



## Supporting Our Students and Families – #AllAreWelcome

- As our community continues to recover from Hurricane Irma, Broward County Public Schools remains focused on welcoming students and families displaced by recent natural disasters, both locally and abroad, and providing the best educational experiences and support services possible.



Over the past several weeks, more than 860 displaced students have been welcomed in our innovative District schools. Families can learn more about available services and resources at [browardschools.com/allarewelcome](http://browardschools.com/allarewelcome).

- BCPS is a national leader in ensuring all students have equal access to a free education. The Broward County School Board adopted Resolution No. 17-98, designating BCPS as an inclusive, safe and welcoming District, ensuring a protected space and environment for all students, regardless of immigration status, religion or country of origin. To learn more about the We Are Broward Immigrant Support Plan, visit [browardschools.com/immigrantsupportplan](http://browardschools.com/immigrantsupportplan).



## Commitment to Excellence in Education

- BCPS is moving forward on the right path, with its strategic focus on high-quality instruction, continuous improvement and effective communication. Check out the District's Strategic Plan Progress Report for 2016/17 (Year One) at [browardschools.com/stratplan](http://browardschools.com/stratplan).
- 96 percent of innovative District schools earned an "A," "B" or "C" from the state in 2017.
- The Advanced Placement (AP) pass rate among BCPS high schools is the highest in more than 10 years. In addition:
  - More African-American students in BCPS took AP computer science exams in 2017 than in the entire state of Florida in 2016.
  - District schools had record participation by Hispanic students in AP computer science courses in 2017 – more than tripling since 2016.
  - More girls than ever before are participating and succeeding in computer science AP courses and exams.
- BCPS high schools are ranked among the best and most challenging schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report and The Washington Post.
- Magnet programs in the District are honored as Magnet Schools of Excellence and Distinction. In addition, Apollo Middle School is one of only 10 schools in the nation honored as a National Demonstration School by Magnet Schools of America.





## Earning Special Honors

### Schools Honored for Exemplary Community Service

- Across BCPS, 25 schools earned the 2017 Five Star School Award for their commitment to incorporating family and community members into the school environment to enhance student learning. Learn more: [browardschools.com/fivestarschools](http://browardschools.com/fivestarschools)

### BCPS Superintendent Robert W. Runcie Receives 2017 Community Leadership Award

- Superintendent Runcie received the 2017 Community Leadership Award from the Hispanic Education Coalition of Palm Beach County and The José Martí Foundation. The award recognizes the Superintendent's contributions and dedicated service to promoting educational equity for Hispanic/Latino students. Learn more: [browardschools.com/2017leadershipaward](http://browardschools.com/2017leadershipaward)



## Celebrating Partnerships

### BCPS Earns National Recognition for Computer Science Partnerships

- The national 2017 Computer Science for All (CSforAll) Summit highlighted the partnership between BCPS, Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and South Florida TechGateway for raising awareness among students about computer science career opportunities. Learn more: [browardschools.com/csepartnership](http://browardschools.com/csepartnership)

### BCPS Students Get Connected with Sprint 1Million Project

- 2,500 BCPS students are receiving free devices and wireless service this school year as part of the Sprint Foundation's Sprint 1 Million project. The program helps ensure students in need have access to the internet, allowing them to complete homework assignments that have online components and access educational resources. Learn more: [browardschools.com/sprint1million](http://browardschools.com/sprint1million)

### 40,000 Free Books for 40,000 Children

- BCPS, the Children's Services Council and multiple Broward County early childhood stakeholders worked together to provide 40,000 copies of the book "Quackers" to pre-K and kindergarten students in Broward County. The free books were part of the District's participation in the Jumpstart Read for the Record national event on October 19, 2017.

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### BCPS Selected for U.S. Department of Education Grant

- BCPS is honored to be selected for a \$750,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education. The grant aims to increase career and technical education, teacher certifications, preparation and support.




## Offering Something for Everyone!

### BCPS proudly:

- Offers more than 160 magnet and innovative programs across the District. These programs are designed around specific themes to engage students as they explore potential career paths and areas of interest. Learn more: [browardschoolsinnovativeprograms.com](http://browardschoolsinnovativeprograms.com)
- Supports the largest debate initiative in the world. The BCPS debate initiative expanded in the 2017/18 school year to include 21 additional elementary schools, for a total of 31 elementary schools across the District. Debate is also offered in all BCPS middle and high schools. Learn more: [browardschools.com/debate](http://browardschools.com/debate)
- Provides more elementary schools than ever before with Dual Language programs. Six BCPS elementary schools launched Dual Language programs in 2017/18, for a total of 41 schools. Learn more: [browardschools.com/duallanguage](http://browardschools.com/duallanguage)
- Offers the largest JROTC program in the nation; opportunities for students to earn industry certifications in numerous career industries; advanced academic programs allowing students to earn college credits; virtual education options; Montessori programs; award-winning music, arts and athletic programs; and more.

## School Choice

 Explore your options

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