



## BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION

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# DEEPER LEARNING WORKS.

# EVERY MIND WORKS.

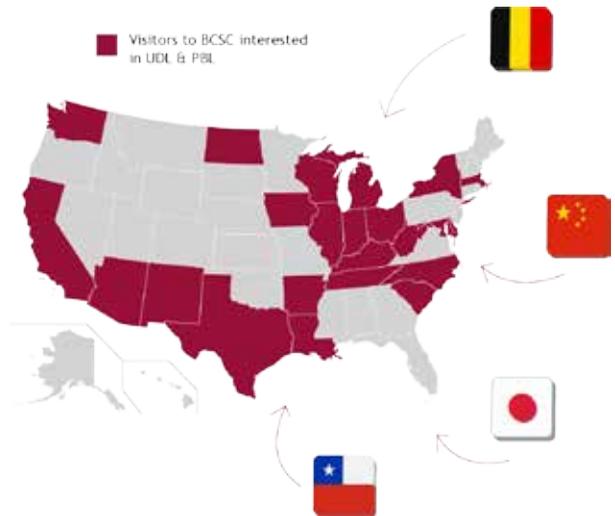


## UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING

Universal Design for Learning is the framework we employ to design lesson plans and facilitate learning in all environments. This proactive method of education is based on neuroscience.

## HOW UDL WORKS

UDL provides a structure for educators to evaluate potential barriers to learning and give accessible options for students in order to provide a culturally responsive environment that celebrates diversity. BCSC strives to make students architects of their own learning. UDL supports BCSC's commitment to deeper learning, which is our individualized approach to preparing our children to succeed in any environment and to become lifelong learners.



Interest in our UDL framework and PBL programs has reached an international level. BCSC has been featured in the Harvard Education Letter and has had visitors from all across the U.S., as well as from countries such as Chile, China, Japan and Belgium come to learn more about implementing these practices.

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UDL is a better way of learning for both sides of the brain. It is important because it is interactive learning for every one!

— Central Middle School 7th grader —

# MULTIPLE PATHWAYS WORK.

Whether our students decide to go to college or straight into the work force, we provide multiple pathways to learning that are intellectually engaging at each level:

## Project-Based Learning

Implemented in: **Grades K-12**

Engages students by requiring them to work in teams in a technology-rich environment to solve real world problems.

## High Ability Program

Implemented in: **Grades K-8**

A rigorous and robust curriculum using instructional practices that challenge students who have shown high ability skills in their primary course work.

## Global Studies

Implemented in: **Grades 7-8**

Interdisciplinary studies are presented in a global context. Students learn about various cultures, global challenges and foreign languages.

## Pre-AP/ AP/ACP

Implemented in: **Grades 7-12**

Advanced Placement and Advanced College Project offer students the opportunity to earn college credit.

## Career & Tech. Ed. (C4)

Implemented in: **Grades 9-12**

Prepares students for post-secondary education or the competitive job market by teaching problem-solving, critical thinking and high-level technical skills.



## PATHWAYS BY NUMBERS

- 90%** Take at Least One C4 Class
- 1000** Attend a PBL School
- 300+** Elementary Students in Accelerated Programs
- 9438** College Credits Earned by BCSC Class of 2013
- 890** AP Exams Taken in 2013



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The C4 program allows me to experience the job I want to pursue and to make sure it is a good fit. BCSC provides me with the resources that allow me to do my best and to be challenged every step of the way.

— Columbus East Junior —

# PROJECT-BASED LEARNING WORKS.

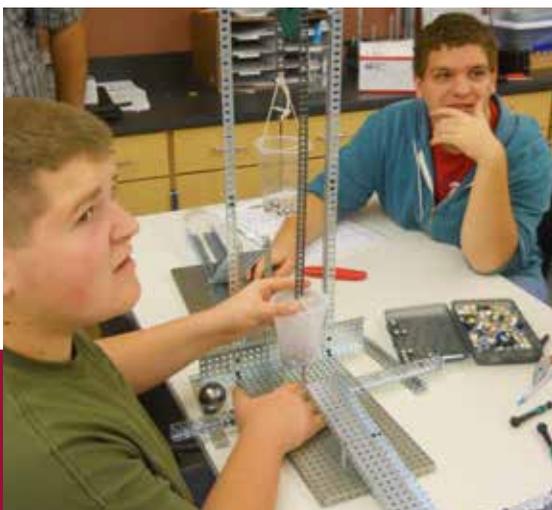
## PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

In 2008, we launched Columbus Signature Academy, the first K-12 PBL program in the Midwest. PBL invites students to solve real world problems in a technology-rich environment. Our students develop 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills while learning rigorous content and engaging with community partners.

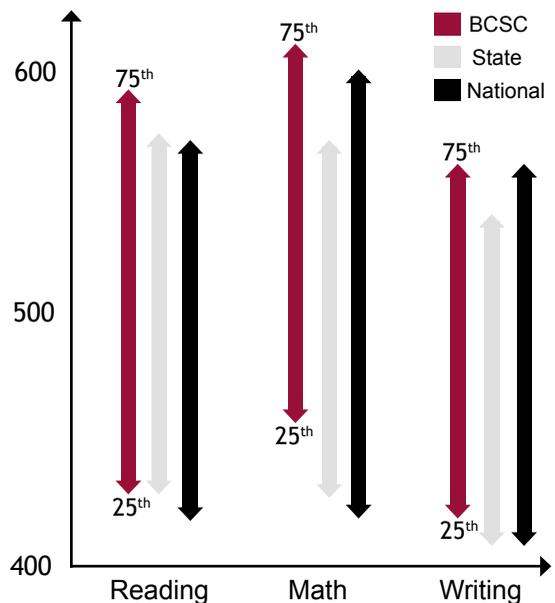


## POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

PBIS is a student behavior system with a profound focus on making schools a positive and motivating place to be by setting clear expectations. We prioritize prevention versus punishment, which sets our program above other behavior management systems.



BCSC **outscores** the rest of Indiana's schools & the nation in SAT 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> & 75<sup>th</sup> Percentiles



### We Decrease

- Referrals
- Dropout Rate
- Unsafe Acts

### We Increase

- + Instructional Time
- + Satisfaction
- + Attendance

— Positive Behavior Instructional Support —

# DIVERSITY WORKS.

BCSC capitalizes on individuality and values diversity. Our population totals nearly 12,000 students, with 52 spoken languages. Our highly regarded special education department serves 14 percent of our students. Through our ESL program, we embrace differences, close the language gap and encourage cultural responsiveness in BCSC's diverse community of learners. All schools drive successful learning outcomes by encouraging and instilling the value of diverse ideas, critical to in-depth and authentic learning. Within all of our schools, our instructors and students alike strive to ensure that all students feel welcome.



## DIVERSITY BY NUMBERS

**52** Languages Spoken

**15%** English as a Second Language

**22%** Ethnic Diversity

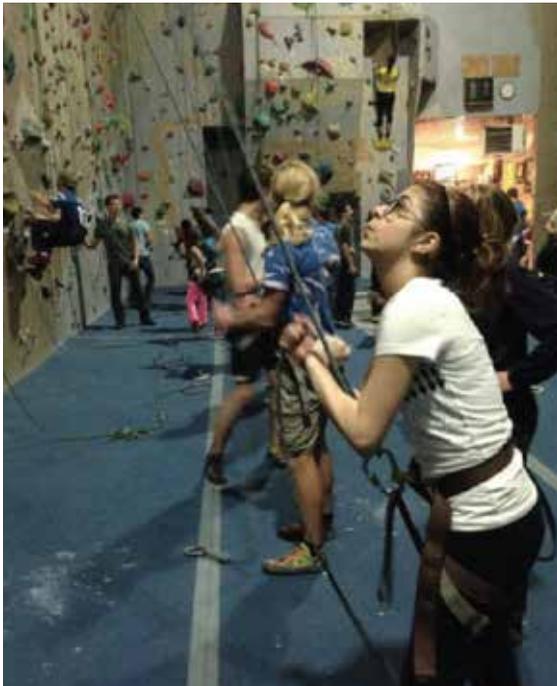
**42%** Unique Socioeconomic Challenges



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For my senior project, I am leading an effort to raise funds and awareness to build a water system in Kaihura, Uganda that will give 5,000 people access to safe drinking water.

Columbus East Senior



# STUDENT VOICE WORKS.

Student input is important to us. Whether your child's dream is to attend college or enter directly into the workforce, rest assured that BCSC will join you in preparing your child so that each dream is made into a reality. We teach our students to find their voices and take charge of creating their futures. Students are encouraged to step into leadership roles, participate in the processes and decisions that affect them, and to welcome feedback and input from staff, students and community members.

We also offer a multitude of extracurriculars at all grade levels, such as band, sports, academic teams, theater, choir and orchestra. Students get the opportunity to join clubs based on a variety of interests, such as community service, academic and adventure clubs.

## COMMUNITY BY NUMBERS

**60**

Hours of Community Service Averaged per Student

**100+**

Extracurricular Programs

**100%**

Complete Community, Career or Creative Senior Project

**38**

State Championships in a Wide Range of Activities



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One of the most rewarding things about my high school experience has been North's band program - one of the best music programs in the state. Band allows me to flourish as a musician and as a leader and has helped me develop maturity and leadership skills, both of which colleges are deeply interested in.

Columbus North Senior

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKS.

BCSC, Columbus' second largest employer, encourages students and teachers to be incredibly active in the community. Almost all of the projects that are done in our PBL schools rely on community partners to give feedback on projects and presentations. Our students are involved in what is going on in our community and each child helps make Columbus a better place to live. All high school seniors are required to complete a senior project, in partnership with a community mentor. Additionally, more BCSC students continue on in post-secondary studies than the national average. Our community is home to IUPUC and Ivy Tech, both of which offer many dual credit opportunities for high school students.



## COMMUNITY EDUCATION COALITION

A unique partnership exists between educators and the business community, who work together to improve economic growth through education. In the community, we offer:

- Early Childhood Ed.
- Career Outreach
- Indiana Afterschool Network
- EcO15
- Latino Education
- Project-Based Learning
- STEM
- IUPUC, Ivy Tech, Purdue
- i-Grad
- Columbus Learning Center
- IUCA+D
- Healthcare
- Adult Ed. Needs Assessment
- Advanced Manufacturing/Engineering



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I created the Acalymphians, an a cappella group, to raise money for CEHS's Performing Arts Department. I then realized I want to major in music therapy in college.

Columbus East Senior

# BCSC WORKS.

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9,438

College credits earned by BCSC students,  
saving families more than

\$516,000



94%

Graduate with Academic Honors, Technical Honors or Core 40 Diplomas



20:1

Student:Teacher Ratio



\$13,000,000

Total earned in scholarships by  
BCSC seniors in 2013



100%

Complete rigorous  
senior projects

83% **U**

Of BCSC graduates who enroll in post-secondary school one year after graduation go on to enroll for the second year

compared to

70% national average



600

High school  
credits earned  
by middle  
school students

91%



Of third graders pass state reading test



At least one elementary school earned a **state championship** or ranked in the **top 10** in the **statewide Math, Science & Spell Bowls** for the past decade



96%

Overall attendance rate for BCSC students



100%

of high school juniors  
took the ACT in 2013.