

Report Card Narratives

New Jersey Department of Education

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BLOOMINGDALE AVENUE SCHOOL SNAPSHOT OF OUR SCHOOL

Bloomingtondale Avenue School, a primary school serving children in kindergarten, first and second grade, is dedicated to providing a child-centered, nurturing environment for our young students. Our goal is to provide students with a strong foundation of cognitive, affective, and physical education in partnership with parents and the community. The goal of our combined efforts will be students who become enthusiastic lifelong learners and caring members of the community.

Continuous professional improvement is a priority for our staff. Teachers are involved in year-long professional development activities to enhance instructional skills and meet the individual needs and learning styles of students. Teaching techniques designed to increase students' ability to communicate, develop basic concepts, and think critically are major priorities.

The curriculum we offer at Bloomingtondale Avenue School is fully aligned with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and Curriculum Frameworks. We update materials and equipment annually to meet and exceed curriculum guidelines. Specifically, our language arts program is literature rich, and includes guided reading, shared reading, writers' workshop, and a phonemic awareness program at the kindergarten level designed to identify and remediate at-risk students. This program is a collaborative effort between our speech specialist and classroom teachers.

Our math program is based on a hands-on, multisensory approach, and designed to strengthen understanding of numbers, numerical concepts, basic computation and problem solving. Science and social studies are similarly hands on, interactive, and life-based. In the area of technology, our students are successfully using computers and software daily as an aid to learning and to develop critical-thinking skills. At least five computers are available in every classroom for our students' daily use.

Beyond this, Bloomingtondale Avenue School's Media Center is fully wired/automated, and well stocked with literature appealing to primary-grade youngsters. Our Media Center teacher additionally provides staff with supplemental materials supporting math, language arts, science, and social studies instruction.

At Bloomingtondale Avenue School we seek, encourage, and have successfully achieved a partnership with parents to promote the education of our students. Our staff is committed to helping parents extend and augment outside of school lessons learned in school. To maintain this linkage, parents are regularly present in the classroom to read to the children, and to lend support during special events and holiday activities.

In addition, our PTA has helped to augment the education of our students by architecting and supporting such family events as Trick or Trunk, Dr. Seuss Night, Art Night, Field Day, Arbor Day Celebration, an annual Ice Cream Social, and an end-of-year Family Pool Party. This past year, our PTA also worked collaboratively with teachers and staff to coordinate a host of service-learning projects. These included making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless, participating in the Scholastic Classrooms Care Program, and collecting holiday gifts for disabled children.

Other activities and after-school programs helping to extend classroom learning and provide enrichment for our second-grade students include Chorus, Arts & Crafts Club, and Computer Club, and for first-grade students, a Cup-Stacking Club--a program designed to increase hand-eye coordination.

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BLOOMINGDALE AVE SCH 2008-09 SCHOOL REPORT CARD

COUNTY: UNION

DISTRICT: CRANFORD TWP

School Environment

<u>Length of School Day</u>	
Amount of time school is in session on a normal school day.	
School	6 hours: 20 minutes
State Average	6 hours: 30 minutes

<u>Instructional Time</u>	
Amount of time per day students are engaged in instructional activities.	
School	5 hours: 10 minutes
State Average	5 hours: 42 minutes

<u>Student/Computer Ratio</u>		
Numbers of students per instructional, multi-media-capable computer, available for the purposes of supervised instruction.		
	School	State Average
2008-09	3.2	3.3
2007-08	3.3	3.6
2006-07	3.0	3.5

<u>Average Class Size</u>	2008-2009	
	School	State
Kindergarten	19.7	18.6
Grade 1	22.0	18.8
Grade 2	24.0	19.3
Total School	22.1	18.4

<u>Internet Connectivity</u>		
Numbers of instructional, multi-media-capable computers by location and how many have a connection to the Internet.		
	2008-2009	
Locations	Computers	Computers Connected to the Internet
Classroom/Instructional	61	61
Library/Media Centers	4	4
Computer Labs	10	10
All Locations	75	75

Student Information

<u>Enrollment by Grade</u>				
Counts of students "on-roll" by grade in October of each school year.				
Grade	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007	2005-2006
Kindergarten (half-day)	59.0	72.0	86.0	64.0
Grade 1	88.0	98.0	76.0	88.0
Grade 2	96.0	77.0	86.0	94.0
SE students in specialized classes				4.0
Total School	243.0	247.0	248.0	250.0

<u>Student Mobility Rate</u>		
Percentage of students who entered and left during the school year.		
	School	State Average
2008-09	1.2%	10.7%
2007-08	5.7%	10.8%
2006-07	4.8%	11.8%

<u>Students with Disabilities</u>	
Percentage of students with IEPs (Individualized Education Program) regardless of placement/programs	4.5%

<u>Language Diversity</u>	
First language spoken at home in order of frequency.	
Language	Percent
English	100.0%

<u>Limited English Proficient (LEP)</u>	
Percentage of LEP students	

Student Performance Indicators
ASSESSMENTS

OTHER PERFORMANCE MEASURES

<u>Attendance Rates</u>	2008-2009		2007-2008	
	School	State	School	State
Percentage of students present on average each day.				
Kindergarten	96.0%	94.4%	93.6%	94.4%
Grade 1	96.3%	95.1%	96.6%	95.2%
Grade 2	96.5%	95.5%	96.5%	95.6%
Total School	96.3%	94.6%	95.7%	94.5%

<u>Student Suspensions</u>			
Percentage of students who were suspended from the school during the school year.			
	School	District Average	State Average
2008-09	0%	1%	4%
2007-08	0%	1%	5%
2006-07	0%	1%	5%

<u>Student Expulsions</u>			
The number of students who were expelled during the school year.			
	School	District	State Total
2008-09	0	0	35
2007-08	0	0	66
2006-07	0	0	76

Staff Information

<u>Student/Administrator Ratio</u>		
Numbers of students per administrator.		
	School	State Average
2008-09	243.0	276.8
2007-08	247.0	262.1
2006-07	248.0	273.2

<u>Student/Faculty Ratio</u>		
Numbers of students per faculty member.		
	School	State Average
2008-09	14.5	10.8
2007-08	15.5	10.7
2006-07	14.7	10.9

<u>Faculty Attendance Rate</u>		
Percentage of faculty present on average each day.		
	School	State Average
2008-09	97.3%	95.3%
2007-08	98.2%	96.0%
2006-07	97.7%	96.2%

<u>Faculty Mobility Rate</u>		
Percentage of faculty who entered and left the school during the school year.		
	School	State Average
2008-09	6.0%	4.0%
2007-08	0.0%	5.7%
2006-07	0.0%	6.2%

<u>Faculty and Administrator Credentials</u>				
Percentage of faculty and administrators possessing a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree.				
	BA/BS	MA/MS	PhD/EdD	
2008-09	80.0%	13.3%	6.7%	
2007-08	78.6%	14.3%	7.1%	
2006-07	75.0%	18.8%	6.3%	

<u>National Board Certification</u>			
Number of teachers who have been certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.			
	School	District	State
2008-09	0	0	93
2007-08	0	0	93
2006-07	0	0	65

District Financial Data

Administrative and Faculty Personnel								
In FTE (Full-time Equivalents).								
	# of Administrators		# of Schools		# of Students per Administrator		# of Faculty per Administrator	
	District	State Average	District	State Average	District	State Average	District	State Average
2008-09	24	28	7.0	7.6	159.9	159.2	15.2	15.2
2007-08	25	29	7.0	7.6	150.9	155.3	14.1	14.7
2006-07	24	28		2.0	0.0	0.1	14.3	15.1

Median Salary and Years of Experience of Administrative and Faculty Personnel			
	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07
Administrators			
Salary - District	\$115,130	\$115,560	\$110,860
Salary - State	\$114,950	\$111,311	\$108,450
Years of Experience - District	23	22	25
Years of Experience - State	21	22	23
Faculty			
Salary - District	\$58,571	\$57,699	\$54,717
Salary - State	\$59,545	\$57,242	\$55,550
Years of Experience - District	9	9	9
Years of Experience - State	9	9	9

Teacher Salaries and Benefits				
Percents of teacher salaries and benefits of the total comparative expenditures. The percent increase or decrease represents the expenditure change in teacher salaries/benefits from one year to the next.				
	% for Teachers Salaries/Benefits		% Change - Increase/Decrease (+/-)	
	District	State Average	District	State Average
2008-09	56%	55%	5%	7%
2007-08	56%	55%	5%	7%
2006-07	55%	55%	4%	4%

Administrative Salaries and Benefits				
Percents of administrative salaries and benefits of the total comparative expenditures. The percent increase or decrease represents the expenditure change in administrative salaries/benefits from one year to the next.				
	% for Administrative Salaries/Benefits		% Change - Increase/Decrease (+/-)	
	District	State Average	District	State Average
2008-09	10%	8%	4%	4%
2007-08	10%	8%	4%	4%
2006-07	10%	8%	3%	3%

Revenues						
Percents of total revenues from various sources.						
	2008-2009		2007-2008		2006-2007	
	District	State Average	District	State Average	District	State Average
Local	84%	51%	83%	51%	83%	53%
State	7%	41%	6%	39%	7%	40%
Federal	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%
Other	7%	5%	9%	7%	8%	3%

Per Pupil Expenditures						
Two calculations of the average cost per pupil in the district. (See #1 and #2 below).						
	2008-2009		2007-2008		2006-2007	
	District Budget	State Average	District Actual	State Average	District Actual	State Average
Classroom - Salaries and Benefits	\$7,059	\$7,483	\$6,727	\$7,112	\$6,500	\$6,760
Classroom - General Supplies/Textbooks	\$291	\$301	\$280	\$268	\$307	\$263
Classroom - Purchased Services and Other	\$123	\$237	\$100	\$204	\$90	\$191
Total Classroom Instruction	\$7,473	\$8,020	\$7,107	\$7,584	\$6,897	\$7,214
Support Services - Salaries and Benefits	\$1,725	\$1,903	\$1,667	\$1,764	\$1,465	\$1,663
Support Services - other	\$165	\$252	\$158	\$276	\$147	\$233
Total Support Services	\$1,890	\$2,155	\$1,825	\$2,040	\$1,612	\$1,896
Administration - Salaries and Benefits	\$1,227	\$1,120	\$1,183	\$1,097	\$1,155	\$1,050
Administration - other	\$192	\$267	\$195	\$252	\$168	\$248
Total Administration Costs	\$1,419	\$1,387	\$1,378	\$1,349	\$1,323	\$1,298
Op./Maint. of Plant - Salaries and Benefits	\$881	\$863	\$836	\$818	\$797	\$789
Op./Maint. of Plant - other	\$574	\$805	\$581	\$776	\$788	\$710
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$1,455	\$1,668	\$1,417	\$1,594	\$1,585	\$1,499
Total Food Services Costs	\$0	\$21	\$0	\$32	\$0	\$27
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$385	\$250	\$376	\$227	\$353	\$216
(1)TOTAL COMPARATIVE COST PER PUPIL	\$12,646	\$13,601	\$12,123	\$12,598	\$11,789	\$11,939
(2)TOTAL COST PER PUPIL	\$13,565	\$15,168	\$13,156	\$14,832	\$12,879	\$14,273

(1) The Comparative Cost Per Pupil represents comparisons with districts of similar budget type. The components that comprise the comparative cost per pupil are as follows: classroom instructional costs; support services (attendance and social work, health services, guidance office, child study team, library and other educational media); administrative costs (general administration, school administration, business administration, and improvement of instruction); operations/maintenance of plant; food services, and extracurricular costs. The total of these expenditures is divided by the average daily enrollment to calculate a total comparative cost per pupil.

(2) Total Cost Per Pupil, in addition to all of the costs listed above for the comparative cost, includes costs for tuition expenditures; transportation; other current expenses (lease purchase interest, residential costs, and judgments against schools); equipment; facilities/acquisition; and restricted expenses less nonpublic services and adult schools, as well as students sent out of district. The total of all these expenditures is divided by the average daily enrollment, combined with all students sent out of district as reported in the ASSA, to calculate a total cost per pupil.

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