**Excellence Beyond the Classroom**



**BCPS Superintendent Dr. Howard Hepburn**

At Broward County Public Schools (BCPS), excellence extends far beyond academics. While our District is known for preparing students for success in college, careers and life, some of the most meaningful learning experiences happen outside the traditional classroom.

From championship athletics and award-winning arts programs to debate, JROTC, robotics, and an array of clubs and student activities, BCPS students discover their passions, build confidence and develop skills that prepare them for the future.

Educating students to reach their highest potential means supporting the whole child. Across the District, students are encouraged to grow intellectually, socially, physically and creatively through a wide range of experiences.

The arts play a vital role in that development. Through visual arts, theater, dance, chorus, band and orchestra, students express themselves, collaborate with others and showcase their talents while developing creativity, discipline and teamwork.

Athletics provide another pathway for growth. Whether competing on the field, court, track, in the pool or on the mat, student-athletes learn perseverance, leadership, sportsmanship and resilience while building healthy habits, meaningful relationships and confidence.

Students also strengthen their communication and critical-thinking skills through debate and academic competitions. By analyzing complex issues, developing persuasive arguments and speaking before an audience, they become more effective communicators and engaged citizens.

Leadership development is another hallmark of the BCPS experience. Home to the nation's largest JROTC program, BCPS provides opportunities for students to build self-discipline, character and citizenship through programs that emphasize responsibility, teamwork and service.

Beyond traditional extracurricular activities, the District offers magnet, innovative and Career & Technical Education programs that allow students to explore specialized interests and career pathways in areas including STEM, health sciences, entrepreneurship, aviation, culinary arts, marine science and more. These hands-on experiences connect classroom learning to real-world applications.

Together, these programs complement the strong academic foundation offered throughout BCPS and empower students to discover and pursue their goals. The result is an educational experience that encourages students to explore new interests, take on challenges and find their moment to shine. Across BCPS, success is measured not only by academic achievement, but by the many ways students grow, lead and thrive.

That is the BCPS Advantage.