

2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

BELLA ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE

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Our Mission

Creating an innovative and academically excellent learning environment which is centered on students, directed by teachers, and supported by home and community.

Curriculum

Bella Academy of Excellence employs research based programs including, but not limited to, BOOST Reading, Freckle, My Math (K-5), Glencoe Math (6), Science Fusion, FUNdations (K-3) and Just Words (4-6). Bella Academy also utilizes regionally developed Imagine Pacing Guides and Curriculum Guides for all core subjects in all grade levels.

Additional Offerings

- Annual field trips including Patterson Fruit Farm, Playhouse Square and camping
- Afterschool tutoring and summer school
- Small group intervention and enrichment in Reading and Mathematics
- Weekly Art, Mindfulness, and Physical Education
- Friday Clubs for all students
- Every student part of one of five houses based on character traits, working together to be the winning house of the year by demonstrating positive Character and our Shared Values.

Community Outreach & Partnership

- School Carnival
- Father's Walk
- Canned Food Drive with Cleveland Food Bank
- Apples of Gold Kindergarten shadow day
- Memorial Day Parade



Designated **State School of Character**
by Character.org

Promising Practices in Character Education
recipient for our "Coaches Series"

providing academic strategies for parents on topics related to classwork, homework, and test prep.



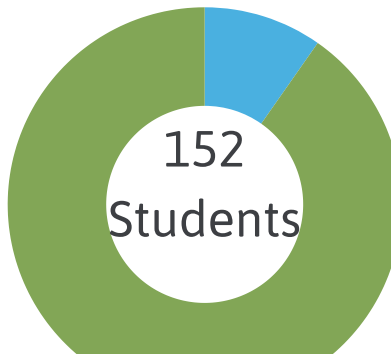
Teachers

9 General Education
1 Special Education



Student Demographics

● Not Calculated 9.7%
● Black, Non-Hispanic 90.3%



*Subgroups with less than 10 students are not calculated.

99.9% Economically Disadvantaged
12.4% Students with Disabilities

88.7% Attendance Rate

Instructional Hours
Kindergarten 1,096
Grades 1-6 1,089

Family & Student Surveys

92% of our students agree *"Teachers and other adults in this school expect me to do my best."*

92% of our students agree *"Teachers and other adults at this school teach me how I am expected to act in class and throughout the school."*

100% of our parents agree *"At this school, my children are learning the social, emotional, and character skills that will help them succeed in school and in life."*

100% of our parents strongly agree *"My children are able to describe their progress towards reaching their own academic and character goals."*

81% of our parents strongly agree *"This school provides a welcoming environment for all students and their families."*

Funding

Total Operating Revenues \$2,301,802
Non-Operating Revenues \$631,341
Operating Expenses \$2,933,427

Cash basis, unaudited.
Provided by Bella Academy of Excellence's
Designated Fiscal Officer.



2025
Auditor of
the State
Award
Recipient

Academic Goals & Results

Bella Academy of Excellence believes that academic growth, alongside achievement, is the most appropriate measure of academic success. By analyzing growth data, we make informed decisions that foster positive learning experiences and challenge our students to soar. Our holistic educational approach embodies evidence-based and effective instructional practices. Bella Academy of Excellence educators empower each student to make significant academic progress that is both measured and celebrated, all within a collaborative culture of high expectations.

The Renaissance Star assessment system is used worldwide as a multipurpose tool for screening and progress monitoring and includes resources for targeting instruction for individual learners. The Student Growth Percentile (SGP) is computed by comparing a student's growth to that of their academic peers nationwide. SGP is reported on a 1–99 scale, with lower numbers indicating lower relative growth and higher numbers indicating higher relative growth. For example, if a student has an SGP of 60, it means the student has

shown more growth than 60 percent of academic peers. Normal Curve Equivalent (NCE) is a measure of academic achievement and is computed by comparing a student's performance against a national norms group on an equal-interval scale. NCE is reported on a scale of 1 to 99 with a value of 50 representing the average score for students at the same grade level.

Renaissance Star Assessments

	Mathematics		Reading		Early Literacy	
	Avg. NCE	Median SGP	Avg. NCE	Median SGP	Avg. NCE	Median SGP
K					51	65
1	42	48			43	42
2	45	62	50	71	36	65
3	55	69	53	79	38	96
4	41	48	49	94		
5	30	51	33	58		
6	41	66	44	68		
Overall	43	56	46	70	44	62

Academic
Growth
Top Performer
Reading &
Math



School Report Cards



Meets state standards

2024 - 2025 Report Card for

Bella Academy of Excellence

Districts and schools receive an overall rating of 1 to 5 stars in half-star increments. The overall rating is comprised of up to six rated components.

Achievement

The Achievement Component is a measure of how well students performed on state tests.



Needs support to meet state standards in academic achievement.

Performance Index

55.1%

Graduation

The Graduation Component is a measure of the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate and the five-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.

Graduation Rates

This school is not evaluated for graduation rate because there are not enough students in the graduating class.

Progress

The Progress Component is a measure of the growth students are making based on their past performance.

Overall



Significant evidence that the school exceeded student growth expectations.

Early Literacy

The Early Literacy Component is a measure of reading improvement and proficiency for students in kindergarten through third grade.

Improving K-3 Literacy
Third Grade Reading Proficiency
Promotion to Fourth Grade



Needs significant support to meet state standards in early literacy (K-3).

12.5%
42.9%
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Gap Closing

The Gap Closing Component is a measure of the reduction in educational gaps for student groups.

Annual Performance Goals



Needs support to meet state standards in closing educational gaps.

29.4%

College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness

The College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness Component is a measure of how prepared Ohio's students are for future opportunities, whether training in a technical field or preparing for work or college.

Students who are Ready



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IMAGINE SCHOOLS MEASURES OF EXCELLENCE 2025

A+ in Shared Values
B+ in Economic Sustainability
B in Character Development

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Serving Grades K-6

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