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## SCHOOL PROFILE 2015-2016



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Barbara Spencer, K-5 Assistant Principal  
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Kristen Goldberg, Preschool Director

### FACTS ABOUT BFA

Grades Served: K – 8  
Number of Students: 893  
Class Size: Kindergarten: 16  
Class Size: Grades 1-8: 26  
Year Established: 2011  
School Hours: 8:15am – 3:30pm  
School Colors: Red, White and Blue  
School Mascot: Lightning Bolts  
Uniform Standards for all Students

### BFA Mission

Our mission is to develop young adults with character like America's founding Renaissance man, Benjamin Franklin: well-read, scientifically curious and civically engaged.

### BFA Vision

Our students will excel academically through a challenging, sequenced curriculum that emphasizes math, science and literacy. We will be a data driven institution, focusing on individual students. Our students, teachers, parents, staff and leaders will be held accountable for the success of our school. Finally, we recognize that an education is incomplete without fostering the arts, sports, nature and character.

### WHAT BFA OFFERS

- ▣ Core Knowledge Sequence
- ▣ Talented and Dedicated Staff
- ▣ Preschool
- ▣ Fully Staffed Special Education Dept.
- ▣ Science, Technology and Math focus
- ▣ Amazing Arts Program (Art, Music and PE)
- ▣ Two Technology Labs
- ▣ Gifted and Talented Enrichment
- ▣ Reading Support
- ▣ Character Education
  - 13 Virtues
  - Rachel's Challenge
- ▣ Positive/Uplifting School Climate
- ▣ Before and After School Program
- ▣ Volunteer Opportunities for Parents
- ▣ Active PTO and Community Events Committee

### What Makes the BFA Middle School Special

- ▣ National Junior Honor Society
- ▣ Student Council
- ▣ Academically Rigorous
- ▣ Honors Classes Offered for all Core Classes
- ▣ Middle School Electives Program
- ▣ Middle School Sports
- ▣ Individual Lockers
- ▣ No Block Scheduling
- ▣ Dedicated Middle School Wing and Commons Area
- ▣ COACH (Character, Organization, Academics, Community and Heart Projects). Each day students meet with their advisory classes to work on organization, to build character and community and to focus on their academics.
- ▣ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Ed Trip to Estes Park
- ▣ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Ed Trip to Keystone Science Center
- ▣ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington D.C. and Philadelphia
- ▣ BFA Alumni report that they feel well prepared for H.S.

**Ben Franklin Academy** is truly a wonderful place to work and learn. It is an honor and a privilege to serve this amazing school community.

***"Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."***

***-Benjamin Franklin***