

# BEAR CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*The mission of Bear Creek Elementary is to be an exemplary campus that provides a positive, supportive, nurturing, and engaging environment that celebrates our diversity and relationships among our school community.*

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## THE GCISD LEARNING EXPERIENCE

From their first day in a GCISD classroom, our students are guided to develop the five skills outlined in our district's Portrait of a Graduate: Skilled Problem Solvers, Global Citizens, Self-Regulated Learners, Collaborative Workers, and Effective Communicators. Our focus on learning helps lay a foundation for our students to achieve success beyond their education in GCISD.

## LIFE AT BEAR CREEK

Bear Creek is one of GCISD's most diverse elementary schools with 23 languages spoken by our students. Together, we all work toward one common goal: helping our students plan and prepare for their future through our work with No Excuses University. We are making college readiness a conversation in families, creating classrooms where students enthusiastically work to be successful, increasing parent participation, supporting English learners, using assessments meaningfully to support instruction, and finding creative strategies to improve academic skills.



## PROGRAMS AT OUR SCHOOL

- **1:1 Initiative** - Every K-5 student will be issued his or her own individual iPad for academic use at school and at home (with a signed use agreement).
- **No Excuses University** - A national network of schools providing students with an education to prepare them for their future.
- **Music** - GCISD String Orchestra (fee-based program available to 4th grade and above); Choir (available to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students); Marimba Band - (4th and 5th grade)
- **STEM clubs** - Available to 2nd - 5th grade students who want to be creative through science, technology, engineering, and math activities (expanding to K-5 in 2016-17).
- Other Extra-Curricular Activities include Growing Green Club (exploring ecology and the connection between art and science) and Boys & Girls Fitness Clubs.
- **Bear Creek Around the World** - A day and evening of learning and celebration of our global diversity put on by our parents and staff.



## SERVICES FOR OUR STUDENTS

- **GT LEAD** - (GIFTED AND TALENTED LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR ACADEMIC DISCOVERY) Students identified as GT are clustered in a classroom with other GT students and a GT trained teacher. This gives these students an opportunity to experience challenge and make academic progress with peers of like ability.
- **Dyslexia Assistance** - Students in GCISD in need of specialized literacy intervention will receive this by either their classroom teacher or a literacy interventionist. Students in need of dyslexia intervention will receive services meeting the criteria set forth in the Texas Dyslexia Handbook.
- **Special Education** - Each student identified with a disability and a demonstrated educational need for special education services is provided access to the general curriculum and opportunities to progress in the general curriculum.
- **Pre-Kindergarten** - Bear Creek is one of three GCISD campuses to host a pre-kindergarten program for eligible students. A comprehensive pre-kindergarten program is available for four-year old students. This program develops early literacy, numeracy, and social skills necessary for success in kindergarten. Learn more at [www.gcisd-k12.org/pre-k](http://www.gcisd-k12.org/pre-k).
- **PTA** - Every campus in GCISD has a PTA (Parent Teacher Association), whose mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. For more information, visit the GCISD Council of PTAs website at [www.gciscouncilofptas.org](http://www.gciscouncilofptas.org).