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Bentonville Schools Reveals Parent Choice Schools
The International School at Mary Mae Jones & Apple Glen to Welcome More Students

## **Parent Choice Schools at a Glance**

- Parent choice schools represent an evolution in the education of our students.
- These schools offer students and parents an opportunity to choose the learning environment that best suits their goals and interests.
- We have several elementary schools in downtown Bentonville where enrollment is lower than capacity. (Student growth continues to the west of the city, leaving some elementary schools including Vaughn, Evening Star and Centerton Gamble at capacity.)
- Parent Choice Schools will offer a tailored educational setting and stabilize enrollment numbers.
- Every school in Bentonville Schools offers a high-quality education filled with opportunities unique to that campus.

**Bentonville, Ark.**—December 1, 2023—Bentonville Schools will open two parent choice schools in the fall of 2024. These schools are The International School at Mary Mae Jones and Apple Glen Elementary. Students currently zoned for these elementary schools will retain their seats, but additional families will also receive the opportunity to enroll in January.

The International School at Mary Mae Jones will introduce an International Baccalaureate Program upon certification. IB curriculum encourages students to adopt a global perspective when learning through a commitment to respect, inquiry, growth and service.

Apple Glen Elementary is a Visible Learning School. Visible learning empowers every student to lead his or her own learning and share their levels of understanding through a culture of perseverance, problem solving, curiosity and collaboration.

## About Bentonville Schools

Established in 1841, Bentonville Schools is the premier public school system in Arkansas, serving more than 19,000 students in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Twenty-four schools, spanning more than 143 miles across Northwest Arkansas, call the district home. Bentonville Schools is critically acclaimed for its academics, arts and athletics and is committed to excellence through innovative, inspiring learning experiences. For more information, visit bentonvillek12.org