

How does the Bellevue Schools Foundation make a difference?



Eastgate Elementary

Students at schools across the district benefit in 2010-11 from these programs

Enrichment & Innovation Grants: \$ 50,000

Enrichment & Innovation Grants fund enriching activities and innovative learning opportunities to Bellevue students. This year, through this competitive grant program:

- **Eastgate received a grant of \$1000** for "Eastgate Young Author's Conference," where students will interact with a published children's author, then write and illustrate their own books.
- **Eastgate received a grant of \$1000** for a 5th grade hands-on marine science experience on Puget Sound.

Differentiated Learning Initiative: \$ 100,000

BSD is committed to putting **all students** on the path to college, regardless of their learning style. Superintendent Dr. Amalia Cudeiro is leading the **Differentiated Learning Initiative** to develop a targeted learning environment, modeled after measurable successes at other US school districts. This instruction will challenge high performing students, help struggling students meet academic standards, and engage students at every level to realize their full potential.

- **Eastgate received a shared grant of \$6,400** to plan and implement school specific, measureable, attainable, realistic, and timely (SMART) Goals as part of this initiative

Curriculum & Technology: \$ 30,000

All Bellevue students will be ready for college success, thanks to a multi-year grant funded by the Gates Foundation. Students in every grade, at every school, benefit from improvements in how we teach math, science, social studies, history, language arts and world languages.

VIBES – Volunteers in Bellevue's Education System: \$ 95,000

Trained, caring volunteer mentors and tutors work with students to improve their academic and social skills for school success. VIBES will place over 400 volunteers in schools this year. BSF funds recruitment, training, and tracking outcomes.

- **Eastgate has 22 VIBES mentors** working with students

National Board Certification: \$ 12,000

Studies show that students of National Board Certified (NBC) teachers score 7 to 15% higher on tests than other students. Over the last five years, BSF has invested over \$600,000 to support Bellevue teachers pursuing NBC, who have achieved a success rate of over twice the national average.

- **Eastgate has 7 NBCTs** on staff

New Teacher Grants: \$ 3,000

First-time teachers receive \$200 grants to help them set up a cheerful, engaging classroom. Clyde Hill has one new teacher who received a grant.

More programs on the other side!

Additional programs BSF is funding this year:

AP Project-Based Learning: \$ 155,000

AP students benefit from more hands-on learning to deepen their understanding and mastery. This is the 3rd year of funding from the George Lucas Educational Foundation to develop a new approach to AP instruction; focus this year is on AP Environmental Science.

AVID - Advancement Via Individual Determination: \$ 40,000

Students with the will and potential to succeed receive study skills coaching and encouragement through AVID, a nationally-recognized program offered at every middle and high school. In addition, AVID study skills will be taught to 7th – 12th grade students in English, Social Studies and Science classes.

Bridging the Achievement Gap: \$ 250,000

Students who struggle benefit from school-based support programs, particularly those at schools with high rates of poverty and non-English speakers. This year, ten schools are providing enriched educational support ranging from reading assistance for Kindergarteners to after-school homework help and an innovative summer program for at-risk middle and high school students.

Music Grants: \$ 15,000

Students benefit from grants to teachers that support music programs in Bellevue schools.

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i3 Grant for Re-imagining Career & College Readiness: STEM, Rigor, and Equity

BSF helped Sammamish High School and the Bellevue School District secure \$1.1 million in private-sector matching funds to win the \$4.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Work will strengthen STEM instruction district-wide in **Bellevue's secondary schools**.

Community Engagement: \$ 15,000

Parents and District leaders come together to listen and learn from each other through special forums such as the Education Showcase (formerly Education Road Show) and BSF's Coffee and Learn series.

Did you know?

BSF is an independent, nonprofit organization. We raise funds from our community to support an excellent education for Bellevue students. Since 1979, BSF has raised over \$19M to invest in Bellevue public schools.

BSF funds programs in four areas:

- Academic Rigor
- Student Support
- Teaching Excellence
- Community Engagement

This year, BSF will grant \$ 865,000 to help Bellevue students thrive.

A gift to BSF helps students in every school, every classroom – every day.