

North Boone

Community Unit School District 200

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North Boone Preschool Program to be Featured in ISBE Newsletter

North Boone School District made the switch this school year to a Blended Pre-School Model. Since the change was well received, the next ISBE State Early Childhood newsletter will feature the North Boone program as an exemplary model of a blended program. North Boone is one of many districts to have successfully implemented a blended preschool. In 2013-2014, North Boone made the decision to blend their Preschool for All classroom with their early childhood classroom. Parents have reported that although they might have been skeptical in the beginning, their children have experienced tremendous growth over the school year. The students are not the only ones to benefit from the inclusive model, but the teachers and staff have grown as well. Both programs have become more well-rounded, and it has helped build a team approach to serving children. Thanks to the exceptional preschool and early childhood teachers, Amy Guthrie and KristaLyn Gerl, for all of their work with Dr. Bridget Belcastro and Melissa Geyman to make this change happen.

North Boone Community Unit School District 200 serves approximately 1700 students in pre-school through high school in the Villages of Caledonia, Capron and Poplar Grove as well as the northern tier of unincorporated Boone County, Illinois. For future information, contact Dr. Bridget Belcastro at 815-569-2314. You can follow North Boone on Twitter at www.twitter.com/NBCUSD200.