



Birchwood ABC Birchwood Advisory Committee (BAC) Fact Sheet

1. What is the BAC?

The BAC is a board of parents/guardians of current students at Birchwood ABC who have been voted by their fellow parents/guardians to represent them in matters of curriculum and philosophy at Birchwood ABC.

2. How does the BAC work with the Birchwood ABC staff to uphold the curriculum standards that have been set?

The BAC assists in interviewing teacher applicants and gives input on who they feel would be the best fit for Birchwood ABC. The BAC also works in conjunction with BAC staff when curriculum changes are presented by the school district or Birchwood ABC teachers. The goal of both the Birchwood ABC staff and the BAC is to make sure that any curriculum changes meet and exceed the standards set by the school district and will help students excel. The BAC reviews the submitted curriculum and texts along with the Birchwood ABC staff and gives recommendations on which would best fit the high standards set for Birchwood ABC.

3. What curriculum changes has the BAC helped make in recent years?

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4. What are the standards and philosophy set for Birchwood ABC?

Birchwood ABC's founders were dedicated to a philosophy embracing a back to basic approach to education. Academic excellence, character education, a strong emphasis on citizenship, values, discipline and patriotism make this program unique. Parents who choose our school for their children should believe in the tenets upon which our school was founded. Strong, committed parental support is essential for any program to successfully educate children for the future. The BAC helps maintain those standards. If you have not yet read Birchwood ABC's philosophy, contact the BAC and we will be glad to provide you with a copy.

5. How can I be involved with the BAC?

When a board position opens up, you can submit an application to be a member (positions are 1 to 3 year terms). All parents are welcome to attend BAC monthly meetings and give input on any topics on the agenda. This year we are planning on reviewing the reading curriculum, as ASD is planning on changing the districtwide curriculum this year. The BAC is the main contact regarding curriculum awards that are given to students at Birchwood ABC. The BAC also heads up advertising about our school. We welcome any help in promoting our school!

BAC CURRICULUM CHANGES MADE IN LAST 9 YEARS:

2006/2007 School Year

1. Great Body Shop – reviewed and adopted after some parts were removed

2007/2008 School Year

1. Mathscapes pilot for 6th grade
2. Saxon Math pilot for 6th grade
3. Saxon recommendation for adoption K-5th grade
4. Mathscapes recommendation for adoption for 6th grade
5. Exit Skills update recommendation for adoption for all grades

2008/2009 School Year

1. Phonogram Awards

2009/2010 School Year

1. Dress Code Update

2012/2013 School Year

1. Adoption of “Science: A Closer Look” textbook for 6th grade
2. Exit Skills Matrix Update

2013/2014 School Year

1. Spalding adopted for part of Language Arts program (included change from D’Nealian handwriting)
2. K-6 curriculum review

2014/2015 School Year

1. Curriculum Awards Review

2015/2016 School Year

1. (tentatively scheduled to review reading curriculum and update exit skills)