

The Weekly Comet Update

From Tom Meyer, Superintendent of the Bellevue Community School District

Believe in the Blue! Believe in Learning! Believe in Bellevue!

NO School and Early Dismissal Dates

- March 24: 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Teacher Professional Learning
- April 2-6: No School (Spring Break)
- April 28: 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Teacher Professional Learning
- May 28: Tentative Last Day of School for the 2021-2022 School Year
- May 29: Bellevue CSD Graduation at 4:00 PM (note the time change from previous years)
- August 23: Tentative 1st Day of School for the 2021-2022 School Year

Did You Know? School Hours

As mentioned above, the tentative last day of school for the school year is Friday, May 28. The Iowa Department of Education requires a specific amount of hours (1080 hours) each year for students, and the Bellevue CSD (like nearly all districts across the state) schedule extra hours to match the amount of days that we have traditionally held in-person learning for students and to meet the contract days for teachers. School days have traditionally been 180 days for students, which in our calendar for this year equaled 1146 hours. With the early dismissals/late starts due to weather and no-school days on the following days we are still over the amount of hours by 40.5 hours. The dates where we have had school interruptions are listed below:

- January 25 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal
- January 26 - No School
- February 4 - No School
- February 5 - No School
- February 9 - 2-Hour Late Start
- February 16 - 2-Hour Late Start

Comet Spirit

It was great to see our student section present at Tuesday night's District Girl's Basketball Game on Tuesday night for our #6 ranked Comets as they defeated Northeast. They will face Wilton tonight (Friday) once again at Bellevue. Since we have allowed more fans to attend games at this time, there is no concession stand at the game, masks are absolutely required to be worn at all times, and cheering for the Comets is mandatory! Good Luck Comets!



Vaccine Update

Thanks to School Nurse Kelley Humphrey and the Jackson County Public Health Department for assisting our school district with the COVID-19 vaccine. Tuesday, February 16 was the first dose for all staff members, with the second vaccine date scheduled for March 16.



BELLEVUE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS by the NUMBERS

"The primary aim of education is not to enable students to do well in school, but to assist them to do well in their lives outside of school."

9.6 Enrollment Percent Increase in Bellevue CSD enrollment since 2015

22.4 Percent Increase in Bellevue Elementary enrollment since 2015

40.0 Percent Increase in Bellevue Preschool enrollment since 2015

Technology

700+ The amount of student devices for students in Bellevue Elementary and Bellevue Middle/High School

380+ Chromebooks and Macbooks sent home with students each day for their learning

300+ Student Chromebooks and iPads at Bellevue Elementary School

Course Offerings

70+ Number of college courses and programs available to students during an average school year for both high school and college credit.

140+ High School Courses offered at Bellevue High School, including: Art, Business Education/Computer Science, Driver's Education, English/Language Arts, Family and Consumer Science, Foreign Language, Health and Physical Education, Industrial Technology, Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Studies, Special Education, and Vocational Agriculture

College Courses

1300+ College course credits completed annually by Bellevue High School Students

400+ College courses completed annually

18 Average College Credits earned by Bellevue High School Graduates

77 Percentage of Bellevue High School students receiving an "A" or "B" in college courses

3.17 GPA in College Courses by Bellevue High School Students

0 Dollars it costs students to take online courses while a student at the Bellevue CSD.

Graduation Rate

98+ Percent of students who graduate from high school in four years at the Bellevue CSD.

91 Statewide Graduation Average Percent

ACT Scores

100 Percent of students required to take the ACT at Bellevue High School

\$0 Cost for students and families to take the ACT (The Bellevue Community School District pays for all fees)

22.1 Average ACT score over the last 5 years in relation to the state average number of students taking the ACT

21.7 Average State ACT Score

Miles Traveled

105,000 Miles traveled by school transportation annually for bus routes and student activities

Meals Served

100,000 Lunches served to students each year

17,000 Breakfast meals served annually to students

