Berea Elementary School: Annual Report to the Community

Principal: Tom Miller SIC Chair: Scott Fitzsimmons







The mission of Berea Elementary, in cooperation with home and community, is to prepare children to be critical thinkers, problem solvers, and responsible citizens by creating meaningful learning experiences in a technology rich environment.

SIC Members:
Tom Miller
Scott Fitzsimmons
Natalie Phillips
Jordan O'Toole
Donna Smith
Mary Katalinic
Kim Embler
Jennifer McKelvey
Freda Kennamore
Loretta McMahan
Towanda Durant



School Profile:

- Average student attendance rate of 95%
- Computer Labs
- B Report Card Grade
- Salvation Army Smart Program
- Response to Intervention
- 1:1 iPad Program
- Promethean Boards
- Balanced Literacy
- Gifted and Talented Program
- School-wide Title 1
- ESOL services
- Special Education services
- Virtual Science Lab
- Distinguished Reading Teacher of the Year







School Demographics:

Total Enrollment	456
Caucasian	30%
African- American	19%
Hispanic	43%
Other	9%
Free and Reduced Lunch	90%



Student Performance Data Pass Testing

Math % Proficient	2012	2013	2014
3rd Grade	63%	66%	67%
4th Grade	55%	61%	85%
5th Grade	80%	41%	73%

Reading % Proficient	2012	2013	2014
3rd Grade	63%	74%	70%
4th Grade	61%	53%	79%
5th Grade	60%	63%	71%

Berea Elementary School creates a safe, inviting atmosphere which fosters learning. Teachers utilize daily essential questions, adhere to state standards, and encourage students to exhibit positive character traits. Our staff participates in professional development in the areas of Math, English/Language Arts, Writing and Technology. District personnel provide practical, hands-on opportunities for teachers to grow and develop professionally. Instructional Coaches ensure best practices are followed and are available to support each classroom teacher. Technology training assists the teachers in providing multiple opportunities for students to be actively involved in classroom lessons through the use iPads, Promethean Boards, ActivExpressions, and other programs. Title I provides our parents with multiple levels of involvement. A wide variety of topics such as homework help, reading as a family, hands-on math activities and healthy homes were covered with the purpose of helping parents help their children both at home and school in practical ways.