

BATES MIDDLE SCHOOL



Grades: 6th through 8th
Opening/Closing: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
School Colors: Red and Black
School Mascot: The Mighty Bantam
School Theme: Lead, Teach, Learn, and
Serve with a Purpose
Enrollment: 655
Average Class Size: 27

Brief Summary of Instructional Program _____

For the 2017-2018 school year, we are continuing our accreditation process to become a STEAM certified school. As part of this process, Bates has implemented school wide PBL (Project Based Learning). Our teachers and students work in interdisciplinary teams, applying the instructional tenets of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) based education to solve real-world problems. We have revised our schedule to accommodate PBL, and during dedicated PBL class sessions, problem solving is done throughout the school by all students. Students are tasked to find solutions to problems through research and application, with classroom teachers in all academic disciplines acting as facilitators. The PBL units are student centered and provide students the opportunity to work independently and cooperatively. Through this independent work, student understanding increases in the academic areas and also in the soft skills employers crave that are so necessary to survive in modern society. By their involvement in

PBL/STEAM, our students reap the benefits, learning both directly and indirectly skills that will serve them well in today's society.

Bates is directly involved in the community and builds relationships in a variety of ways. Bates hosts an intergenerational meeting once a month. At this meeting, facilitated by teachers, middle school students interact with senior members of the local community. These sessions are character building, and provide insight into the thoughts and ideals of widely separated generations. Our PBL showcase, open to the public, highlighted the hard work of our student led PBL teams as they sought solutions to world problems such as natural disasters and civil rights. During the showcase the school was filled with ideas and solutions created by our students. We also provide "Blessing Bags" to members of the community suffering from unfortunate life situations. The bags are distributed by school staff and students monthly through a local church, and provide essential items to those less fortunate.

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Outstanding Features and Programs

- Algebra I for High School Credit
- Band
- Chorus
- Computer-Based Instruction (One-to-Global)
- Duke TIP Program
- English I for High School Credit
- Extensive Professional Development
- Foreign Language (Spanish)
- Guidance Services
- Library/Media Center
- Orchestra
- Project Based Learning
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Data Driven Instruction
- Talented and Gifted Programs

Recent Awards and Honors

- Duke TIP Scholars
- EIA Grant Recipient
- FBLA Award Winning School
- Junior Scholars
- Outstanding Performance Award (Band, Orchestra)
- AdvancED Accreditation
- Lowes Toolbox for Education Grant

Extracurricular Activities

- Bantam Acts of Kindness
- Bantam Community Service Club
- Bantams Morning Show
- Bates Men of Purpose

- Basketball
- Board Game Club
- Building Better Bantams
- Card Game Club
- Cheerleading
- Comic Book Club
- Culture Club
- Double Dutch
- Drama Club
- First Priority
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Football
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Girls Excelling in Math and Science (GEMS)
- Google CS First
- Gospel Choir
- Guitar Club
- Military History Club
- Mock Trial
- Noble Needles (Traditional Crafts)
- Outdoorsman Club
- Patriotic Society
- Science Olympians
- Spanish Club
- Stop Bullying Club
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Whooo's Reading Club
- Young Women of the Future

Incentive Programs

- Academic Achievement Awards
- Athletic Awards Banquet
- Band and Chorus Awards Night

- Bantam's Best Recognition Program
- Honor Rolls
- PBL Showcase Program

Parent and Teacher Opportunities

- Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)
- Teacher Advisory Council (TAC)
- School Improvement Council (SIC)
- Parent Forum
- Parent Workshops

Community Involvement

- Blessing Bag Distribution
- Feed My Starving Children
- Guidance Career Fair
- Intergenerational Programs
- Principal for the Day
- Shower Shaw with Cookies
- Sumter Jaycees Christmas Parade
- United Way Campaign
- Volunteer Luncheon

Faculty Profile

- 85% Advanced Degrees
- 15% Bachelor's Degrees

