

Mission

Berkshire Elementary School's mission is to develop young and healthy minds in an ever changing global economy with 21st century skills by providing a nurturing, diverse, and inclusive community where all stakeholders are valued.

Vision

Berkshire Elementary School is committed to providing a healthy, holistic, creative, diverse, supportive educational experience empowering students to reach their highest potential. Our innovative staff is committed to continual professional and personal growth to ensure maximum student success in the knowledge, technology, skills, ethics, and character required for responsible citizenship and productive lives.

Berkshire Elementary School Title I International Spanish Academy



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A Special Place to Learn

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Pre-Kindergarten

Berkshire's VPK program serves our youngest students and is where our four-year-olds learn skills vital to their future academic success. In a play centered learning environment, VPK students build a strong foundation in academic, motor and social skills that will benefit them throughout their educational career. Berkshire VPK students participate in a variety of projects that include both traditional and hydroponic growing of plants that provide food, hatching chicken eggs, growing crystals, observing the actual life cycle of butterflies and frogs, putting on shows, and numerous cooking activities. Berkshire VPK is a member of the Strong Minds Network and also partners with PNC's Grow Up Great program.

Dual Language

The Berkshire Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program is open to all students who wish to acquire the ability to fully function in a multicultural society. This advanced program is for those families who choose for their children to achieve high levels of literacy and academic achievement in two languages. The goal of our Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program is to provide long-term opportunities for our students to become lifelong cross-cultural learners.



Arts Integration

Arts integration is “an approach to teaching in which students construct and demonstrate understanding through an art form”. Studies have shown that it increases student engagement and achievement among youth from both low and high socioeconomic backgrounds. This fantastic learning tool is offered by **Berkshire’s Fine Arts Team** during Arts Integration Instructional periods.



Violin

Berkshire Elementary offers a violin program to students in grades K-5. During the year students practice at school and home to later showcase their skills at school performances.



Single School Culture Positive Behavior Support PAWS Expectations

Berkshire Elementary School staff work together to create a safe and effective learning environment in which all students can achieve optimal growth. How Does Positive Behavior Support work? Our staff members are watching for students who demonstrate the PAWS philosophy and exhibit at least one of the “PAWSOME” traits! These students can be rewarded with reinforcements such as verbal praise, school-wide recognition, and ‘PAWSOME’ tickets! What are the expectations?



Berkie PAWS Pledge

- 🐾 I have a positive attitude.
- 🐾 I am always responsible.
- 🐾 I am willing to learn.
- 🐾 I make safe choices at all times.

The Berkie Bulldogs are positive, responsible, willing and safe learners!

- Positive Attitude
- Always Responsible
- Willing to Learn
- Safe Choices

Reading Garden

Research has shown that if students can utilize the outdoors for even 10 minutes a day it will help to enhance their learning abilities. Here at Berkshire Elementary School we are so excited to be able to offer our students a Reading/Butterfly Garden. This garden was planted to provide the students not only with an outside classroom but also a way to reflect on the wonders of nature. Students are provided with a calm, quiet, and relaxing area where they can go and listen to a story, perform a quick Math lesson or practice Science.



Berkie Afterschool Program

This program provides opportunities for students to develop into healthy, well-adjusted and responsible adults. Berkie Afterschool Program ensures that your child participates in a developmentally appropriate and enjoyable program that balances and compliments their academic experience.

We emphasize:

- Fun and friendship
- Recreational activities
- A safe, nurturing and structured environment
- Creativity
- Homework support
- Opportunities to develop social skills
- Positive adult relationships
- Nutritious snacks