

Expeditionary Learning 10 Design Principles

1. THE PRIMACY OF SELF-DISCOVERY

In Expeditionary Learning schools, students undertake tasks that require perseverance, fitness, craftsmanship, imagination, self-discipline, and significant achievement.

2. THE HAVING OF WONDERFUL IDEAS

Teaching in Expeditionary Learning schools fosters curiosity about the world by creating learning situations that provide something important to think about, time to experiment, and time to make sense of what is observed.

3. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEARNING

Expeditionary Learning schools encourages both children and adults to become increasingly responsible for directing their own personal and collective learning.

4. EMPATHY AND CARING

Learning is fostered best in communities where students' and teachers' ideas are respected and where there is mutual trust.

5. SUCCESS AND FAILURE

All students need to be successful if they are to build the confidence and capacity to take risks and meet increasingly difficult challenges. But it is also important for students to learn from their failures, to persevere when things are hard, and to learn to turn disabilities into opportunities.

6. COLLABORATION AND COMPETITION

Students are encouraged to compete not against each other, but with their own personal best and with rigorous standards of excellence.

7. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

In Expeditionary Learning schools, students investigate and value their different histories and talents as well as those of other communities and cultures.

8. THE NATURAL WORLD

Students learn to become stewards of the earth and of future generations.

9. SOLITUDE AND REFLECTION

Students and teachers need time alone to explore their own thoughts, make their own connections, and create their own ideas. They also need time to exchange their reflections with other students and with adults.

10. SERVICE AND COMPASSION

One primary function of an Expeditionary Learning School is to prepare students with the attitudes and skills to learn from and be of service.



Red Bridge Elementary



An Expeditionary Learning School

At Red Bridge Elementary, we are

Achieving success

Building character

Creating community

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Red Bridge Fast Facts

Total Student Enrollment: 260

Demographics:

51% Caucasian; 34% African American; 11% Hispanic; 4% Asian

Average Pupil Attendance Rate: 96%

Average student/teacher ratio:

20:1

Full Time Principal

Full Time Art, Music, PE teachers

Full Time Nurse

Part Time Counselor

23 Certified Staff Members

8 Support Staff Members



Special Programs:

4th grade eMINTS

Learning Center

Media Center

Computer Lab

Speech Services

Fine Arts Program

Band

Youth Friends

Community Circle

Character Education

Before and After School Care (YMCA)

(ALPS) Advanced Learning Program

(PEGS) Program for Exceptionally Gifted Students

(ELL) Program for English Language Learners

Morning Meetings

Design Principles

Partners in Education

After School Tutoring

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From the Principal:

Red Bridge Elementary School has earned the title of an Expeditionary Learning School (EL School) through a \$150,000 grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. Our school began implementing the Outward Bound Expeditionary Learning model beginning the fall of 2007.

Expeditionary Learning emphasizes high achievement through active learning, character growth, and teamwork. In EL schools, students spend much of their time engaged in learning expeditions of in-depth studies. Teachers collaborate to design these learning expeditions that align with district and state standards. This design uses these kinds of practices in the classroom to create powerful learning experiences that foster academic rigor and character growth.

At Red Bridge Elementary, high academic and behavior standards are continually reinforced and exceeded. Red Bridge proudly builds kids of character who are given a strong desire for academic excellence. Each staff member is proactive in ensuring that all students learn and reach their goals for academic success!

About Us:

Red Bridge Elementary is one of four elementary schools in the Center School District. It is nestled in a lovely South Kansas City residential neighborhood at 107th and Oak. With a student population of about 260 students and only two sections per grade level, Red Bridge has maintained a small town community feeling within an urban setting. All of our teachers are highly qualified. All of our teachers are certified in the area that they teach. 91% have Master's degrees or higher. Those percentages are well above the average in the state of Missouri. Red Bridge Elementary takes pride in our cultural diversity, which is reflective of the world around us.

