

# Bellevue Community School District

## Preparing for Excellence in 2020-2021

### OUR MISSION

We believe real-world learning opportunities build passionate and engaging experiences for student success in life.



### “Believe in the Blue” with the Bellevue Comets

The Bellevue Community School District is providing our community with a brief “End-of-the-Year Report Card” including some academic highlights and overviews of the accomplishments of our students during the 2019-2020 school year. This report does not include some of the items typically included as a result of the school closure and not having full ACT scores from our students, Iowa Assessment results from any of our students based on no tests given during the closure, Early Intervention Goals for reading, and some other items. But, it does highlight some of the amazing accomplishments of our students during the shortened school year. While we are not sure what the future holds, the district is planning on having all students in school on August 24 for a full-year of academic learning. Regardless of the learning environment, the expectation is to have students engaged in learning.

The district is making several changes to the normal daily operations in the buildings, including room configurations to allow for social distancing, reducing the amount of people in some areas (including food service areas), transportation services, extracurricular activities, and smaller gatherings of students in general during school days and school activities. An emphasis is also being placed on safety and cleaning practices within the building and the school grounds, and students and visitors at events will see increased steps for hand sanitizing, social distancing, and general practices overall.

While being on-campus is the preferred mode for the required learning process in our school system for students, the district has also made preparations for future school closures of various lengths. It is our duty to be prepared for any type of closure recommended or required by the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Iowa Department of Education, or Governor Kim Reynolds. We want our students to be in school and are working to have each student in school each day, but we are also preparing for other situations which may occur and impact the regular school day.

For more information, please feel free to contact the school district with any questions or concerns.

### The Average Bellevue High School Graduate earns 18 college credits during their high school career

#### BHS COLLEGE CREDIT COURSE OVERVIEW 2019-2020 (Juniors & Seniors)

All Bellevue High School students are required to take an online course before graduation, and several earned over 40 college credits while in high school from the Eastern Iowa Community College District in addition to the various college courses offered at Bellevue High School. In addition, the college courses are at no charge to students and their families. The district is continually striving to offer learning opportunities for students based on their personalized needs and interests, as we continue to provide learning experiences for our students beyond the traditional educational models in school systems across the state and nation.

These college credits can be transferred to virtually any school in the state or nation, and match college course numbers and names accordingly. Courses are also the same courses which are offered on the college campus to college students, are of college rigor, and do not depend on specific testing to be passed to earn the college credit when entering college.

This opportunity allows students to gather the confidence to apply to college and attend college or other forms of post-secondary training in the future. Additionally, the experiences and learning enable students to determine possible career pathways and to finish college degrees in less time and therefore, financial savings for both students and their families. Finally, the average BHS graduate over the last four years has earned an average of nearly 18 college credits while in high school all free of charge to the students and their individual families. This also includes several students who have earned Associate’s Degrees from EICC when graduating from high school. Some data from these courses for Bellevue CSD students includes the following:

#### GRADES FOR ALL COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES FOR BHS STUDENTS % OF GRADES EARNED

|           |       |       |       |      |      |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| 2019-2020 | 57.0% | 25.1% | 9.2%  | 5.6% | 3.2% |
| 2018-2019 | 49.9% | 26.2% | 14.5% | 6.1% | 3.4% |

#### GRADES OF “A” OR “B” IN COLLEGE COURSES BY STUDENTS

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| 2019-2020 School Year | 82.1% |
| 2018-2019 School Year | 76.1% |
| 2017-2018 School Year | 74.4% |
| 2016-2017 School Year | 79.7% |

#### POST GRADUATE INTENTIONS FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

Below is information on Bellevue High School Post-Graduation plans of the 64 graduates of the Class of 2020

|                                   | Students | Percent      |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| 4-year college                    | 27       | 42.2%        |
| State School                      | 14       | 51.9%        |
| Private School                    | 9        | 33.3%        |
| Out-of-State                      | 2        | 7.4%         |
| Undecided College                 | 2        | 7.4%         |
| 2-year college (similar training) | 27       | 42.2%        |
| <b>Total Attending College</b>    |          | <b>84.4%</b> |
| Military                          | 1        | 1.5%         |
| Work                              | 8        | 13.0%        |
| Undecided                         | 1        | 1.5%         |

#### IOWA TESTING INFORMATION

Each year the Bellevue CSD uses the Iowa Assessments to measure student learning and growth as a part of our measures of student academic growth and learning. Due to school closure caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic the assessments were not given to students.

If you have a comment about any of the information, please contact the Bellevue Community School District at any time at 563.872.4001.

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