

The Weekly Comet Update

From Tom Meyer, Superintendent of the Bellevue Community School District

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

CDC Guidance - COVID-19

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released new information last week in regard to protocols for COVID-19, and below is a highlight of some of the key points:

- Removes recommendations for plastic shields or other barriers between desks. "We don't have a lot of evidence of their effectiveness" in preventing transmission, Massetti said.
- Advises at least 3 feet of space between desks in elementary schools, even in towns and cities where community spread is high, **so long as students and teachers wear masks and take other precautions.**
- Spacing can also be 3 feet in middle and high schools, so long as there's not a high level of spread in the community. If there is, spacing should be at least 6 feet. But, masks should also be worn in those situations where less than 6-feet of distance is maintained.
- The CDC said 6 feet of distance should still be maintained in common areas, such as school lobbies, and when masks can't be worn, such as when eating.
- Also, students should continue to be spaced 6 feet apart in situations where there are a lot of people talking, cheering or singing, all of which can spread droplets containing the coronavirus. That includes chorus practice, assemblies and sports events.
- The CDC said teachers and other adults should stay 6 feet from one another and from students.

Events on the Calendar

- April 2-6: No School (Spring Break)
- April 28: 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Teacher Professional Learning
- May 28: Last Day of School for the 2021-2022 School Year.

6th Grade Students Learning about Fishing, Cleaning Fish, the Mississippi River, and more

The 6th Grade students at Bellevue Middle School were fortunate enough to have Gene Jones from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources visit the school on Tuesday to share about how to clean fish, fishing in the river, and more.

Additionally, the students were able to eat some of the fish that was cooked by Mr. Cook. This was part of a project with the Bellevue BIG

Aquaponics Project where fish are utilized to assist in the growing of a variety of plants from lettuce, kale, dill, tomatoes, and similar items. The fish were some of the 100 fish utilized in the project, and were pulled from the tank for this learning session by the high school Bellevue BIG students.



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



