The mission of Bostic Traditional Magnet Elementary is to expect and value maximum academic performance from every child to prepare each child to be a successful, productive, responsible citizen by:

- Promoting self-respect and respect for others.
- Actively involving parents in their child’s education.
- Providing a safe, supportive, and structured environment for learning.
- Providing and assessing a challenging curriculum exceeding the district standards.
- Allowing opportunities to apply learned skills in real life situations.
- Providing interventions to support social and academic needs; and
- Encouraging responsibility and self discipline.

How can Parents be involved at Bostic

Parents are always encouraged to volunteer their time and talents to support the school and their child’s educational experience. They are an integral part of the team.

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) at Bostic is primarily an organization designed to bring teachers and parents together to collectively decide on fund raising activities and how best to allocate funds generated. Every parent is by association a member. Additionally, this volunteer group looks for ways to recognize and lift up its members and teachers who contribute to the Bostic school community.

The Bostic Site Council is an organization that consists of parents, school staff, and community members. Its purpose is to serve as a steering committee in the development and evaluation of the school’s mission, goals, and programs. The Site Council continues to assist in choosing curriculum, hiring staff, writing policies, and assessing the school’s performance.
What is a Traditional Magnet

Wichita magnet schools provide a variety of unique instructional choices by offering programs that are organized around particular themes such as the arts, the environment or international studies. Bostic bases its curriculum around a traditional philosophy, which is outlined in the Mission Statement.

Bostic is a pure magnet where all students must apply and be selected through the random lottery process. There are four traditional magnets so students will be assigned to the school that falls in the boundary for their home or child care address.

A Brief History of Bostic

Bostic Traditional Magnet was developed at the request of parents who desired a more traditional, “back to basics” environment for their children. Parents have been involved in forming committees to choose curriculum, write policies, and hire staff. In August, 1994, Bostic opened its doors at 4531 E 37th Street with 156 students. Two years later a site change was required to facilitate the demand for the program. The school moved to its current location on Gilbert and expanded to two classes per grade. Bostic continues to appeal to a diverse group of families reflecting every racial, ethnic, religious and socioeconomic sector of the Wichita community. It also serves students with varying degrees of special needs.

What are the Basic Concepts of Bostic Traditional Magnet School?

- Parents are expected to support their child in a partnership with the school. They are asked to sign a contract detailing this support.
- Discipline is stressed, self-discipline is preferred. Good conduct is expected.
- Respect for authority, others, differences, and property is expected.
- Academic expectations and grading standards are high.
- Basic skills in reading, writing, mathematics, science and research are emphasized and establish the foundation for the development of critical thinking, stressed in all subjects.
- One teacher is responsible for all academic instruction in a self contained classroom. Bostic also offers an interrelated program and gifted program for their students to enhance their academic instruction.
- Relevant homework is assigned consistently.
- The staff is expected to frequently and accurately communicate with and report to parents regarding each child’s progress.

Academic Information

The Wichita District adopted curriculum are implemented with structure and rigor so that each child reaches their greatest potential. In addition, students also receive strong phonics, spelling and handwriting instruction. Teachers provide rigorous instruction to meet the needs of all students.

Bostic students are being prepared for the 21st Century through the integration of technology. Students work on personal computers in the computer lab and portable laptop carts. SmartBoards are used in classrooms.

Bostic students have a history of positive academic performance with high levels of staff accountability. The partnership between parents and staff has definitely made excellence in academics a reality at Bostic.

Bostic has received the Standard of Excellence Recognition for its performance on the Kansas State Assessments in the areas of reading, math and science, grades 3,4,5 and building wide, from 1999—2012, when the state ended that recognition program.

In 2020 Bostic Traditional Magnet was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School for Academic Achievement.