



School Improvement Plan Summary 2008-2009

FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS—MISSION STATEMENT

Fairfax County Public Schools, a world-class school system, inspires, enables, and empowers students to meet high academic standards, lead ethical lives, and demonstrate responsible citizenship.

BELLE VIEW ELEMENTARY—MISSION STATEMENT

At Belle View Elementary, we believe in educating the whole child. We develop each child's academic, fine arts, technological, physical, and social skills to create a well-rounded student.

Academics

Increase student achievement in language arts in grades K-6 by implementing strategies of a comprehensive literacy program.

- Use shared reading and writing to model what good readers/writers do
- Demonstrate think alouds
- Use guided reading and flexible grouping to meet the varied needs of students
- Use the co-teaching model to strengthen instructional practices

Increase student achievement in mathematics by using formative assessments to differentiate through flexible groupings and student centered activities

- Include assessment items similar to SOL test items
- Use assessment data to guide instruction
- Demonstrate think alouds
- Student discussion/cooperative learning
- Use the co-teaching model to strengthen instructional practices

Essential Life Skills

Students will be able to contribute effectively within a group and possess the skills to manage and resolve conflict.

- Belle View will continue implementation of a peer mediation/conflict resolution program in order to foster self-regulation and communication skills centered on respect for self, others, and property.
- Belle View will continue implementation of a mentor program which will pair staff members with identified students in order to help foster each child's positive academic identity.
- The PBS committee is working with the staff and parents in the Belle View community to develop and use common language within a concrete framework to model and guide students in internalizing the democratic value associated with respect for self, others, and property

Responsibility to Community

Students will be respectful and contributing participants in their school, community, country and world.

- All students will participate in Inclusion Week and complete one inclusion awareness activity
- Students and staff will participate in a school/community recycling and conservation program