

## At Bowman we take pride in:

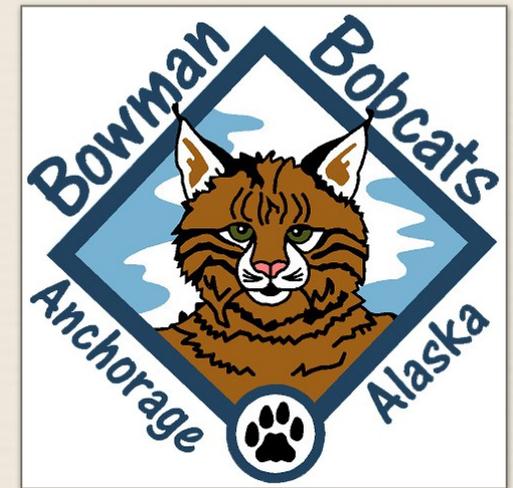
- Our academic focus which includes a number of paths to success in an Open Optional, traditional Neighborhood, or Structured Learning environment.
- Our five Preschool classrooms for General and Special Education needs.
- The core values of being a collaborative community, having meaningful growth and maintaining a positive attitude.



Willard L. Bowman Elementary is an urban school that provides a variety of educational opportunities for students to grow academically, socially and emotionally in Southeast Anchorage.

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# W.L. BOWMAN ELEMENTARY



## Home of the Bobcats!



*Willard L. Bowman  
1919-1975*

Willard L. Bowman was born August 18, 1919, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He served in the U.S. Navy between 1938 and 1945, and in 1950, he moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where he worked as a laborer and was an active union member, later becoming a labor management consultant. He was also an active member of the NAACP in Anchorage. Willard Bowman was appointed the first Director of the Alaska Human Rights Commission by Governor Egan in 1963. He served in that capacity until 1970, when he ran for the State House of Representatives. He was elected to the House in three consecutive elections (1970, 1972, and 1974). A member of the Democratic Party, he maintained a consistently liberal and humanitarian record. Representative Bowman was one of the first Black Americans elected to the Alaska Legislature. He died of cancer on December 3, 1975.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

W.L. Bowman Elementary welcomes all students, providing some of the most diverse and unique learning opportunities in the Anchorage School District.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM: GRADES K-5

In the Neighborhood Program the school serves students in a number of different traditional style classrooms. These classrooms focus on meeting all students' academic needs through the use of the Common Core Standards. Teachers use the district adopted curriculum and emphasize being a strong school community.



*1st Grade Neighborhood Program*



*4th Grade Neighborhood Program*

## OPEN OPTIONAL PROGRAM: GRADES K-5

In the Open Optional Program serves a number of students in multi-age classrooms. Teachers believe that academics, social skills and respect are important. Real life should be integrated into the classroom to make learning meaningful. The program values communication, creativity, flexibility, cooperation, small and large group participation, community service, goal-setting, leadership and family involvement.



*1st/2nd Grade Open Optional*



*4th/5th Grade Open Optional*

## STRUCTURED LEARNING PROGRAM FOR GRADES K-5 AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

The highly Structured Learning Classroom (SLC) incorporates a variety of evidence-based teaching strategies and curricula to facilitate communication and social skills while teaching grade-level expectations. Students may require adaptive living skill instruction. The Early Childhood special education program provides and oversees services for children ages 3 to 5 who experience developmental delays or other disabilities. The General Education preschool provides learning for 4 year olds.



*3rd-5th Grade Structured Learning Program*



*Early Learning Preschool Programs*