



J.B. Nelson Elementary School

2025-26
SCHOOL FACTS

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Nicole Prentiss, *Principal*

"J.B. Nelson is a student-centered learning community where students are able to choose from a variety of learning experiences both during and outside of the school day. Our parents and teachers collaborate to create opportunities for student success and leadership."

School Summary

J.B. Nelson Elementary School opened in 1955 and was named in honor of John B. Nelson, a math teacher at Batavia High School who went on to become the school's principal in 1921 and then District superintendent from 1938 to 1962. After retiring, he continued to serve BPS101 by substitute teaching at Batavia High School. JBN is one of six public elementary schools in Batavia. The building underwent construction over the summer of 2023 adding a secure entry vestibule, along with a new front office and conference room.

Academics and Student Support

Core Content Areas: Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies

Innovative & Enrichment Programs: Art, Music, Physical Education, STEAM, Health

Student Support: Offer programs to support English learners, students with disabilities, and gifted and at-risk learners. Student services staff includes 3.5 special education teachers, 1 social worker, 1 psychologist, 1 ELL teacher, 1 speech pathologist, 2.5 interventionists, and 1 enrichment coach.

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School Enrollment School Highlights

- School-wide implementation of PBIS and CHAMPS

Annual Events

- Walkathon
- Adult Trivia Night
- Veterans Day Assembly
- Walk/Bike to School Days
- Battle of the Books
- Author Visits
- Family Science Night

Partnerships

- J.B. Nelson PTO
- After School Mentoring Program with Batavia High School
- Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence
- Recess Engagement Volunteer Program (REV)
- Batavia Special-Education Parent Network
- Batavia United Way: Success by Six Program
- CHIP IN Batavia
- Kids Club
- Boys & Girls Club of North Central Illinois

Extracurricular Activities

- Band
- Orchestra
- Chorus
- Student Advisory Board
- Art Club
- Boy and Girl Scouts
- S.T.E.A.M. Club
- Chess Club
- Coding Club
- Kiwanis K-Kids
- Running Club