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At a Glance

2007-2008

Enrollment 227 (118 girls, 109 boys)

Grades Pre-kindergarten through 5

Faculty 24

Average class size 17

Students of color 25%

Student/Teacher ratio 9:1

Library 10,000+ volumes

Computers 175

Financial aid awarded \$484,348

Average aid award \$13,400

Families receiving aid 18%

Tuition and fees \$16,755

Middle School Placement

Billings Middle School

Bush School

Evergreen School

Forest Ridge School

Lakeside School

Northwest School

St Joseph's School

Seattle Academy of Arts and Sciences

Seattle Country Day School

Seattle Girls' School

Seattle Public Schools

University Prep

Villa Academy

Bertschi School is an Accredited Member of the Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools (PNAIS) for grades k-5 and a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). We are accredited by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools and are a Washington State approved elementary school.

Our Mission

Bertschi School educates children to become compassionate, confident and creative learners in a global community.

Our Values

Our community values integrity, inclusiveness, respect and a commitment to sustainable practices.

Our Approach

Our **teachers** inspire academic excellence and individual success.

Our **curriculum** fosters intellectual curiosity and emotional maturity.

Our **school** encourages social responsibility and collaborative problem solving.

Our **community** supports and celebrates the unique gifts of every child.

Diversity Statement

At Bertschi School, we honor and support the unique contributions to our society made by people of all ethnic, economic, religious, racial backgrounds, physical ability, learning styles and sexual orientation. We strive to promote inclusiveness in all school areas, including school programs, community activities and recruitment of students, faculty, staff and trustees. We are actively committed to increasing diversity in our school community to reflect the region in which we live.

Bertschi School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, socio-economic status, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

Financial Aid Information

Bertschi School is committed to attracting and retaining a socio-economically diverse student body. We have established a program of financial aid for families who might otherwise be unable to consider Bertschi as an option for their child. Our financial aid program helps with not only tuition but associated educational costs such as Learning Services, Extended Day, and summer skill enrichment.

How do I know if I should apply for aid?

Independent school education is a choice for families. Most families must make significant financial sacrifices to support this choice and adjust their spending priorities accordingly. However, some families simply cannot cover tuition costs, even after the most careful household budgeting. Monthly tuition payments at Bertschi this year are approximately \$1,600. If after careful planning, you are not able to afford this monthly amount your family should consider applying for aid.

How is financial aid determined?

Financial aid awards are based on a family's ability to meet the cost of an education at Bertschi. To determine the most fair and equitable estimate of a family's need, Bertschi utilizes School and Student Services for Financial Aid (SSS), an organization that does an independent assessment of financial need. In addition, parents are asked to provide an explanation of their financial situation and relevant documents (tax returns, wage statements, etc.) to the Business Office, which administers Bertschi's financial aid program. All aid packages are carefully structured to meet the needs of each individual family's situation.

Who will have access to my financial information?

All financial information provided to Bertschi School is completely confidential. Admission decisions are made independent of the financial aid award process.

Will applying for financial aid affect my child's application for admission?

The admission committee reviews applicant files with a primary goal in mind: to identify those students who will benefit the most from an education at Bertschi and make a positive contribution to the life of the school. The committee does not have access to financial information or aid applications. However, our financial aid funds are not limitless, and we must be able to budget for the needs of the students we wish to accept when admission decisions are finalized. Bertschi does assume that parents have carefully analyzed their own capacity to pay tuition and have applied for aid if needed at the outset of the admission process, so that both the school and families accepted can make decisions accordingly.

How do I begin the financial aid process?

For more information, visit our web site at www.bertschi.org. Contact the Bertschi School Admission Office at 206.324.5476 x105 to request a financial aid packet.

Additional Program Features

Resource Specialists

Bertschi's multi-disciplinary curriculum incorporates instruction in art, drama, music, science, technology, physical education, library and Spanish into the academic program through skilled subject specialists. Resource teachers work closely with classroom grade level teachers to develop projects that integrate a range of skills and subjects, creating a rich, "real world" experience for children. These specialists also contribute to the integral sense of community at Bertschi, teaching students across all grade levels.

Learning Services

The goal of Bertschi's Learning Services is to provide screening, resources, and support to facilitate the educational success of all students. Bertschi provides the resources to support children with a range of learning capabilities — from those experiencing difficulties to those exceeding grade level expectations.

Bertschi offers a variety of on-campus support/resources including individual instruction, reading groups, specialized classes, accelerated programming and after-school homework support. The Learning Services staff offers specialized instruction using current educational research and curriculum. These services are available at an additional cost. Learning Services also hires qualified hourly tutors or instructors to provide on-campus support, or coordinates referrals to off-campus specialists.

Community Outreach

We believe that students learn by doing. To learn about community, children must actively participate in their community. From kindergarten through fifth grade, students engage in community outreach in a variety of age-appropriate ways. Our kindergartners connect with Bertschi's immediate neighbors, delivering holiday cards and May baskets. Second grade students visit the Pike Place Market food bank and donate the proceeds from their own school market to that organization. The entire school enthusiastically participates in the annual Hop for Humanity, in which students jump rope in support of a local school or organization in need.

Computer Education and Library/Media Center

Schools today are challenged to keep pace with rapid technological advances. At Bertschi, our goal is to prepare students to adapt and perform with ease in this changing landscape. Our Technology and Library resource specialists help students develop the skills and confidence needed to access, use and evaluate information in a range of hard copy and electronic formats. Specific areas covered include computer familiarity, keyboarding, copyright, multimedia, art and graphics, programming, spread sheets, e-mail and internet use, graphing and word processing. The library/media center houses more than 10,000 books, tapes, periodicals, videos and CDs that support classroom curricula.

Science and Technology

Bertschi is unique in offering a science program distinct from the core classroom curriculum. Taught by our science resource specialist, the program covers four broad areas— life, earth, physical sciences and technological design. The latter is a significant focus in grades four and five, as students engage in a study of robotics that includes constructing and programming moving vehicles and simulating an exploration of Mars. Using the TechnoK'NEX Computer Control System, and Lego Logo programming language, our Science and Technology specialists help classroom teachers link robotic creations to math, science, language arts and other subject areas through activities based on real-world situations. These resource specialists were recently awarded grants from the University of Washington for their robotics work with students and K'NEX.

Extended Day

The Extended Day Program is a community service designed to meet the needs of Bertschi families by providing a quality before and after school program. The Extended Day Program offers a balance of structured and free choice activities for each individual child. Enrichment activities, such as art, cooking, sports and recreation, drama, and science are planned each day. The Homework Center provides students support in a quiet, small group setting in the school library. Staff assists as students review and complete classroom assignments, helping to develop good study skills.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Bertschi's after-school extra-curricular program is a popular part of school life. We plan a variety of specialized extra-curricular activities for which children can register outside of the Extended Day program, for an additional fee. In the past, options have included cross-country running, sewing, aikido, choir and comic illustration. We choose instructors experienced in their field of expertise and focus on providing a cooperative and supportive learning atmosphere.

Parent Involvement

Central to Bertschi's character are the close ties fostered between home and school. We work together as a partnership between faculty, parents, friends, children and administrators. Parent involvement is welcome and expected—the opportunities to participate are varied and many. Driving on field trips, helping in the classroom, serving on the Bertschi Parent Council and helping with our annual Parents' Night Out are just a few of the many ways in which parents and family members volunteer at Bertschi.

Like all independent schools, Bertschi relies on contributed funds for a percentage of each year's operating budget. Tuition does not cover the full cost of a child's education at Bertschi. We look to the Annual Fund to provide this critical additional revenue. Bertschi strives to achieve full parent participation and asks all families to contribute to this fundraising effort.

“Bertschi students are receptive to the ideas of others, responsible, able to work well cooperatively, willing to take risks, creative and confident.”

~ Director of Admission, Seattle-area middle school



Where is Bertschi?

The Bertschi School campus spans an entire block in the dynamic neighborhood of North Capitol Hill in Seattle. Close to Interstate 5 and easily accessible from Seattle, Bellevue and points north and south, Bertschi is convenient for families throughout the greater Puget Sound area.

Bertschi takes full advantage of its unique urban location to enrich and expand the educational program. Field trips often utilize the Metro bus system to explore museums and cultural sites in downtown Seattle. Or, you might see classes walking to nearby Volunteer Park, Roanoke Park or the Seattle Asian Art Museum. Students actively participate in community outreach activities, ranging from visits to nearby neighbors to working in food banks downtown.

How to Get Here

From I-5 Northbound:

1. Take the Lakeview Blvd. exit #168A.
2. Turn left onto Lakeview Blvd. E.
3. Turn slight right onto Harvard Ave. E.
4. Turn right onto East Boston Ave.
5. Turn left onto 10th Ave. E.
6. Bertschi School is half a block down on the left side of the street between East Boston and East Lynn.

From I-5 Southbound:

1. Take the Roanoke exit #168A
2. Turn left onto East Roanoke St.
3. Turn right onto 10th Ave. E.
4. Bertschi School is 3 blocks up on the right side of the street between East Lynn and East Boston.

How to Apply

The admission process consists of several steps:

- ~ Complete and return the application form and fee to the school by January 17, 2008.
- ~ Contact the Admission Office at 324.5476 x105 or admit@bertschi.org to schedule a School Tour. Tours are held weekly, and are required of families applying to the school.
- ~ Forward the Teacher Evaluation to your child's current teacher.
- ~ Forward the Request for Records form to the registrar at your child's current school (applicants to grades 1-5).
- ~ Contact the Admission Office at 206-324-5476 x105 or admit@bertschi.org to request a financial aid packet, if needed.

Once we receive the completed application we will schedule a visit for you and your child.

How Admission Decisions are Made

Bertschi's goal is to admit students who are most likely to benefit from the school's curriculum and program, and who, in turn, are best able to contribute positively to the life of the school. Our commitment to diversity and desire to maintain an inclusive community, which includes students and families of all ethnic, economic, religious and racial backgrounds, as well as those of varying physical ability and sexual orientation, is fundamental to Bertschi's philosophy and mission.

When reviewing an applicant's file we consider:

- ~ Language development
- ~ Math and reading readiness
- ~ Small and large motor development
- ~ Behavior and work traits
- ~ Current teacher's evaluation
- ~ Observations during the student's visit
- ~ Parents' understanding and support of Bertschi's mission

We also strive to achieve a gender balance, as well as a diversity of personalities, interests and learning styles.

For More Information

Our Admission Office is happy to answer any questions you might have. Please contact us at 206.324.5476 x105 or admit@bertschi.org. In addition, you can visit our website at www.bertschi.org to learn more about Bertschi and our school community.



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Admission Checklists and Important Dates

Testing

Bertschi School does not require outside testing. Parents who have additional evaluative information are encouraged to share it with our admission team.

Age Limits

Applicants to pre-kindergarten must be 4 years old on or before September 1. Applicants to kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before September 1. Applicants who are a year older than our chronological age groupings will be assessed with an age appropriate peer group.

Student Visits

Student visits are scheduled by the Admission office. Pre-k applicants visit in groups of 6-10 for about an hour on either Friday or Saturday morning. Kindergarten applicants visit in groups of 8-12 for about an hour on either Tuesday afternoon or Saturday morning. Grade 1 applicants visit in a group for about 90 minutes. Applicants to grades 2-5 visit individually for a Wednesday morning in their current grade.

Parents of applicants to grades pre-k, k and 1 visit with the Head of School and the Director of Admission during their child's visit. Parents of applicants to grades 2-5 have a similar opportunity on the morning of their child's visit.

Questions

Please call the Admission Office at 206.324.5476 x105 with any questions you have and to schedule a School Tour. We appreciate your interest in Bertschi School, and look forward to meeting you and your child!

Admission Timeline

School Tours begin Nov 1, 2007

Bertschi School Open House Nov 15, 2007 7:00-8:30 pm

Application deadline Jan 17, 2008

Applicant visits

pre-kindergarten Feb 1, 8, 15; Mar 1

kindergarten Jan 29; Feb 9, 12, 26; Mar 4, 8

grade 1 Mar 13

grades 2-5 Jan 30; Feb 6, 13, 27; Mar 5, 12

Financial Aid Application deadline February 1, 2008

Notification letters mailed March 20, 2008

Waitlist forms due March 28, 2008

New student contracts due April 2, 2008

Application Checklist

To submit before the application deadline, January 17, 2008:

- Completed application form
- Application fee of \$75 (waived for financial aid applicants)

To complete your child's application:

- Forward Teacher Evaluation form to current teacher
- Forward Request for Records form (grades 1-5) to current school
- Attend a School Tour (by appointment; required for all applicant families)
- Attend the Open House (recommended)
- Request and complete financial aid application if needed

Financial Aid Checklist

Submit the following before the financial aid application deadline, February 1, 2008:

- Bertschi School application for Financial Aid
- Copies of 2006 IRS form 1040 tax return, submitted to Bertschi School
- Parents' Financial Statement for School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS), submitted directly to SSS via mail or online; photocopy or print-out submitted to Bertschi School