



2008 – 2009

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GRADES K-5

ENROLLMENT 652

SCHOOL HOURS 8:50 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

THE BEL AIR EXPERIENCE

Bel Air is a community of rich diversity, with students from numerous countries and cultures attending the school. The school environment is conducive to all cultures and backgrounds and promotes learning in a setting in which all students can excel and grow together. Bel Air's diligent focus on learning helps students achieve both academically and socially. Teachers use contemporary techniques like professional collaboration and data-based decision making to continually develop their instructional skills. Students looking for extra academic instruction can take advantage of a school mentoring program or an after-school enrichment program.

PERSONALIZED INSTRUCTION

Bel Air teachers coordinate resources to customize reading and math instruction according to ability levels in reduced group size settings for students. Teachers also have quick and easy access to a comprehensive online database of students' test scores and achievement data. Access to this timely information helps teachers tailor their daily instructional approach to match their students' individualized needs and meet personalized performance goals. An Internet portal called SchoolView allows parents online access to a variety of their student's information.

RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR

Bel Air offers every student a healthy, safe and respectful learning environment in which students are treated fairly and with respect by teachers and other students. An active school committee has established a code of conduct that requires respectful behavior from every student. Bel Air is recognized by World Citizen, a global non-profit organization, as an International Peace Site. The school is committed to promoting intercultural understanding and celebrating diversity.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Parents are encouraged to play an active role in their child's school experience. Bel Air offers many opportunities for parents to support learning. Several volunteer options are available, from classroom, clerical and IMC positions to school picture day volunteers, field trip chaperones and PTA involvement.

HOW TO ENROLL

Each year, Mounds View Public Schools enrolls hundreds of new students at all grade levels. Bel Air welcomes students in its attendance area which includes New Brighton and Arden Hills. To enroll at Bel Air, District residents can call 651-621-6300. Non-residents are welcome to apply for enrollment as well. For more information, call 651-621-6013.

EDUCATIONAL PATH

Bel Air Elementary School
→ Highview Middle School
→ Irondale High School

2008–2009 DEMOGRAPHICS

Average class size per grade:

K – 25	3rd grade – 25
1st grade – 23	4th grade – 27
2nd grade – 24	5th grade – 30

Percent of students enrolled for entire year: 82.4*

Average percent daily attendance: 96*

Diversity of student population (by percent):

Native American – 0.5	Black – 15.6
Asian – 8.9	White – 67.3
Hispanic – 7.7	

* Indicates totals from 2007–2008 school year. For multi-year reporting of demographics, visit www.moundsviewschools.org.

Percent of students eligible for free or reduced price lunch: 35.1

Percent of students receiving special services:

Special education – 7.4
Title I – 10.8*
English as a second language – 10.3

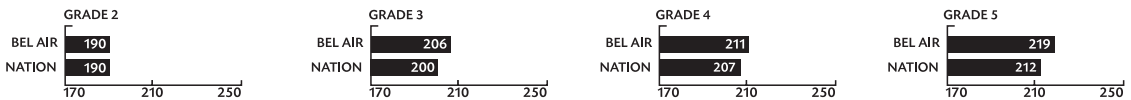
Parent Involvement:

- Percent of parents attending parent/teacher conferences – 96*
- Number of parents providing volunteer services – 290*
- Number of parents actively participating in the PTA – 97*

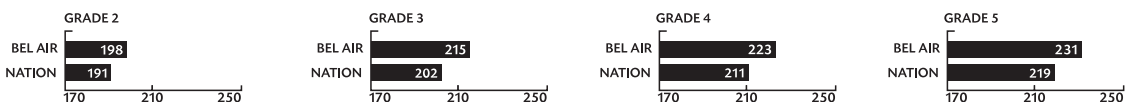
2007 – 2008 ASSESSMENT RESULTS

NORTHWEST EVALUATION ASSOCIATION: NWEA

READING MEDIAN SCORES



MATH MEDIAN SCORES



MINNESOTA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT: MCA-II

For MCA-II results, visit the curriculum page at www.moundsviewschools.org.

COMPARING BEL AIR

Every year the Minnesota Department of Education compiles a report card of test scores for schools throughout the state. To view Bel Air's test scores and compare them with other schools in Minnesota, visit <http://education.state.mn.us>. For more information on standardized tests and results, go to www.moundsviewschools.org/news.