



Hoffman-Boston Elementary School

A Project Edison Communications and Technology Focus School
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This school is accredited through the Southern Association of College and Schools.



Hoffman-Boston is a creative, dynamic and highly motivating educational facility. Our curriculum emphasizes communications and technology. A dedicated school community meets the needs of our school's diverse population by using a variety of

teaching strategies and teaching materials. Students excel by doing and by participating in real life learning experiences. Our successful program includes the following:

- Emphasis on communications and technology in all subject areas;
- Academic preparation to ensure that every student has the opportunity to meet the requirements of Virginia's Standards of Learning;
- Support for students in becoming organized and independent learners; and
- High expectations to encourage every student to become a life-long learner.

Goals

The Hoffman Boston School Community works together with the goal of inspiring students to become global thinkers, lifelong learners, and to communicate extensively and effectively. Students utilize technology, explore the sciences and showcase the arts. They strive to become physically fit as they demonstrate a sense of self worth and dignity. It is our hope to provide learners with the knowledge, desire and ability to use life's lessons to have a positive impact on society.

Desired Outcomes, Student Opportunities & Instructional Highlights

All Arlington elementary schools teach the adopted curricula and offer gifted services, special education services, reading support and English language support to those students who qualify. Yet, each school's program is a little different. Our School not only emphasizes the curriculum; we focus upon students' confidence and competence as well. As an elementary school that focuses on communication and technology, we are proud to offer the following state-of-the art technology to our students:

- Four computer labs – all with high speed internet access and latest software
- Meteorological weather station with rooftop camera, part of the ABC 7 Weather Bug Network
- Students predict and broadcast the daily news and specialty programs on HBTv, our school-wide television station.
- School's Web site features a variety of activities and information for parents.
- SCA electronic elections

Hoffman-Boston also features:

- An Exemplary Project: Project Edison - enhancing communication skills through technology & integration of the arts.
- Highly qualified, motivated and dedicated staff
- Collaborative, team teaching approach to student learning
- Extensive media center
- Literary Publication Center
- Special education integration model
- First Language Support (FLS) program
- Montessori for three - five year olds
- Virginia Preschool Initiative program for four year olds
- Head Start

Reading/ Language Arts Highlights

- Guided Reading
- Humanities Programs including Classika Theatre
- Literature Circles and Phonemic Awareness Literacy Groups
- School-wide Title 1, Reading Recovery and Book Buddies programs
- Writers' Workshop/Publishing Center/Lucy Calkins Writing Workshop
- Library Reading Adventure Programs
- Mother-Daughter Book Club

Mathematics Highlights

- Fulltime math instructional resource teacher
- Spacious Little School House lab filled with many, varied hands-on math materials
- Continental Math League problem solving activities
- Family learning nights

Science Highlights

- Emphasis on learning science by doing experiments
- Science Lab
- Outdoor Lab field trips and visits to Arlington Planetarium

- School-wide Habitat Program
- Technology Night

Social Studies Highlights

- History Alive teaching program and Interactive Notebooks
- Field trips, class programs and assemblies
- Passport to Learning Evening
- Adventure of the American Mind

Awards and Recognition

- Honor Roll/B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades) recognition
- Presidential National Fitness Awards
- Teacher grant winners
- HBTV awarded MHz TV Best Student News

Special Activities and Community Service

- Business partnerships that include the Defense Intelligence Agency, National Museum of Women in the Arts, American Legion, Drug Enforcement Agency and Verizon
- SOL Intervention
- Chorus
- Recorder Club
- Art enrichment
- Safety Patrols
- YES (Youth Experiencing Success) Club
- School-based summer program
- Intergenerational programs with Carver Senior Center members
- Character Counts counseling activities
- Extended Day
- Brownie Troop
- Walk for the Homeless

Opportunities for Parental Involvement

- Parent/Teacher Association (PTA)
- Classroom volunteers
- Field trip chaperones
- Family Fun Night events
- Book Buddies volunteers
- Career Day
- PESA
- Parents as Teachers Reading Session

Technology*

Student access to technology is an Arlington priority. All of our schools have state-of-the-art computer labs, teacher voice mail, access to the Internet and a school home page. While students have access to some older computers for backup or overflow, the number of new and mid-level stations used for instruction and testing are reported below.

Number of computer stations in labs and classrooms: 199
 Student Stations: 156
 Teacher Stations: 44
 Number of Computer Labs: 4
 Building cabling to provide voice/data and Internet access

School Safety

To effectively promote the learning and teaching needed to achieve our high academic goals, we believe it is important to provide a safe school that is free of disruption.

Fire Drills Per Year: 12
 School Bus Drills Per Year: 2
 Safety Assemblies: yes
 Youth Resource Officer: on call
 Student Safety Patrols: yes

Transportation

95% ride the bus and live more than one mile from school
 5% live within one mile walking zone

School Population

Total Student Enrollment, K-5: 284
 Total Student Enrollment, 3-4 year olds: 58
 Students who receive English as a second language support, K-5: 130
 Asian/Pacific Islander, K-5: 20.6%
 Black, K-5: 44.6%
 Hispanic, K-5: 25.1%
 White, K-5: 8.7%
 Unspecified, K-5: 1.0%
 Total Teaching Faculty: 46
 Total Administrators: 2
 Teachers with a master's degree or beyond: 17
 Average Years of Teaching Experience in Arlington: 10
 Total Average Years of Teaching Experience: 15

2005-06 Test Results

Virginia State Accreditation Status: Fully Accredited
 Adequate Yearly Progress (according to federal NCLB guidelines): No
 More detailed information about testing results is available at:
www.arlington.k12.va.us/admin_serv/plan_eval/demog.
 Virginia School Report Cards at:
www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/src/vasrc-reportcard-intropage.shtml

Each of Arlington's schools is unique and this report is intended to give you a brief description of your child's school and its programs. It also highlights the achievements of the school in a variety of areas that are important to your child's education.
 *Indicates 2005-2006 data.