

Bellevue Discovery Family Partnership Program Information Session

February 2025



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Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Program Overview
 - Elementary Program
 - Secondary Program
- Bellevue Discovery Learning Lab
- Teachers & Student Supports
- Family Mentors & Connections
- PTSA
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Application Process & Timeline
- Q & A



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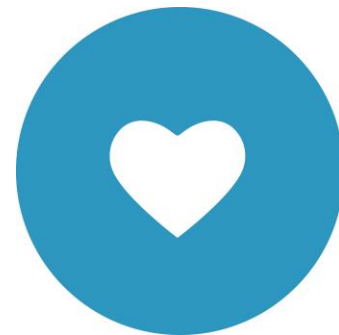


Welcome & Introductions

- Tom Duenwald
Director of Ed. Technology & Assessment
Principal, Bellevue Digital Discovery
- Kristin Tinder, Director of Advanced Learning & Innovation
- Alli Smith, Instructional Coach & MLL Facilitator
- Crystal Coldiron, Curriculum Developer
- Cassandra Shanklin, K – 2 Teacher
- Kristyn Arnold, 3rd / 4th Grade Teacher
- Brooke Sypher, 5th / 6th Grade Teacher
- Nicole Nash, Family Partnership
- Anna Rawlings, PTSA President
- Parent Partnership Program Exploratory Committee Members



we belong



we learn



we lead



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Opening September 2025: Bellevue Discovery Family Partnership

This program complements home-based education provided by the family.

Supports elementary & middle school students engaging in home-based learning.

Students learn at home, online, and in-person at the new Bellevue Discovery Learning Lab.

This program offers:

- robust in-person classes at a new Bellevue Discovery Learning Lab
- online learning options
- a community hub for enrolled families
- a student learning plan developed in partnership with student, teacher, and family



Family Partnership Program Goals & Initial Ideas

COMMUNITY - SUPPORT - CREATIVITY - FLEXIBILITY - PARTNERSHIP

- Empower Families and the School to Partner in Meeting Learners Needs
 - Individualized, Supportive, Flexible
- Building Community Among Learners and Families
- Creating Local Hub that Supports Students and Families engaged in home-based education or other flexible learning
- Offering Flexible Education in a Neurodiversity-Informed Program
- Creating Classes That Feel Different From Traditional School
- Guidance on Paths to Diploma and Graduation
- Connect to district resources & opportunities
- Meet OSPI guidelines for Alternative Learning Experience Program



Bellevue Digital Discovery

An accredited state-wide public option for students in grades K-12 that is high quality, innovative, creative, and flexible.



Bellevue Discovery Family Partnership Elementary Program



Student Learning Plan

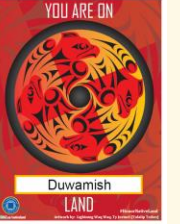
- Co-Created with the family
- Sets Goals for Learning & Growth
- Weekly Two-way Communication Between Certificated Teacher & Student
- Reflects 28 hours of Learning Per Week
- Monthly Review with Family to Measure Adequate Progress
- Easy & Simple for Families
- Drafted in Spring. Reviewed Monthly.

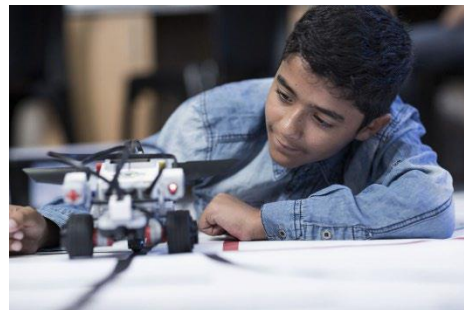
Partnership

Co-Create

Support



	K-2	3-6
Humanities	<u>Our World, Our Stories</u> 🌞 Harvest & Light Traditions 🤝 Storypath: Families in the Neighborhood and Problems in the Community	<u>Our Place in Time</u> 🐟 Save the Salmon Traditional Tails & Since Time Immemorial 
Science & Engineering	<u>Weather Wonders</u> ⚙️ Air and Weather explorations 🌬️ Windsocks and Windmills	<u>Shake, Rattle, & Build</u> 🌳 Living Systems & Ecosystems ⚡ Weather Hazards & Shake Tables
Electives (in development)	For Example: Art, Music, Physical Education, Media research, Book Club, Writers Workshop, Coding	For Example: Art, Music, Physical Education, Media research, Book Club, Writers Workshop, Coding



In-Person Workshop Classes

Sample Schedule: Kindergarten Student

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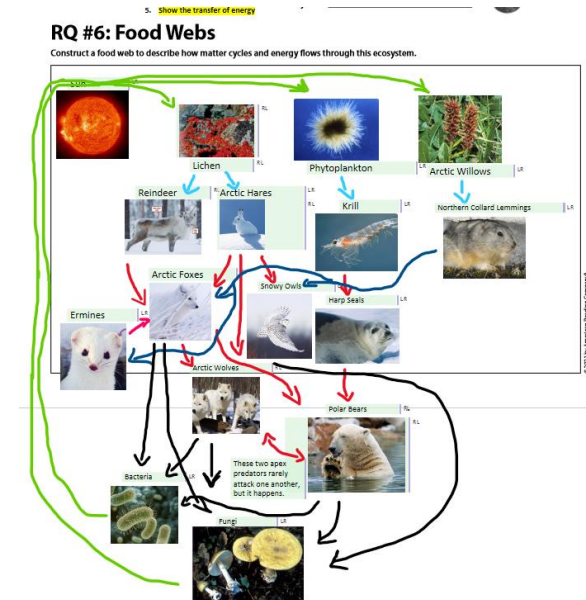
Sample Schedule: 3rd Grade Student

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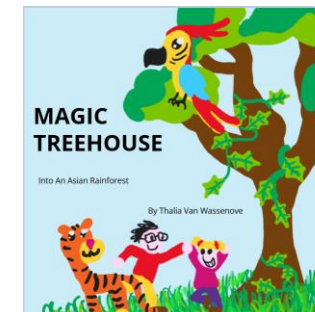
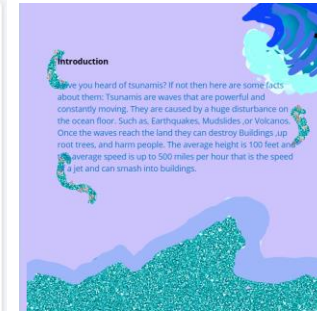
Online Elementary Classes



Elementary Online Classes

- Students have BSD teachers
- BSD Curriculum and Resources
- BSD Elementary Specialists: Art, Music, Library and P.E.
- Online classes are synchronous instruction with real-time interactions between students and their BSD teachers
- Students use Microsoft Teams
- BSD provides the necessary resources for the students to learn at home, including a BSD laptop, books, and school supplies
- Students can access classes when they are away from home.

One of the great benefits of online learning is the ability for students to learn from anywhere.





How do students feel about studying in Bellevue Digital Discovery?

“...Novel study was great. The group I worked with was a really charismatic group, and the books had many twists and turns”

“...the math groups. Learning fractions, decimals and other stuff were very fun.”

“I loved doing lots of writing like Imaginative Narrative, Personal Narrative, Creative Writing and Persuasive writing”

“In Arts class, I made a lot of projects including turtles made of clay, a museum and more. It was lots of fun.”

Elementary Student Experiences



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Bellevue Discovery Family Partnership Secondary Program



Sample Schedule: Secondary Student

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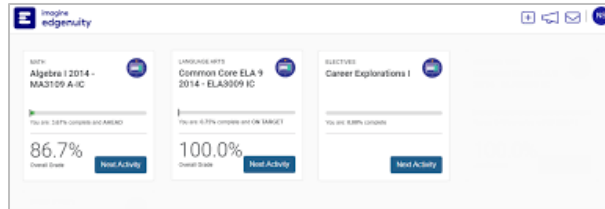
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Online Secondary Classes



Secondary Program



Bellevue Digital Discovery Language Classes

Students can take the following language classes online, during the school day, with Digital Discovery teachers in 2025-2026.

Students can register with their counselor during registration in February/March like their other classes.

2025-26 Secondary Language Level Offerings

Arabic: 1-3 Middle School
1-4 High School

Hindi: 1-3 Middle School
1-4 High School

Korean: 1-3 Middle School
1-4 High School

About the Programs:

Follow the BSD World Language Path

Class is 5 days a week, online, during normal school hours

Use the school libraries as the learning space with librarian support while students log into Teams for live teaching by language teacher

Teachers visit each school multiple times to build in-person connections with the students

Students do not need to have a background in the language to join the program

For More Information, Please Email Your Future Teachers:



Ms. Lee
leejie@bsd405.org
Korean



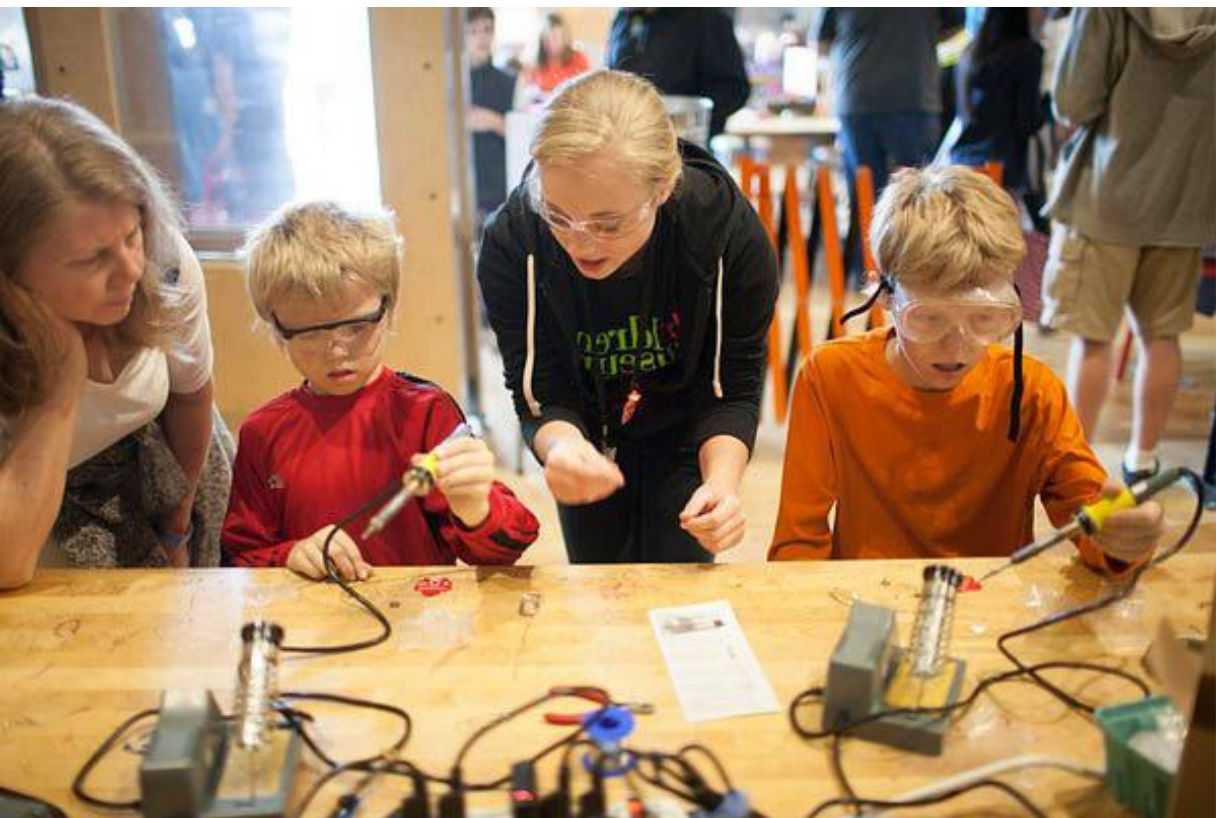
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Ms. Chaaban
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Arabic



Bellevue Discovery Learning Lab

A Homebase for Learning Experiences



Learning Lab & Blue Jay Nests

The **Makers Lab** is a home for creative pursuits. The lab will be equipped with a multitude of learning resources including kits for painting, drawing, sculpting, crafting, tinkering, and robotics.

The **Communications Lab** is a home for exploratory and multi-disciplinary classes focused on English Language Arts. The lab will be equipped with a multitude of learning resources including manipulatives, dyslexia/dysgraphia support tools, and games.

The **Discovery Learning Lab** is available to families during campus hours when not in-use for classes and activities. Families provide supervision when students are present during non-class time.

The **Problem Solvers Lab** is a home for exploratory classes focused on analytical thinking in multi-sensory and multi-disciplinary ways. The lab will be equipped with a multitude of learning resources including math manipulatives, microscopes, and math games

Blue Jay Nest Gatherings meet weekly as a home-base where students connect and belong. Nest groups are multi-age and led by a certificated teacher who serves as a mentor and coach. Students participate in activities to practice leadership skills and social emotional learning,



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"I love how Bellevue Digital Discovery's courses allow students to work at their own pace and schedule. It creates a lot of flexibility and a personalized learning experience."

"Although online school is not quite the same as attending school in person, I can feel that Bellevue Digital Discovery teachers and counselors have worked hard to create a strong school community. They try their best to make all students feel welcome, create a safe learning environment, and encourage student interaction."

Angela Z. 10th grade



Remarkable Educators

Student Support & Leadership

- **School Counseling**
- **Special Education Services**
- **Multi-lingual Learning Services**
- **Advanced Learning Services**
- **Student Led Leadership Opportunities & Activities**



Family Mentors & Connections



- Guide new families through their first year, helping with things like:
 - Sounding board for questions and concerns
 - Finding resources in the Partnership
 - Connecting with the right staff person
- Support families building connections with each other, on and off campus
- Facilitate forming clubs and extra-curricular activities
- Help Partnership families connect with the Discovery PTA



Become a Digital Discovery PTSA member



- Members vote on decisions at meetings and the fees help raise money for events and activities
- Cost: Adults **\$30**, Students **\$10**, Teachers/Staff **\$10**
- We are committed to equity and access; request financial assistance at DigitalDiscoveryPTSA@gmail.com

Sign up using the QR code or this link:

bellevuedigitaldiscoveryp TSA-2-3-100.givebacks.com

Frequently Asked Questions

We don't live in Bellevue; can we still apply? Yes! We welcome students and families who reside in Washington state.

Is part-time an option? How many hours min/max are required? Student Learning Plans should reflect 28 hours of learning per week. We will partner with you to determine how this looks for your student. It can be a combination of in-person workshop classes, online courses, and your home-based learning.

Is parent supervision needed on campus? We ask that families provide supervision of their students during your student's non-class times. We have a family area where you are welcome during your student's class times.

What sort of extracurricular opportunities will be available? We will be surveying our students and families to learn of interests and opportunities. We welcome family-led clubs & extracurriculars.

Will you someday offer high school? We are excited to expand the Family Partnership to high school as we have interest! Digital Discovery has an online High School Program.

BSDDigitalDiscovery@bsd405.org



Frequently Asked Questions

What curriculum can be used for homebased learning? The Student Learning Plan can incorporate a wide range of secular curriculum and types of learning. Our program works to validate student learning in diverse and alternative ways, supporting families in recording many types of student learning.

Is Special Education supported in the Partnership? Yes, we have special education teachers who support students with IEPs. Much of the specific support and accommodations depend on the individual learner. Please reach out to us and we can discuss your student's needs.

When during the week will in-person classes be offered? We will have once per week options on Wednesdays, and twice per week options on Monday/Thursdays; and Tuesday/Fridays. Exact schedules will be posted with registration this spring.

What kinds of classes will be offered? In-person and online classes will be offered. In-person multi-disciplinary, multi-grade level courses will be offered for elementary & middle school age students. Class specifics will be available in the spring, and we will consider input from our learning community when finalizing course offerings.

Can my student take their online class on-campus? Yes, we will have the Learning Lab available.



Frequently Asked Questions

Does my student need to take online classes to be enrolled in this program? No, online class enrollment is not required for this program. Your student's personalized learning plan can include any combination of in-person, online and home-based learning.

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We travel and are sometimes gone for long-periods of time? Would this program work for us? We are happy to co-design your Student Learning Plan to provide for flexibility needed for your family.

Will families have access to a curriculum library? Yes, we are building out a library with resources for families and student use of Bellevue School District curriculum and materials.

What if I'm still undecided? Please reach out to us! We are happy to further discuss the program and partner with you to make the best decision for your family.



Becoming a Founding Family! Apply Now!

Application: Open Now!

Apply by April 1 for priority enrollment



Timeline to Opening

- **Application: Open Now!**
 - Apply by April 1 for priority enrollment
- **Enrollment: Begins February 3.**
 - Accepted applicants sent enrollment details via email within two weeks of application
- **Focus Groups for Family Input: April to June**
- **Welcome Events** for enrolled families: May & August
- **Student Learning Plan Development & Class Registration**
 - Beginning in May



Join us as a
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Thank you!



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