throughout the area. Both the instrumental and choral ensembles and soloist consistently receive top ratings in district and state competitions. The school drama productions and musicals perform before packed houses year in and year out. The Bellevue FFA and FCCLA Chapters are consistently rated as two of the most outstanding chapters in the State of Ohio and have won numerous state and national chapter and individual member awards. Without question the Bellevue athletic program is a premier program not only in the Northern Ohio League but has excelled in district, regional and state competition in numerous areas of both boys and girls athletics. Countless leadership development and community services activities are ongoing at all age levels but predominately by the High School Key Club and Student Council. Bellevue City Schools wholeheartly embraces the concept of providing a wide range of activities which afford the students the opportunity to grow as a person as well as a student.

The Virtual Learning Academy allows the students in grades two through twelve to take online classes which are one hundred percent aligned with the state curriculum and also offer a wide variety of enrichment classes that enhance what the District is already providing.

Elementary students also have access to a web based programs which are accessible from school or their homes to prepare them for state mandated achievement testing. Bellevue City School District uses the ProgressBook online gradebook program, and will be piloting a piece of the website which will enable parents to monitor their child's academic progress from home on a daily basis. Emphasis is placed on higher academic standards, technology, and helping all students achieve at a high level. With the shift in the skills needed for the job market the District is challenged to provide the knowledge needed for tomorrow, today as our school mission states.

The Bellevue Board of Education has also taken steps to improve the quality of our bus fleet, to provide for the safety and welfare of the students. The District is committed to being good stewards of the taxpayers' monies and is constantly looking at ways to operate more efficiently and to cut costs while providing quality education.