



Bright Star Elementary School

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Please visit the school website: bse.dcssga.org

Why Bright Star Elementary?

"I believe Bright Star Elementary is special because it is a place where I know my child is expected to learn and meet all requirements. The administrators and teachers are committed to student excellence, and this is shown in the goals and high expectations that are set for all students. My child really enjoys Bright Star Elementary School and is excited every day for a new learning experience."

—Bright Star Parent

Achievements

- ◇ L4GA grant recipient
- ◇ RISE grant for athletics
- ◇ RISE initiative through Kaiser Permanente



Inside the Classroom

When entering the classroom at Bright Star Elementary, visitors will find students who are actively engaged in rigorous instructional activities which are relevant to their everyday experiences. The goal of teachers and staff is to ensure that students are able to make lifelong connections that they can apply to every aspect of their daily lives. At Bright Star, students are exposed to a wide variety of instructional strategies that promote critical thinking. Students are involved in various lessons that expose them to complex problems and situations, where they have to make decisions that require providing evidence based on logic and reason.

It is vital to understand that socialization and developing proper social skills is just as important as the academics. Therefore, in addition to the curriculum, Bright Star students are exposed to social skills lessons. The faculty and staff understand that teaching and modeling appropriate social skills helps to ensure that the needs of the whole child are being met. By providing students with social skill practice and social stories, teachers are working to ensure that students are able to demonstrate positive behaviors and strong relationships with all of their peers.

Shooting Towards Excellence

Together, we shape the future.

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Our Mission

The mission at Bright Star Elementary is to build a community of lifelong learners that become responsible individuals, independent thinkers, and productive citizens.

Principal's Message

As the principal for the last seven years at Bright Star Elementary School, I have focused on maintaining a family atmosphere. We work together to make sure that our students have everything needed for success. My main goal is to improve student achievement and to engage our community in our school improvement. We continue to work together with families to engage them in their child's learning. We have many family nights planned for this year that engage the whole family. Spooky Story Night, STEM Night and our Wax Museum of Historical Figures are just a few.

- Principal Heather Fields

Student Enrollment: 426

Total Staff: 67

Certified Staff: 37

**Certified Staff with
Advanced Degrees:** 62%

*Numbers for enrollment and staffing current as of
10/21*

To access state-mandated test scores including the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS), please scan the QR code.



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Beyond the Classroom

When students are provided activities beyond the academics, they have the ability to reach a deeper understanding of themselves and the things that they enjoy. Since Bright Star students have insatiable interests in so many diverse areas, we offer a wealth of clubs each year.

Through the 21st Century Grant, Bright Star offers after school tutorial known as Comet Club, where students and their families learn new skills. The students who qualify for this program are provided academic enrichment activities to help ensure that they meet local and state standards in reading and math. This program also offers students homework assistance and remediation.

Additional activities that Bright Star offers ensure that students have the opportunity to be creative and learn leadership skills. Students may join after school activities including Drum Team, Boys to Men, Chess Club, Chorus, Step Up Girls, and intramural teams for flag football and basketball.

Students are also afforded the opportunity to participate in interscholastic competition for all students through programs such as the Math Competition Team and the Road Runner Program. The Math Competition Team is a math enrichment group that helps to foster a love for critical thinking through mathematics. The Road Runner program is a running enrichment program that helps students to develop their running knowledge and skills, to participate in running events, and to meet students in the school and the community.