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**QUALITY EDUCATION,  
SCHOLARSHIPS,  
AND  
ACHIEVEMENT,  
BILOXI  
MEANS  
BUSINESS**





# IT'S A FACT.

**Education is one of the top factors  
when choosing a community for your family.**

**That's why more and more people  
are recognizing the excellence of  
Biloxi Public Schools.**

When a team of students from Biloxi Public Schools was named the best in the state in the Mississippi Stock Market Game, it was just the latest in a long and continuing line of honors that the Biloxi Public Schools has achieved in the past few years.

- Three Blue Ribbon schools in five years from the U.S. Department of Education
- Named a High Performing District by the Mississippi Department of Education
- Eleven statewide awards from the Policy Research and Educational Foundation
- Recognized by *The Washington Post* as one of the top schools in preparing students for college

**Registration is just around the corner. See the  
opportunities that await you for the 2012-13 school year!**



It's now easier than ever to register for Biloxi Public Schools. For your convenience, registration documents are now online at the district's website, [biloxischools.net](http://biloxischools.net). Complete the forms, print them and bring them with you to registration on July 23 or 24.





# From the Beginning

## Excel by 5 (Birth to age 5)



As Harrison County's first and only Excel by 5 certified community, Biloxi Public Schools and the city sponsor the Biloxi Family Resource Center and myriad activities throughout the year to help parents of pre-schoolers more easily find resources to help prepare their children to enter school.

The Biloxi Family Resource Center, which is at 140 St. John St., on the Wilkes Avenue side of the Lopez campus, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and offers a toy-lending library, educational games, books, and materials geared to those 5 and under.

The center also offers directories of daycares with trained staff and other resources, and it partners with the city and community-minded businesses to sponsor free health fairs for pre-schoolers and other educational events throughout the year.

Parents or guardians of toddlers 5 and younger should drop by the Biloxi Family Resource Center or contact Susan Hunt at [susan.hunt@biloxischools.net](mailto:susan.hunt@biloxischools.net) or (228) 297-6808.

## Kindergarten Discovery Days

(new for the 2012-13 school year)

Kindergarten is a milestone occasion, and Biloxi Public Schools is unveiling a program that is designed to help parents and children make a smooth transition into the classroom setting.

Parents of children entering kindergarten should plan to attend one of the Kindergarten Discovery Days, which will be Aug. 6, 7, or 8. Participation in the program is a requirement for all students entering kindergarten in the 2012-2013 school year. Parents will be able to leave their Discovery Day by 9:30 on their appointed day, but their kindergartener must remain the entire day.



Parents will learn more about the program – and get their assigned date – during registration on July 23 and 24.

# Elementary Schools (Grades K-5)

- Fully-staffed computer labs in every school with up-to-date software
- Curriculum employs common core approach and common-term assessments, meaning Biloxi students meet global education standards
- Promethean boards and computers in every classroom to engage students
- Specialized tutoring offered before, during and after school, throughout the year, to accelerate learning
- Accelerated reading programs used on a daily basis to promote reading fluency and comprehension
- Full-time school nurses for prompt medical care
- Technology-infused classrooms with active responders, iPods, flip cameras
- Parent Academies to promote family involvement programs such as Family Science, Math, and Reading Nights
- Safe and Drug Free awareness programs throughout the school year including Red Ribbon Week
- Each school has its own news station with student reporters
- Full-time art and music teachers at each school for student appreciation of art and music
- P.E. programs at each school provide exercise and a variety of physical activities
- State-of-the-art libraries with thousands of books for student check-out



# Junior High School (Grades 6-8)

- Accountability measures that can be universally compared against other schools
- 100% of teachers are highly qualified and credentials in their content area
- Various student clubs (Junior National Honor Society, Science Club, Student Council, Builders Club etc.)
- Foreign Language, Spanish
- Award-winning band, show choir, and strings program
- Tutoring offered during the school day by certified teachers
- Full-time school nurses for prompt medical care
- Computers and Promethean boards in classrooms, and three computer labs
- Mobile laptop lab and a state-of-the-art mobile iPad lab for student use



## High School (Grades 9-12)

- Graduating class averages more than \$6.5 million in scholarships each year
- Comprehensive curriculum includes more than 160 courses, 10 Advanced Placement courses, and upper-level math and science courses
- Among the elective courses offered are genetics, zoology, forensics (created by BHS and adopted by the state), minority studies, botany, personal leadership, ACT/SAT prep, pottery, state-of-the-art driver's ed, creative writing and law-related education
- Career Technical Courses include an award-winning culinary arts program, construction technology, child development, collision repair and automotive services, health sciences, resource management, and nutrition and wellness
- Advanced technology classes include digital photography, video and media design; computer engineering, web page design, and entrepreneurship.
- Foreign languages include French, Spanish, and Latin
- More than 40 student clubs and organizations, including the state's first National Business Honor Society, award-winning mock trial team, nationally recognized AFJROTC drill team, national award-winning yearbook, all-superior band
- State's first student-run, fully operational credit union
- Only high school in Mississippi to offer "Scholar Baller" recognition program for academic/athletic achievement
- Cutting-edge amenities: Food court, internet café, operational day care center, computer labs, science labs, career center, outdoor classrooms, and more
- Premier athletic facilities, including football, baseball and softball stadiums; sports arena; tennis courts; competition and practice gyms
- National Blue Ribbon school





## Athletics

Biloxi Public Schools has an athletics program rich in tradition. Biloxi athletes have won 17 state championships and numerous district and regional titles. Students can choose from a field of more than 50 teams covering a dozen sports. You'll find football, basketball, baseball, soccer, softball, swimming, volleyball, cross country, track, tennis, golf, powerlifting, cheerleading, and dance.



## Teachers with advanced degrees

Biloxi Public Schools boasts a faculty and administration with a vast amount of educational experience:

- 252 with Master's Degrees
- 54 National Board Certified Teachers
- 17 with Specialist Degrees
- 21 with Doctoral Degrees



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# Residents of the Biloxi Public School District

## Registration Information

July 23-24 • 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Registration for parents/guardians of all students planning to attend Biloxi Public Schools takes place Monday and Tuesday, July 23 and 24, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school your child will be attending. For your convenience, the registration documents are now online at the district's website, [biloxischools.net](http://biloxischools.net). From the website, you will be able to complete the forms and print them. You may also elect to print out the forms and complete them by hand. When registering, bring the completed forms and your proofs of residency to expedite the process.

<b>Grades 9-12</b>	•Biloxi High School	(228) 435-6105	
<b>Grades 6-8</b>	•Biloxi Junior High School	(228) 435-1421	
<b>Grades K-5</b>	•Gorenflo Elementary	(228) 436-5145	•Jeff Davis Elementary (228) 436-5110
	•North Bay Elementary	(228) 435-6166	•Popp's Ferry Elementary (228) 436-5135
<b>Lopez School</b>	•(Alternative)	(228) 432-7783	

### Two types of proof of residency

Parents of all students who are registering in Biloxi Schools must show two current proofs of residency at the time of registration. (Utility bills should be dated June or July.)

Among the types that are allowed (remember, two types are required):

- Utility bills (water, gas, electric)
- Driver's license listing present address
- Automobile registration
- Mortgage documents or property deed, apartment or home lease
- Parents living in KAFB housing may present a copy of their housing assignment from Keesler's Housing Office

### Requirements for new students

In addition to the two types of proof of residency, parents of new students must provide:

- (1) certified copy of the student's birth certificate,
- (2) Certificate of Immunization issued by the state of Mississippi, and
- (3) the student's Social Security Number

Students must produce an official transcript from the school last attended in order for classes to be scheduled.

Students who received special services and have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) from their previous school should contact Mr. Steve Huckaby for further instructions: (228) 435-4600, or [steve.huckaby@biloxischools.net](mailto:steve.huckaby@biloxischools.net).

### Tuition

Biloxi Public Schools accepts tuition students on an individual basis in accordance with district policy and approval by the school board. Consideration is given based on academic, behavior and attendance history.

### Tuition Fees

There are two tuition scales, depending on where the family lives.

- For families who live in areas that became part of Biloxi in 1999, such as Eagle Point or Woolmarket, but are outside the Biloxi Public School District, the fee is \$500 per school year
- For families who live outside of the Biloxi city limits, the fee is \$1,200 per school year

First-time applicants must call to confirm the fee for your residence. A minimum of 50 percent of the tuition is due before enrollment, with the remainder due no later than Nov. 30, 2012. Tuition is non-refundable once the student has attended class during a semester.

Find out how to apply, when to apply and where to apply online at [biloxischools.net](http://biloxischools.net)

**Questions?** Call Student Services at (228) 374-1810, ext. 1125.

**More registration information online at [biloxischools.net](http://biloxischools.net)**