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We Are Bett!

The Iowa Way: Strong Schools, Stronger Communities



Hear from our students, staff, and families as they share what it means to be part of the Bett community!

From inspiring classrooms and dedicated teachers to supportive friendships and endless school spirit, experience the pride and connection that define Bettendorf Schools and Iowa public education.



Grant Supports Student Safety in CTE Programs

Thanks to a grant from the Scott County Regional Authority, Theisen's and the Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation, students in our welding, machining, and industrial tech programs now have access to properly fitting work boots. We're grateful for their support, which helps create safer, more welcoming learning environments for students.



Superintendent's Message
Celebrating Our Schools and Community

Bettendorf Community School District continues to thrive thanks to strong partnerships, student achievements, and engaging learning opportunities. I invite you to watch our "We Are Bettendorf" video, which captures the heart of our district through the voices of our students, staff, and families.

We are grateful to the Quail family for their generous donation supporting BHS student athletes, and we look forward to welcoming families to our upcoming Kindergarten Sneak Peek for children entering kindergarten.

Our 2024–25 Annual Report, Iowa Performance Profile, 2025–26 Quick Facts, and registration information are now available to help families stay informed and plan ahead. We also invite the community to attend our upcoming STEAM Expo, showcasing student creativity and innovation.

Finally, be sure to read The Lamp, the Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation newsletter, to see how community support continues to enhance opportunities for our students.

Warm regards,
Dr. Michelle Morse

Quail Donation Supports BHS Athletic/Fitness Areas

Thanks to a generous donation from the Quail Family in memory of Parker Quail and Steven Lampe, Bettendorf High School has been able to install a new, state-of-the-art scoreboard at TouVelle Stadium, complete a much-needed renovation to the stadium press box, and update the flooring and equipment in the high school Fitness Center.

These improvements support student wellness, athletic training, and physical education. The renovated spaces will be used by students throughout the school day, as well as by athletic programs.







2026 27

It's time to register for the 2026-27 school year!

School Year Registration

Be sure to complete registration by Feb. 28 for placement!



4-Year-Old Preschool - Open

If your child turns 4 on or before September 15, 2026, they are eligible for the Iowa Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program.

Local Preschools: B4 Learning Center | KinderCare Learning Center | Redeemer Preschool | Skip-A-Long Child Development Services

Bettendorf Community School District Preschool
BCSD offers preschool classes at Grant Wood, Mark Twain, and Neil Armstrong Elementary Schools. Priority is given to children who meet economic eligibility requirements.



Kindergarten - Feb. 2

Families living in the district with children who turn 5 years old on or before September 15, 2026, are invited to complete the BCSD Kindergarten online registration form. If you don't have access to technology, please call your neighborhood school office for assistance.

Health Requirements - Before the first day of school, parents or guardians must provide:

- Proof of required Iowa immunizations
  - ☑ 3 doses of Hepatitis B
  - ☑ 5 doses of DPT
  - ☑ 4 doses of Polio (one after age 4)
  - ☑ 2 doses of MMR
  - ☑ 2 doses of Varicella (chicken pox)
- A physical exam with lead testing results
- Dental and vision screenings



New Families - Feb. 2

If you are new to the district, please fill out the online registration form. Be sure to bring the following items to the school your student will be attending:

- ☑ **Proof of birth**
- ☑ **Proof of residency**
- **Immunization record**

Parents/guardians will be asked to sign a release for records which the Bettendorf Community School District will fax to the student's previous district.

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Returning Families - Feb. 9

Currently registered families will register for the 2026-2027 school year online through their Infinite Campus Parent Portal account.

- Log in to your Parent Portal account.
- Click the 'MORE' link from the black menu on the left.
- Next, click 'Online Registration' in the middle of the screen to begin the process.
- Verify that the information present is accurate and that you have access to all your students.

You cannot register using a student account. If you do not have a Campus Parent Portal account, please contact your building secretary as soon as possible. If you need help with your password, please contact the school building secretary.

Kindergarten Sneak Peek at Bettendorf Schools

Come explore our schools! Families with children entering kindergarten are invited to **Kindergarten Sneak Peek**, a fun and welcoming event to explore classrooms and see what kindergarten looks like at Bettendorf Schools.

5:30–6:30 pm
Wednesday
February 11

Grant Wood Elementary &
Mark Twain Elementary



Free hands-on learning for the ENTIRE family!

Bett STEAM EXPO

10 am - 1 pm
Saturday, March 7
Bettendorf Middle School
2030 Middle Rd



The Bett STEAM Expo features fun, hands-on learning experiences for kids and their families, made possible through the support of committee partners ranging from police and fire departments to local businesses and area colleges. Together, these community partners help bring science, technology, engineering, arts, and math to life for our students.

Featuring:
BCSF Visiting Science Scholar - Alex Turner
Research Scientist at Google DeepMind
& BHS Planetarium Shows





2025 Annual Report

Check out our Annual Report to see our 2024-25 student achievement data, growth, and progress results, and highlights from the incredible work of our students and staff last school year. We're proud to celebrate the many ways our learning community continues to grow and succeed. #BettPride

2025 Iowa School Performance Profile

The Iowa School Performance Profiles is an online tool showing how public schools performed on required measures. The website was developed to meet both federal and state requirements for publishing online school report cards. https://bit.ly/2025BettSchoolPerformanceProfile.

Percent Proficient

Students performing at the **Proficient** level show they have the knowledge and skills expected for their grade and are on track for **college and career readiness** in that subject.

	Bett	State Average
Math	**76.54%**	70.93%
ELA	**76.55%**	73.56%
Science	**68.67%**	67.14%

Growth

The **average growth of students** compared to their academic peers, showing how much progress they are making **over time** in both growth and overall achievement.

	Bett	State Average
Math	**53%**	50%
ELA	**52%**	50%

Staff Retention

The **percentage of teachers, administrators, and other licensed professionals who stay in the district,** supporting a positive workplace climate and culture.

Bett	State Average
87.3%	84.6%



Graduation Rate

The percentage of students who graduate in four years

Bett	State Average
90.46%	88.27%

	Bett	State Average
Post Secondary Readiness	**76.89%**	45%
College Credit	68.95%	70.03%

Bett® Quick Facts 2025-2026

Creating Positive, Safe & Supportive School Climates!

100%

of our schools meet the criteria for PBIS Tier 1



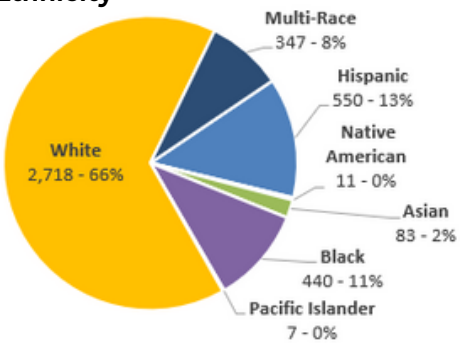
Students

Oct. 2025

Student Enrollment **4,156**
PS - 12

English Learners (EL) **3%**

Ethnicity



Extended Learning Program (ELP) **8%**

Free & Reduced **35.6%**

Open Enrollment
IN 668
OUT 343

Special Education **11%**

District Staff

A staff of 633 are employed by the BCSD in full or part-time positions for the 2025-2026 school year.

Teacher Profile

All BCSD classes are taught by highly qualified teachers with five National Board Certified Teachers on staff.



11.5 Years
Average years with BCSD
State average - 10

14.2 Years
Average years in education
State average - 13.5

42.3 Years
Average age of teachers
State average - 40.9

$67,131
Average teacher salary
State average - $67,094

Iowa Department of Education 2024-2025 Iowa Public School and AEA Teacher Information

Notice of Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of the Bettendorf Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the Affirmative Action Coordinator, (Executive Director of Human Resources) District Administration Center, 3311 18th Street, , Bettendorf, IA. 52722, 563-359-3681.

www.foundation.bettendorf.k12.ia.us

The Lamp

The Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation works to enhance the educational opportunities for Bettendorf Community School District students through the development and distribution of funds.

2026 Visiting Science Scholar



Alex Turner

BHS Alum &
Google DeepMind
Research Scientist

Alexander Matt Turner is the Bettendorf Community Schools Foundation 2026 Visiting Science Scholar. He will present to Bettendorf High School students on March 6 and attend the Bett STEAM Expo on March 7.

Alex is a Research Scientist at Google DeepMind in San Francisco, where he works on AI safety—helping ensure advanced AI systems are aligned, helpful, and do not cause harm. He is part of DeepMind's scalable alignment team and mentors future researchers through the ML Alignment Theory Scholars program.

A Bettendorf alumnus, Alex attended Hoover and Neil Armstrong Elementary Schools, Bettendorf Middle School, and graduated from Bettendorf High School in 2012. He earned a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Grinnell College and a PhD from Oregon State University, where he published widely recognized research in machine learning and AI safety.

After completing a postdoctoral position at UC Berkeley, Alex joined Google DeepMind in 2023. Outside of work, he enjoys reading, gaming, weightlifting, salsa dancing, and creative design. He still has family in the Quad Cities and values his Bettendorf roots.

Major Saver Cards

Buy a Major Saver Card Feb. 10-24

You can support our schools by buying a digital Major Saver discount card from a student during the BCSF fundraiser sale Feb. 10-24.

Or buy a card directly online at https://www.majorsaver.com where you can easily select a Bettendorf student and their school to receive credit.

BCSF annually holds this fundraiser partnership for all proceeds to benefit PTAs/PTOs at the middle and elementary schools.



Scholarships Available

BCSF encourages Bettendorf High School seniors to apply for our scholarship awards. A universal scholarship application form is available on our website now to submit for any of the scholarships.

Don't miss this opportunity to be considered for these awards by submitting an application before the deadline March 13.

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