

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Bus Transportation

Students in grades 1 through 8 are provided bus transportation to and from school if they reside one-half mile or more from their designated bus stop. At the high school level (grades 9 through 12), students are provided transportation by the district to Bedford High School, Manchester High School West, Derryfield, and Trinity.

Driver's Education

The Bedford School District provides driver education programming on a for-fee basis year round for students who meet age eligibility requirements. Students receive both classroom and on-the-road training to prepare for the NH State Driver Examination.

Foreign Language

Instruction in French and Spanish is offered at grades 5 through 8, and French, Spanish, Mandarin, Latin, and American Sign Language at Bedford High School.

Gifted and Talented Education

The Bedford School District is committed to educational excellence and a total educational program that provides for the needs and interests of all students. Inherent in the district's philosophy is a commitment to the outstanding, creative and highly motivated student.

The Skills Enriched through Educational Diversity (S.E.E.D.) Program services all students in grades 1 through 6. The program stresses critical thinking, creativity, solving "real life" problems, higher level thinking, and experiential learning. There are also specific courses to address the needs of students who are uniquely able academically.

Guidance Services

The role of the guidance counselor is to assist students in meeting their educational, personal/social and career goals either directly or through consultation with parents and staff members. The counselors' efforts focus on the student's academic and overall success in school.

Health Education

The Bedford School District's Health Curriculum allows students to learn about all aspects of healthy living and requires a strong partnership among parents, school, and community.

Kindergarten

Half-day morning and afternoon kindergarten classes are available for children who are five years of age on or before September 30th. The focus of the Bedford Kindergarten Program is the total development of the child. Within the kindergarten setting, a variety of activities allow for an exploration of skills in the areas of social, emotional, physical and intellectual development.

Library

Each school has a media center staffed by a full-time librarian. The library program promotes information literacy and a love of reading.

Lunch Program

All schools provide a nutritionally balanced meal each school day consisting of a varied menu with milk and dessert. Free and reduced price lunches are available for eligible applicants.

Music, Art and Physical Education

The music program is designed to offer each child the opportunity to develop a sense of musical awareness, response, understanding, and

appreciation. Curriculum objectives in art allow students to explore and develop their own creative abilities while introducing them to the work of various artists. Physical education objectives allow the students to gain life-learning skills in fitness, sportsmanship, and wellness.

Musical Performing Groups

The district offers a variety of performance opportunities for students in grades 6 through 11 including band, chorus, and drama. Instrumental music instruction is offered in grades 5 through 11.

Reading Services

Students in grades K through 11 are provided with reading support services through individual and group remediation and classroom consultation. *Project Read*, stressing a phonetic approach, is one method used at all elementary schools.

Special Education Programs and Services

A comprehensive range of special education programs and services such as *Project Read* and the Inclusionary Education Program for moderately/severely disabled students are offered and available to students with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 through a referral, evaluation and placement process.

Sports

Ross A. Lurgio Middle School and Bedford High School offer a variety of intramural and interscholastic sports for boys and girls.

Students' Clubs and Activities

Students at all six schools may participate in various clubs and activities. At the elementary and intermediate schools, activities such as Destination ImagiNation®, student council, chorus, and various clubs are available. At the middle school and high school, activities such as FHA (Future Homemakers of America), Technology Student Association, FIRST, Yearbook, French and Spanish clubs, dramatic arts, and choral and instrumental music programs are offered to meet the students' needs.

Technology Education

"Capture the Vision," the Bedford School District's Technology Plan, is designed to provide students with the necessary technology and training to enable them to function successfully in the 21st Century. The focus of this initiative is to support and enrich the teaching/learning process.



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