



Campus Snapshot

Beckendorff's Student Council officers Laila Zaidi, Neil Kharade, Mo Zaidi, Tyler Tschritter, Drew Danik, Hannah Libby, and Angelo Cioffi proudly show off their school alongside their teachers

Beckendorff Junior High

Leading the Way to a Bright Future through Teamwork

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Step through the doors of Beckendorff Junior High and you'll notice the school's warm and welcoming atmosphere, where the Bears are making substantial tracks toward the future. With a relaxed environment, the campus works toward its ultimate goal of helping students achieve their greatest dreams and excel every day.

"Since we've opened, we've prided ourselves on building relationships with people," says Principal Ted Vierling. He leads an innovative team of 100 teachers and staff members, doing whatever it takes to ensure students have an experience at BDJH that will lead them to a brighter future. With supportive parents and faculty and talented students, BDJH is a prime school to attend in preparation for high school and college.

Making Tracks in Education

The school is moving into its sixth year of operation, since opening its doors in August 2004. Situated atop an old rice field, the campus has about 1,520 students from Alexander, Griffin, Holland, and Kilpatrick elementary schools and is a direct feeder to Seven Lakes High School.

An involved community provides a foundation for student success at BDJH, which is rated exemplary by the Texas Education Agency. Along with dedicated students and staff, a highly active parent teacher organization helps to keep the campus at the top of Texas Monthly's preferred middle schools in the state, an honor BDJH received in 2007. Most recently, the school was recognized for giving students a strong foundation for college readiness by the National Center for Educational Achievement. "Our goal is always to be exemplary," says Vierling.

Proud to Be Bears

BDJH students are easily spotted in their orange and green gear, showing their Bear spirit. Students have the opportunity to participate in a number of sports including basketball, tennis, golf, and cheerleading. BDJH students also have the chance to join student council, the pep squad, or a number of clubs such as the chess club, art club, and science Olympiad team, to name a few.

"We want to be progressive. We want to be a flagship school for the district," Vierling says. "We want parents to want to move here for the junior high and we want kids to want to be here." With a motto of commitment, integrity, and teamwork, BDJH is working to create successful learners and leaders. **KM**

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Fast Facts

LOCATION 8200 S. Fry Rd.

SCHOOL COLORS Orange and green

MASCOT Bears

PRINCIPAL Ted Vierling

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS
Elisabeth Brodt, Paul Moussavi,
Jessica Nella, Eric Nethery

PTA PRESIDENT Cheri Swillo

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Alexander, Griffin,
Holland, Kilpatrick

HIGH SCHOOL Seven Lakes

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Beckendorff is rated an Exemplary campus
by the Texas Education Agency



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Students can join a variety of
extracurricular activities, from student
council and the chess club to the golf
team and cheerleading squad