

# Bellefontaine City Schools

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## Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Information (Grades K–8)

### **1. Parent Notification and Access to Curriculum and Assessments**

Each Title I served school within Bellefontaine City Schools provides parents of participating students with timely information about the Title I program, curriculum, assessments, and student achievement expectations. Information is shared through student handbooks, the district and school websites, parent-teacher conferences, progress reports, and scheduled parent meetings. These communication methods ensure parents have meaningful opportunities to review curriculum, understand assessment expectations, and participate in decisions related to their child's educational program.

### **2. Grades K–5 Curriculum and Instruction**

For grades K–5, Bellefontaine City Schools uses CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts) for reading instruction and Bridges in Mathematics for mathematics instruction. Both programs support instruction aligned to Ohio's Learning Standards.

Teachers monitor student progress through ongoing classroom instruction, unit checkpoints, formative assessments, and diagnostic assessments. Unit checkpoints and embedded assessments within CKLA and Bridges help teachers evaluate student mastery of key skills and standards throughout each instructional unit.

Student academic growth is also measured through i-Ready diagnostic assessments in reading and mathematics. Teachers use these results to identify student needs, provide targeted instruction, and monitor progress toward grade-level expectations.

### **3. Grades 6–8 Curriculum and Instruction**

For grades 6–8, the district uses Amplify ELA for English Language Arts instruction and Desmos Math for mathematics instruction. These programs support rigorous instruction aligned to Ohio's Learning Standards and promote critical thinking, problem solving, and grade-level proficiency.

Teachers utilize unit checkpoints, formative assessments, and lesson-based evaluations within Amplify and Desmos to monitor student understanding and adjust instruction as needed. Student progress and growth are also assessed through i-Ready diagnostic assessments in reading and mathematics.

#### **4. State Assessments**

In addition to local assessments, students in grades 3–5 participate in the Ohio State Tests (OST) in English Language Arts and Mathematics. These assessments measure student proficiency and achievement of Ohio’s academic standards and provide additional information regarding student progress.

#### **5. Parent Engagement Opportunities**

Bellefontaine City Schools provides multiple opportunities for parents to engage in their child’s education and discuss academic progress. These opportunities include parent-teacher conferences, school meetings, Title I information meetings, and communication through school websites and digital communication systems.