



The Core Knowledge STEAM School of Choice

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROFILE



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Aric Gomez, K-4 Assistant Principal
Jason Elliott, 5-8 Assistant Principal
Halsley Hoff, Business Manager
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Rachelle Patterson, Registrar

FACTS ABOUT BFA

DCSD Public Charter School
Grades Served: Preschool - Eighth
K-8 Students: 908
Preschool Students: 78
Class Size, Kindergarten: 14 -16
Class Size, Grades 1-8: 26
Year Established: 2011
School Hours: 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
School Colors: Red, White and Blue
Mascot: Lightning Bolts
Traditional Calendar
Before and After School Enrichment
Summer Camp
Uniform Standard for all Students
Parent Governing Board

WHAT BFA OFFERS

- ▮ Core Knowledge Sequence.
- ▮ Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math (**STEAM**)
- ▮ Preschool
- ▮ Fully Staffed Special Education Department
- ▮ Multiple Technology Labs
- ▮ Gifted and Talented Enrichment
- ▮ Reading Support
- ▮ Character Education
 - 13 Virtues
 - Rachel's Challenge
- ▮ Positive/Uplifting School Climate
- ▮ Volunteer Opportunities
- ▮ Active PTO
- ▮ Community Events Committee
- ▮ DCSD Hot Lunch Program

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 Elementary School Offers:

- ▮ **Specials Rotation Including:**
Weekly science lab
Art, Music, PE and Technology
- ▮ **Technology in the Classroom**
iPads
Laptop Computers
Document Cameras
- ▮ **Grade Level Culminating Events**
Grade K: Holidays Around the World
Grade 1: Flat Stanley
Grade 2: Immigration – Ellis Island Day
Grade 3: Rome Day
Grade 4: Medieval Times
Grade 5: Ameritowne
All Grades: Grade Level Musical Productions

What Makes the BFA Elementary School Special

- ▮ Passionate Teachers and Aides
- ▮ Core Knowledge Language Arts Curriculum
- ▮ Academically Rigorous
- ▮ Daily Science and Social Studies
- ▮ Students are welcomed everyday as they arrive at school
- ▮ Monthly Character Assemblies
- ▮ Random Acts of Kindness
- ▮ Lexia (Home Support for Reading)
- ▮ Accelerated Reader
- ▮ Geography and Spelling Bee
- ▮ Field Trips
K: Hudson Gardens and Denver Zoo
1: Denver Aquarium and Nature and Science Museum
2: Denver Art Museum and Bodyology
3: Manitou Springs and Hudson Gardens
4: Downtown Denver or Revolutionary War Reenactment
5: Denver Art Museum or Civil War Reenactment

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.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best dividends."

-Benjamin Franklin

