



The Waunakee Community School District is a partnership of community, staff, parents, and students striving for excellence. Educational discovery is the key to creating a community of learners in which each individual can achieve success. The district utilizes its available resources to develop critical thinkers and responsible citizens who pursue life-long learning. We offer a wide variety of programming to meet a diverse range of learners, including Gifted/Talented, students with disabilities, students at-risk, and English Language Learners. The district's primary educational goal is to promote excellence, deliver a challenging curriculum, and encourage global perspectives grounded in respect.

About our Schools

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K): We offer an enriching preschool experience for our four-year-olds at eight community sites. This program emphasizes learning through play using the Creative Curriculum materials and is aligned with the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards. The curriculum addresses social/emotional and physical development, as well as exposure to early literacy and math readiness skills.

Elementary (K-4th): Our three elementary schools pride themselves on providing safe and nurturing learning environments for all students by emphasizing good character, high standards, clear expectations, and positive attitudes. In addition to our core subject areas, students also participate in art, music, physical education, library and computer skills, developmental guidance, and our world language program, which integrates Spanish language instruction with social studies curriculum.

Intermediate School (5th-6th): The Intermediate School provides an environment that allows for academic success, growth in character, and the development of independence. In addition to core subject areas, Intermediate School students participate in art, music, physical education, library and computer skills, developmental guidance, and world languages (French and Spanish). Students can also participate in opportunities such as Service Club, Intramurals, and Safety Patrol.

Middle School (7th-8th): The Middle School provides opportunities for student achievement, support, and success through the use of teaching teams and homerooms. In addition to strong academic content areas, student interests are cultivated through exploratory and elective content areas and co-curricula, including art, drama, forensics, music, world languages (French and Spanish), science olympiad, and student council. Our athletic teams include basketball, cross country, football, softball, track, volleyball, and wrestling.

High School (9th-12th): The High School has a wide range of curriculum offerings that include required core content courses for graduation plus a wide variety of elective classes including World Languages (Spanish, French, Japanese, Latin, German, and Mandarin Chinese), Agriculture, Art, Music, Business, Computer Science, Technology and Engineering, and Work Experience Programs. In addition to our strong academic focus, over 60% of our student population participate in numerous co-curricular and athletic opportunities including 22 clubs and activities, 26 boys and girls sports, and 7 music activities.

District Enrollment			
School	Grades	Students	Staff*
Community-Based 4K	4K	254	11
Arboretum Elementary	5K-4	532	39
Heritage Elementary	5K-4	314	31
Prairie Elementary	5K-4	544	49
Intermediate School	5-6	598	49
Middle School	7-8	634	53
High School	9-12	1,165	97
Total:		4,041	329*
*320.14 Teaching FTE			

Outstanding Results

WKCE – Percentage of Students Proficient or Advanced in 2012-13

	3 rd grade	4 th grade	5 th grade	6 th grade	7 th grade	8 th grade	10 th grade	Composite
Reading Waunakee	59%	48%	56%	52%	61%	61%	54%	56%
Reading Wisconsin	35%	33%	35%	35%	37%	40%	38%	36%
Math Waunakee	75%	74%	80%	81%	83%	70%	65%	75%
Math Wisconsin	48%	49%	51%	52%	47%	45%	44%	48%

2012-2013 Wisconsin Accountability Report Cards: **All schools exceed or significantly exceed expectations. District exceeds expectations and ranks #9 in state.**

ACT Results

Our ACT composite score for 2013 was in the top ten of all Wisconsin districts (#5).

	2013	2012	2011
Waunakee	25.2	24.5	24.2
Wisconsin	22.1	22.1	22.2
National	20.9	21.1	21.1

Post High School Placements

	2013	2012	2011
4-Year College/ University	62%	59%	56%
1-2 Year College/ Technical School	20%	28%	24%
Military	1%	2%	4%

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses*

	2013	2012	2011
Students Taking One or More Exams	225	113	119
Total # of Exams Taken	447	190	192
% Students with Scores of 3 or Higher	81%	82%	79%

*Waunakee Community High School offers 9 AP Courses. Other AP Courses may be taken online with approval of the Gifted/Talented Coordinator.

Maintenance of College Enrollment*

Class of 2010	U.S.	Wisconsin	Waunakee
4-Year Public College/ University	78.2%	79.3%	99%
4-Year Private College/ University	79.1%	80.0%	96%
2 -Year Public College/ Technical School	60.0%	57.5%	80%

*Once enrolled in college, a high number of our students maintain their enrollment from their freshman year to their sophomore year. This indicates students are on-track to complete a degree in a timely manner.

Excellent Facilities

The Waunakee Community School District has 6 schools plus an alternative and administration building. Since 2004, the community has approved and supported over \$55,000,000 worth of facility improvements including: Arboretum Elementary, renovations at Heritage Elementary and the Intermediate School, and expansions and renovations at the Middle and High School. We have over 85 acres of green space, 17 sports fields, and an Aquatic Center opened in 2005 that features a new ultra violet disinfection system to reduce the use of chemicals. The WCSD supports environmentally-friendly practices such as the use of “green” cleaning products, an active “Green Team” at our high school, solar panels at our Intermediate School, a test plot for organic lawn maintenance at Arboretum Elementary, and a Community Garden on our Middle School/High School site.

Highly Qualified Staff

We are fortunate to have highly qualified and dedicated educators in our schools. Over 43% of our teachers hold Master’s Degrees. We currently have 12 teachers who have won the Kohl Fellowship, which is awarded to teachers for their leadership and service within and outside the classroom. Thirteen teachers hold National Board Certification, which is an advanced teaching credential, designed to recognize effective and accomplished teachers who meet high standards.

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