

**Banfield Elementary School** is a community centered school serving students in grades 1-4 in southwestern Austin.

Home of the Bobcats, **Banfield** enjoys a rich history of high student achievement while maintaining a family friendly environment. Students are engaged in a robust, rigorous curriculum with emphasis on mastery, without losing sight that learning should be an enjoyable experience for all learners.

We challenge students to think creatively and critically, to demonstrate their gained knowledge in multiple ways, and to respect and accept differences in classmates. Foremost, we strive to ensure all students are ready for academic advancement.

**Banfield** provides students with high quality educational experiences and opportunities that include:

- 120 minutes of daily reading and writing instruction implementing a new reading curriculum aligned with state standards
- 75-90 minutes whole group and small group math instruction including math centers
- Social Studies and Science instruction aligned with state standards
- Music/Art/Physical Education throughout the week taught by certified instructors.
- 1:1 iPad devices along with classroom laptops that enhance student learning and are available for project/research work
- Talent Development & Academic Advancement coursework for ALL students that allows each learner to research and learn about individual interest areas



## SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS (20-21)

- 435 Students in Grades 1 - 4
- 19.5% Hispanic
- 8.5% Asian
- 12.2% Black
- 1.1% Pacific Islander
- 56.3% White
- 24.4% of students are English Learners
- 19.3% of students receive Special Education services
- 45.7% of students qualify for free/reduced lunches
- 15 different home languages represented in our student body
- 50% of our classroom teachers hold advanced degrees

**Banfield** is also home to the District's Elementary Horizon Program which serves special needs children during the regular school day in self-contained classrooms.

Banfield also has numerous opportunities and events to involve families throughout the year. These include:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences held three times per school year (August, October, and February)
- Monthly Character Counts grade-level assemblies celebrating our school and student achievements
- An active Banfield Parent/Teacher Committee (BPTC) that hosts various events such as our spring Fit-A-Thon, fall Family Fun Nights, book fairs, Holiday store, and many more
- Hispanic Parent monthly meetings
- Student play performances
- Student music concerts both winter and spring

