

## B.L. GRAY JR. HIGH



### 2018-2019 SCHOOL STATISTICS

Designated in 2019

Re-Designated in not apply

Community Size - Suburban

School Enrollment - 789

Grade Levels - 7th & 8th

School Calendar - Traditional

Free & Reduced Lunch - 57.44%

English Learners - 20.97%

Students with Disabilities - 12.32%

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### 2018-2019 School Demographics

- **African American - 0.51%**
- **Asian - 2.79%**
- **Caucasian - 2.67%**
- **Filipino - 0%**
- **Hispanic - 93.65%**
- **Native American - 0%**
- **Pacific Islander - 0%**
- **Other - 0%**
- **Two or More - 0.38%**

### School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

#### Academic Excellence

At B.L. Gray Jr. High, we strive to live our mission of "inspiring, educating and empowering all students to reach their full potential and become leaders of the highest moral character" - a charge we enthusiastically embrace and welcome.

Instructional strategies utilized at B.L. Gray Jr. High include a variety of challenging and engaging activities, such as Kagan Cooperative Learning, inquiry-based learning and personalized learning with integrated technology.

Scholars are provided the support they need to meet rigorous standards through flexible scheduling, academies, remediation as well as enrichment opportunities.

Faculty is provided time and frequent opportunities to enhance student achievement by working with colleagues to deepen their knowledge and to improve their standards-based practice.

## **Developmental Responsiveness**

We create a personalized environment that supports each scholar's intellectual, ethical, social, and physical development through extracurricular activities that support a variety of interests such as Athletics, Robotics, Band, etc.

B.L. Gray Jr. High provides access to comprehensive services to foster healthy physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of our scholars by training staff to recognize when scholars are having difficulties.

Counselors provide guidance lessons focused on age-appropriate topics, such as growth mindset, leadership, bullying prevention and other topics.

Scholars are provided with opportunities to develop citizenship skills, use the community as a classroom, and to engage with community in providing resources and support through programs such as Kids Helping Kids Campaign, Vannie E. Cook Toy Drive, and Heavenly Hats to name a few.

## **Social Equity**

At B.L. Gray Jr. High, we recognize the importance of building meaningful relationships with our scholars as the first step toward laying the necessary foundation for successful learning to occur.

Our master schedule is created and implemented with special education student's needs and the needs of English learners in mind.

Units are formulated and delivered to highlight aspects from multiple cultures, such as, but not limited to, novel units, in association with nonfiction related current event articles that cultivate Hispanic Heritage Month and National American Indian Heritage Month.

We encourage and motivate each scholars' accomplishments through attendance celebrations and scholar-led parades down our hallways. We recognize a Rattler of the Month each six weeks who exemplifies good character and leadership qualities.

## **Organizational Support**

We are a learning organization that establishes norms, structures and organizational arrangements to support and sustain our path towards excellence.

Our scholars learn at an early age the concept of dressing for success. This simple concept establishes for scholars an expectation of what it means to be a Rattler.

The faculty are engaged in peer observation and Instructional Rounds to lead to improvements in our teacher practices and which in turn yield improvements in student performance.

It is our practice to collect, analyze and use data as a basis for making decisions tied to scholar success.

We believe families and community members are our partners and we keep lines of communication open and keep them informed through events, such as Open House, Meet the Rattlers and the Parent Institute.