

# FIND YOUR PLACE IN THE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT



## WHY BISD?

BISD's mission is to honor and nurture the unique skills, talents and passions of every student. We provide a welcoming and respectful environment where students flourish and forge a life-long love of learning through relevant, engaging learning experiences. We empower our students to find purpose and contribute to a more just and equitable world.



## BISD AT A GLANCE

- Over 3,600 students are served by seven schools
- Teachers average 15+ years of experience
- More than 80% of our teaching staff hold a Master's Degree or higher
- HS seniors had a 99% on-time graduation rate (2021)
- The Bainbridge Island community is exceptionally supportive of our schools, both financially (with high voter approval of school district bonds and levies) and through volunteer participation



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SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 393

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# BISD BELIEVES

## We believe ...

- in every child;
- everyone has the potential and the right to lead a meaningful and productive life;
- all students can learn at high levels when provided with engaging learning opportunities that both support and challenge them;
- social and emotional health is as important as academic performance;
- diversity is essential to a vibrant community;
- strong, supportive relationships are the foundation of all that we do;
- empathy and critical thinking skills are essential for citizenship in a diverse and connected world;
- in becoming an anti-racist, inclusive organization that eliminates educational disparities and challenges traditional practices and norms;
- our families and community are our partners in the success of each child.



## ABOUT BISD

- **BISD OFFERS A ROBUST CURRICULUM.** Along with grade-level classes, our students access the following:
  - Elementary students (grades K-4) enjoy physical education, art, music, STEM and library specialists.
  - Intermediate students (grades 5-6) access physical education, art, and music/band.
  - Secondary students (grades 7-12) select from an extensive list of electives which includes languages, fine arts, band and engineering classes.
- **BISD REACHES ALL LEARNERS.** Our Instructional Support Services provides targeted intervention for different needs (such as Highly Capable, Special Education, English Language Learners, etc.).
- **BISD BUILDS COMMUNITY.** All BISD schools have active Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs) which help facilitate enrichment opportunities and school traditions.
- **QUESTIONS?** Contact Erin Bischoff at [ebischoff@bisd303.org](mailto:ebischoff@bisd303.org) or 206-780-1081.



# DISTRICT GOALS

## Teaching & Learning

All students will engage in learning experiences that empower them to become productive citizens of a diverse society who are committed to social and environmental justice.



## Equity, Anti-Racism, Inclusion, Diversity & Justice

BISD will ensure our students feel honored, welcomed, respected, and connected. We are committed to embracing and honoring our island's diversity and creating a vibrant and inclusive community. We will engage our community in becoming an anti-racist organization ensuring equitable access to learning, opportunities, and resources for all students.



## Health, Well-Being & Safety

BISD will focus on and develop students' social and emotional skills to lead positive and healthy lives with strong connections, feeling of belonging, and a sense of hope throughout their time in BISD.



## DO YOU KNOW?

- **THE ISLAND'S HISTORY IS WOVEN INTO LEARNING.** BISD strives to make learning relevant and memorable for our students. Examples include 6th graders at Sakai participating in *Leaving Our Island* (a unit on the Japanese exclusion during WWII) and 8th graders district-wide watching the documentary, *Honor Thy Mother* as part of their social studies curriculum. *Honor Thy Mother* tells the untold stories of Aboriginal women from Canada and Native women from tribes in Washington and Alaska who migrated to Bainbridge Island in the early 1940s. Many had just been released from the Indian Residential Schools and fell in love and married Filipino immigrants working on Bainbridge. Having left their homeland and possible disenfranchisement from their tribes, they settled on Bainbridge Island to raise their mixed heritage (Indipino) children.
- **HOP ON THE BUS.** BISD provides AM/PM transportation for all students (except for students enrolled in our choice programs).
- **ISLAND LIVING.** Due to the island's proximity to Seattle and the Olympic/Kitsap Peninsulas, BISD students enjoy field trips to explore world-class museums, city attractions, mountains and beaches.
- **BISD GARNERS NATIONAL ATTENTION.** In 2022, U.S. News & World Report ranked Bainbridge High School the 9th public high school in Washington state. If you consider only the traditional, comprehensive high schools (and not specialized schools), BHS was ranked #5

# OUR SCHOOLS



## **Bainbridge High School, Grades 9-12**

Bainbridge High School is the district's only comprehensive high school and serves approximately 1,330 students. BHS offers a challenging curriculum — including Advanced Placement and Honors classes — augmented by diverse elective offerings. Athletics, clubs and activities round out the BHS Spartans' experience.



## **Woodward Middle School, Grades 7-8**

Woodward Middle School serves approximately 500 students and provides a welcoming and challenging learning environment for middle schoolers. At WMS, students are grouped into smaller learning communities which helps cultivate strong relationships. After-school athletics and extracurricular clubs are offered to Woodward Wildcats.



## **Sonoji Sakai Intermediate School, Grades 5-6**

Sakai Intermediate School serves approximately 500 students and helps provide students with a smooth transition between elementary and middle school. At Sakai, students are given a bit more responsibility than in grade school while maintaining a nurturing school setting. The all-school salmon release is a beloved annual tradition each spring.



## **Commodore Options School, Grades K-12**

Commodore Options School houses what are referred to as "choice" schools — meaning that families choose the schools rather than be assigned. Admittance is through a lottery/application process. Commodore includes Odyssey Multiage (K-8), Mosaic Home Home Partnership (K-8) and Eagle Harbor High School (9-12).



## **Blakely Elementary School, Grades K-4**

Blakely Elementary is a neighborhood school and serves the south/central island. All K-4 schools access the same high-quality curriculum, have a nurturing staff and a highly-involved parent community. Blakely also houses an inclusion preschool for students who qualify for special education services and has limited space for peer models.



## **Ordway Elementary School, Grades K-4**

Ordway Elementary is a neighborhood school and serves the central island. All K-4 schools access the same high-quality curriculum, have a nurturing staff and a highly-involved parent community. Ordway also houses El Velero (Spanish immersion) and students are admitted to the program via a lottery.



## **Wilkes Elementary School, Grades K-4**

Wilkes Elementary is a neighborhood school and serves the north/central island. All K-4 schools access the same high-quality curriculum, have a nurturing staff and a highly-involved parent community. Wilkes also houses an inclusion preschool for students who qualify for special education services and has limited space for peer models.



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