

Quality Profile



**Pride.
Tradition.
Achievement.**

2022 - 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



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We are proud to present the 2022-23 Quality Profile to our community to showcase the progress and future of the Bedford City School District. Our District is doing great things and improving every day. Our Quality Profile highlights what makes our school system diverse, excellent, and a special place that celebrates each scholar. As a school community, we strive to achieve academic excellence each and every day.

Our staff, students, and leadership are working hard every day. The Quality Profile is an expansive report that includes information beyond test scores to report on all facets of district performance.

In the Bedford City School District, we are focused on providing a high-quality education that inspires our students while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Our focus is on students' educational opportunities to prepare them for life beyond high school. The Bedford City School District is built on pride, tradition, and achievement.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM



Tad Ellsworth
Ex. Dir. of Operations

Tad Ellsworth joined BCSD in May, 2022 after more than two decades as a school Business Manager. Tad holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Kent State University. In his free time, Tad enjoys reading, traveling, and playing with his three grandchildren.



Kenya Harrington
Ex. Dir. of Academic
Achievement

Kenya L. Harrington, Sr. joined the executive team in August, 2022, bringing 24 years of experience in public education as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, director and executive director. Kenya holds a Master of Educational Supervision and Administration degree from Westminster College and is currently pursuing his PhD (ABD) in Cultural Foundations at Kent State University. Kenya enjoys spending time with his family, reading and exercising.



Dr. JaTina Threat
Ex. Dir. of School and
Community Relations

JaTina Threat brings 8 years of experience in administration as a Principal and School Improvement Specialist. She is the former Principal of Columbus Intermediate School. She holds a Master's Degree in Education with a Reading Endorsement and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership.



Samuel Vawters
Ex. Dir. of Human Capital,
Equity and Inclusion

Samuel J. Vawters serves as the Executive Director of Human Capital Equity and Inclusion for the Bedford City School District. Samuel holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Central State University, a master's degree in Education Administration from The University of Akron, and a Superintendent's license from Ashland University.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Inspiring everyone, everyday to achieve excellence

OUR VISION STATEMENT

All students graduate as open-minded, responsible citizens.

OUR CORE VALUES Students are the focus of all decisions. As a result, we believe in:

- Providing a safe, supportive learning environment
- Fostering each students' full potential
- Embracing diversity
- Building strong family and community partnerships
- Developing academic excellence through a variety of rich experiences
- Promoting respect as a right and responsibility

Bedford City Schools worked with stakeholders to create a One Plan which defines the educational experience for each student we serve. Our goals are clear.

BCSD ONE PLAN GOALS:

GOAL 1

By 06/30/2025 the Bedford City School District will improve the 4 year graduation rate to 97% as identified by the State Report Card.

GOAL 2

The BCSD will utilize evidence-based strategies to increase the performance of each student in all grades by 10% in reading and math by 06/30/2025.

GOAL 3

The BCSD will utilize evidence-based self-regulation strategies to decrease discipline occurrences by 75% by 06/30/2025.

GOAL 4

The BCSD will improve school and community engagement by increasing the input and participation of all key stakeholders by 15% by 06/30/2025.

The Bedford City School District is an excellent choice for your child's education. **Join us!**

BEDFORD ALUMNI PERSPECTIVES

"My English courses taught me the fundamentals of writing and storytelling, while delivering the morning announcements and writing for the high school's newspaper gave me the confidence to pursue a career in broadcast journalism. Today, I am an anchor and reporter at the NBC affiliate in Cleveland. I have been able to win two regional Emmy Awards and two national Gracie Awards for my work, thanks in part to the storytelling and presentation skills teachers in Bedford City Schools taught me so many years ago."

– Danielle Wiggins, Class of '99, Anchor/reporter at WKYC



"Bedford High School provided me with the strong academic preparation I needed to be successful in College. The great teachers, and guidance counselors helped build my confidence, and social skills which provided me with the excellent foundation for my future accomplishments."

–Greg King, Class of '85, President of University of Mount Union

ABOUT US

OUR SCHOOLS



- » Bedford High School
- » Heskett Middle School
- » Carylwood Intermediate School
- » Columbus Intermediate School
- » Central Primary School
- » Glendale Primary School
- » Excel Academy

OUR COMMUNITIES

Located about 15 minutes east of Cleveland, BCSD serves about 30,000 residents in four communities: Bedford, Bedford Heights, Oakwood Village and Walton Hills Village. The area boasts beautiful parks, rich history, small and mid-sized businesses and activities for families and adults.

Our communities share a strong connection with the school district with many residents growing up here, attending BCSD, buying homes and raising their own children here in our schools.

DISTRICT OVERVIEW

2,800

K-12 students

125

Preschool students

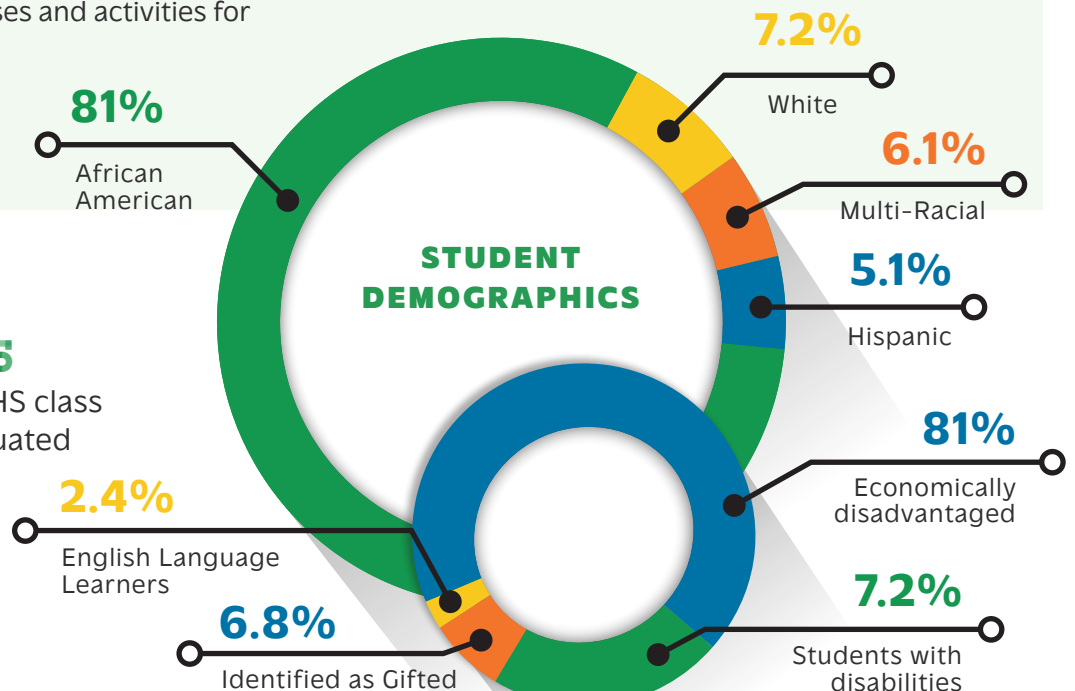
6 SCHOOLS

+ Excel Academy

1885

1st BHS class graduated

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Membership in the Rotary Club of Bedford
- Monthly Meetings with Area Clergy
- Business Advisory Committee
- Quarterly Jazz Brunches for Senior Citizens
- Monthly Meetings with Mayors of Our Communities



BCSD FAST FACTS



**Preschool earned five-star rating,
Ohio's highest rating**

Inclusive preschool serving all children

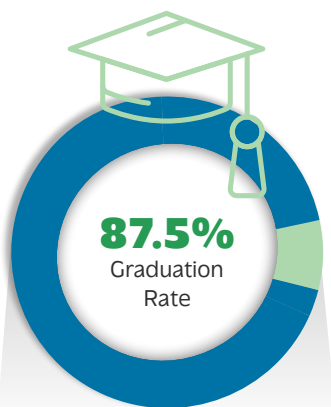
BHS CLASS OF 2022

137TH

Commencement

47

Local Scholarship Winners



COURSE OFFERINGS

11 Advanced Placement

10 Art

4 Cadet Corps

2 Capstone

13 College Credit Plus

10 English Classes,
plus 5 electives

2 Family and Consumer
Science

3 Job readiness and
transition skills

16 Mathematics

10 Music Education

9 Physical Education

12 Science

4 Social Studies,
plus 8 electives

8 World Language

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Inspires students to identify paths to future success and provides students opportunities to demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary for high school graduation and beyond.

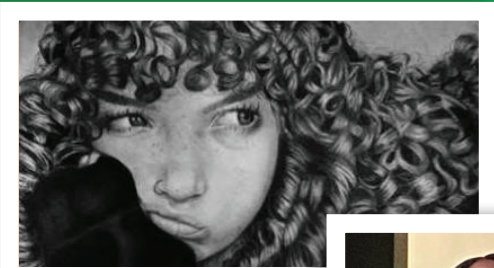
Students learn through career exploration, take college courses and earn industry credentials.

The Bedford City School District is proud to offer the following career technical opportunities that allow students to learn through career exploration, take college courses and earn industry credits in the following areas:

Automotive technology	Marketing	Intro to Cybersecurity
Bio Tech	Intro to Teaching	American Sign Language- CCP
Business management	Pre-Engineering	Pre-Engineering Technology (Intro Course)
Digital Apps & Media	Phlebotomy	Job Training I&II
Health Services/ Nursing assistant	Cybersecurity	Merchandising & Buying Course
	Teacher Academy	
	Intro to Auto Technology	

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- » Bedford High School cheerleaders capture 7th place at state cheer tournament in 2023, the second year the squad has made it to the state tournament
- » BHS senior Trent Thomas earns second place at state wrestling tournament in 2023, the second year he made it to state finals
- » 2022 BHS graduate Nina Harvey won the Congressional Art Award
- » BHS students perform with Cleveland State University Honors Band
- » BHS student Danny Bridgeforth won Lake Erie League Bowler of the Year
- » Heskett 7th grade boys' basketball team wins Lake Erie League Championship
- » 14 students inducted into National Honor Society for 2023
- » Eighth grade student, Ayanna Appleton won The Dale D. Heskett Award. This award is designed to honor the most outstanding student for his/her academic excellence as well as participation and service.
- » Our district has a wonderful relationship with The Rotary Club. The Rotary Club awarded Senior Clement Robinson Jr. with The Ernest F. Petrilli Scholarship for his performance in marketing.



Heskett Boys and Girls Middle School captured Lake Erie Championship for Outdoor Track



ATHLETICS

Baseball	Soccer
Basketball	Swimming
Bowling	Track
Cheer	Boy's Volleyball
Cross Country	Girl's Volleyball
Football	Wrestling
Golf	Softball
Indoor Track	Flag Football

CoEd Intramural Sports GRADES 3-5

Basketball, Soccer and Volleyball,
Flag Football and Cheerleading

THE ARTS

7

Instrumental and
choral music groups

10

Art Classes at BHS
Student art shows

BCSD BY THE NUMBERS

STAFF DEMOGRAPHICS

168

Teachers
with Master's
Degrees

22

Master Teachers

548

Employees

16

Social Emotional
Learning Personnel

267

Teachers

17

Security Officers



BCSD RECOGNIZES OUR EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Transformational Leader of the Year

Khalisha Lewis,

Bedford High School Principal

Maintenance/Custodian of the Year

Earnest Colston

Nutrition Services, **Sandy Ball**

Security, **Tex Bardwell**

Technology, **Sam Cardinal**

Transportation, **Lou Neptune**

Clerical, **Chrissy Browning**

Paraprofessional, **Jasmine McCalister**

Rookie, **Sarah Keeton**

Teacher, **Darnise Stephens**

SEL Team Member, **Laura Hogue**

Friends of Social Worker Award,

Dr. Cassandra Johnson

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING



Expanded the SEL team to provide more services and interventionists in our buildings



Student self-regulating room in every school



Mentoring groups, student ambassadors, & SEL nights



7 Mindsets SEL curriculum

Our district is dedicated to educating
and supporting our children

3

Licensed Social
Workers

13

Counselors

2

Mental Health
Therapists

6

Social Emotional
Learning
Interventionists



"Building relationships to let students know that they are safe and that someone cares are two of our Social Emotional Learning team's biggest goals."

– **Faith Gordon, Coordinator of SEL & 2019 Social Worker of the Year**



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