



The Core Knowledge STEAM School of Choice

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## PRESCHOOL PROFILE 2017-18



### FACTS ABOUT BFA

DCSD Public Charter School  
Grades Served: Preschool - Eighth  
K-8 Students: 908  
Preschool Students: 85  
Class Size: Preschool: 16, 1-8 ratio  
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
- ▣ 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 Event Committee
- ▣ DCSD Hot Lunch Program

### BFA Preschool 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 Preschool Vision

Our vision is to help children begin their academic journey in a nurturing environment that fosters self-esteem and a love of learning. We utilize the Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence as preschoolers learn best by participating in meaningful hands-on learning activities. We believe that children are ready to learn and encourage this by offering additional academic focus in science, math and literacy.

### What BFA Preschool Offers:

- Multiple class options for children ages 3-5 years
- 3/4 year old classroom options
- T,Th AM (8:20-11:20)
  - M,W,F AM (8:20-11:20)
- 4/5 year old pre-kindergarten classroom options
- C. M,W,F AM (8:20-12:20)
  - D. M,W,F PM (12:20-3:20)
  - E. M,W,F Full Day (8:20-3:20)
  - F. T,Th AM (8:20-12:20 )
  - G.T,TH PM (12:20-3:20)
  - H. T,Th Full Day (8:20-3:20)

### What Makes the BFA Preschool Special

- ▣ Highly qualified passionate teachers
- ▣ A nurturing environment
- ▣ Balance between academics and play based learning
- ▣ Small class size and low teacher-student ratios
- ▣ Focused on individual growth
- ▣ Specials Rotation-Music and Movement, Art, Science and Technology
- ▣ Daily focus on Language Arts, Math, Science, Art, and Social Skills
- ▣ Weekly visits from a Douglas County library volunteer for story time
- ▣ Yearly visits from the Tooth Fairy and Fire Department
- ▣ Special events such Western Days, Parents Day, Winter Performance and Pre-Kindergarten Graduation
- ▣ Priority enrollment into Kindergarten
- ▣ Smiling faces everyday!

**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.

***Where a love of learning begins!***