

# Bowling Green Independent Schools

# 2009



*“Building on a tradition of excellence, Bowling Green Schools lead the way in education for all.”*

## General Information:

**Total Enrollment:**  
Approximately 3,700

**Total Employees:**  
Approximately 575

**Pupil: Teacher Ratio:**  
16:1

**Free/Reduced Lunch Percentage:**  
53%

**Minority Student Percentage:**  
36.5%

**Limited English Proficiency Percentage:**  
13%  
Approximately 27 Languages Spoken

**Attendance Rate:**  
95.7%

**No Child Left Behind:**  
Met 21 of 22 Target Goals

**2008 Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS):**  
District Index: 90.5  
Top 14% in the State

**Average ACT Score:**  
22.0

## About Our District:

Bowling Green Independent Schools are proud of traditions, pleased with recent accomplishments and excited about the future. The district has existed since the 1880's and has long been known for excellence in academic programs and success on the athletic field. The district strives to lead the way in education for all students, and both encourages and recognizes distinction in every field of human endeavor. These achievements provide evidence that "Excellence is Worth the Effort."

## Recent Accomplishments:



- In 2008 and 2009 Bowling Green High School earned a Silver Medal from *U.S. News & World Report*, ranking among the top high schools nationwide.

- In 2008, Bowling Green High School made the list of America's top high schools as ranked by *Newsweek* magazine.

- Bowling Green High School is home to two **National Merit Semi-Finalists** in 2009; 32 BGHS students have earned National Merit status in the past 10 years.

- 17 teachers in Bowling Green Schools have earned **National Board Certification**.

- 14 BGHS students participated in **Governor's Scholars** or **Governor's School for the Arts** during the summer of 2008.

- In 2008, more than one in four BGHS students participated in **Advanced Placement** exams, and 51% of those exams resulted in a score of 3 or higher, qualifying the students for college credit. Fifty-three students were named **AP Scholars**, in recognition of their performance on the exams.



- 252 students graduated in 2008. Among these students were **25 Commonwealth Diploma** recipients, **64 Honor graduates**, and **12 Athletic Scholarship** recipients.

- The class of 2008 was offered **\$8.39 million in scholarships**.

- 14 7th Grade Students earned Grand or State Recognition in the **Duke Talent Identification Program**.

- Potter Gray and McNeill Elementary Schools were named **Pacesetter Schools** based on their performance on the Commonwealth Accountability Tests.

- The 2008 BGJHS 7th Grade Football Team won the **State Championship**.



- The 2008 BGJHS Girls Cross Country Team won the **State Championship**.

- The 2006 Boys Soccer Team won the **State Championship**.

- The 2007 Boys Golf Team finished the season as **State Runners-Up**.

- The 2005, 2006 & 2007 BGHS Football Teams finished as **State Runners-Up**.

## New Initiatives:

- **Interactive classrooms** were recently installed districtwide in grades 3 - 12. Equipment includes interactive whiteboards with InterWrite software, a document camera, and Turning Point student response systems.

- Teachers at Dishman-McGinnis and Parker-Bennett-Curry Elementary Schools are now using the **CHILD instructional model** (Changing How Instruction for Learning is Delivered). Using this research-based design which focuses on reading, math, and writing, three teachers work as a cluster team and across three grade levels.

- **Lego Robotics Teams** from Potter Gray and W.R. McNeill Elementary Schools recently participated in regional and state competitions by building robots to perform various tasks and complete challenges.



- Approximately 265 students are participating in **strings instrumental instruction**, offered in grades 4 - 8.

- BGHS students are now producing a weekly newscast, **Purple Vision**, which is shown schoolwide, and online via SchoolTube.com.



- Over **\$18 Million in construction and renovation projects** are underway across the district, including recent additions and renovations to Potter Gray Elementary, Dishman-

McGinnis Elementary, W. R. McNeill Elementary, the BGHS Athletic Facilities, and the construction of a new T.C. Cherry Elementary School to open in August of 2009.

- The Bowling Green Independent School District is currently pursuing **District Accreditation** through AdvancED and SACS-CASI

- Bowling Green Independent Schools officially converted from the student information system, Software Technology, Inc. (STI) to the state-mandated program, **Infinite Campus**, in February of 2009.

- The newly created **Bowling Green Independent School District Foundation, Inc.** provides opportunities for Alumni and Friends to give back to Bowling Green Schools by mentoring, participating in the Speakers Bureau, becoming active in the Alumni Association, and/or making a monetary donation.

For more information, visit:  
[www.bgreen.kyschools.us](http://www.bgreen.kyschools.us)

## District Goals and Expectations

### Building Relationships

- We will get to know our students
- We will give and earn respect among students, parents, and peers.
- We will be a "Fred" every day.
- We are proud to be part of the Purple Family.

### Engaging Students

- We will actively involve students in their learning.
- We will provide "stretch learning" for all students.
- We will help students monitor their own learning.

### Teaching 21st Century Skills

We will help our students develop the following:

- Global Awareness
- Innovation
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Communication Skills
- Collaboration Skills
- Technology Skills

### Personal & Professional Growth

- We will participate in professional dialogue.
- We will stay current with best practices.
- We will balance personal and work time.
- We believe that excellence is worth the effort!

### Daily Reflection

- What did I do today to build relationships?
- What did I do today to become a better professional?
- What did I do today to help a colleague?
- What will I do better tomorrow?

*"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



## Administration

**Joseph Tinius**  
Superintendent

**Vicki Writsel**  
Associate Superintendent  
for Learning Programs

**Jeff Herron**  
Finance Officer

**Jon Lawson**  
Director of Pupil Personnel

**Ken May**  
Director of Personnel

**Jennifer Davis**  
Director of Elementary &  
Secondary Programs

**Michael McCloud**  
Business Manager &  
Director of Transportation

**Lee Jordan**  
District Technology Coordinator

**Leslie Peek**  
Public Relations Coordinator

**Rickey Shive**  
Facilities Manager

**Kim Simpson**  
School Food Service Coordinator

## Our Schools:

Bowling Green High School  
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Judy Whitson, Principal  
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W. R. McNeill Elementary  
Marsha Ingram, Principal  
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Potter Gray Elementary  
James Tinius, Principal  
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Bowling Green, KY 42103  
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Bowling Green Junior High  
Dr. Penny Masden, Principal  
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Dishman - McGinnis Elementary  
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Parker-Bennett-Curry Elementary  
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Eleventh Street Alternate School  
Angela Lawler, Director  
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## Board of Education

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Opening Day for Teachers & Staff	August 3, 2009
Opening Day for Students	August 4, 2009
Labor Day	September 7, 2009
Fall Break	October 5 - 13, 2009
Thanksgiving Break	November 25 - 27, 2009
Winter Break	December 21 - January 1
Second Semester Begins	January 4, 2010
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	January 18, 2010
President's Day	February 15, 2010
Mini-Break / Professional Development	March 11 - 12, 2010
Good Friday	April 2, 2010
Spring Break	April 5 - 9, 2010
Primary Election Day	May 18, 2010
Last Day for Students	May 21, 2010
Closing Day for Teachers & Staff	May 24, 2010

\*February 15 & April 2 may be used as make-up days.

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