



Bear Lake Elementary School (BLES)

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An "A" Rated School District

A Word From Our Principal

At Bear Lake our students are our top priority. Our staff works together to ensure success for every student and are committed to providing a quality education in a safe, nurturing environment. This school report outlines the key characteristics of our school from both an academic and non-academic perspective. I hope it helps you understand what makes Bear Lake unique. Please reach out to us if you have any questions about our school.

Kristen Ramkissoon

What Makes Us Special

- In addition to providing a quality educational experience for all students, we provide several extracurricular activities such as Running Club, Robotics Club, Bridge Club, Art Club and Kindness Club.
- In December of 2018, we inducted 77 4th & 5th graders into our Inaugural National Elementary Honor Society.
- Each year, our PTA supports our school with their time, talent and treasure. Their involvement and support has enabled us to move through Phase 1 and 2 of our Media Center Makeover!

Advanced Academics

2018-2019 Data

Program of Rigorous Integrated Mathematics for Elementary Students (PRIMES) is available for mathematically talented students in grades 4 through 5.

Bear Lake offers Spanish as world language option(s).

Family Engagement

2018-2019 Data



Dividends is the volunteer program for SCPS.

Our incredible Bear Lake volunteers gave **17,928** hours of their time to support students.

Technology and the Future



- Students are engaged in digital activities designed to build their problemsolving, logical thinking, and collaboration skills.
- Our students participate in 10 hours of computer science learning in all grades as well as in the Hour of Code activities.
- Computer Science 2020 - Our students participate in at least 10 hours of computer science learning each school year.

Student Achievement

2018-2019 Data

- All students in grades K-5 participate in English and Language Arts (ELA) and Math iReady progress monitoring. **54%** of K-5 students were on or above grade level in ELA and **61%** of K-5 students were on or above grade level in Math.
- The Star Early Literacy Assessment is administered to kindergarten students at the beginning of each school year. **63%** of students demonstrated kindergarten readiness compared to the state average of 54%.

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Bear Lake Elementary School earned a B grade from the Florida DOE.

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- Bear Lake offers before and during the school day tutoring and enrichment opportunities.
- All students participate in a Spanish class for the entire school year.
- Our Kindergarten and 1st grade curriculum includes social emotional learning and self-regulation skills.
- Bear Lake Dividends logged in 16,475 hours during the 17-18 school year.
- Bear Lake earned PBS Gold School status during the 17-18 school year.
- Bear Lake Staff is dedicated to providing a safe school environment as recognized by the district's school safety dept.

Future Middle School Pathways for Our Students



Teague: 97%



Milwee: 2%



For additional pathways see [Student Assignment and Program Access](#)

School Security

The safety and security of staff and students is a top priority in Seminole County Public Schools. We work closely with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure a safe environment for your child's learning with a focus on preventative action. Our School Resource Officer is James DiOrio with the Seminole County Sheriffs Department.



The SpeakOut program provides three 24-hour monitored services that allows students, parents, or community members to anonymously report concerns. www.speakouthotline.org

83% of student respondents would recommend BLES



91% of parent respondents would recommend BLES



Here's what students and parents say they like about Bear Lake:

" It is a great school because you get to see your friends and learn things that you never known and we have great teachers. "

4th Grade Student

" The stuff I like about Bear Lake Elementary School is how the teachers believe in you and depend on you. I also like how creative the teachers are in this school. "

4th Grade Student

" I like that the school has many programs and that they give you many different ways to comprehend learning. "

5th Grade Student

" I like that all of the teachers here would go the extra mile to help a student if they didn't understand something. "

5th Grade Student

" I like that they have a lot of things that the teachers make fun and they don't just say here is the math work or reading work go figure it out yourself they make it fun to learn. "

5th Grade Student

" I love the teacher's and the staff all around. They really give everything they have to make sure our children are learning and growing and also enjoying themselves at school. "

5th Grade Parent

" I like everything, beginning with smiley faces, the way the kids are protected and of course the way teachers try to engage the kids in the learning process. "

1st Grade Parent

" The teachers and staff create a friendly, warm environment. There seems to be a lot of school spirit. "

2nd Grade Parent