

ANNUAL UPDATE

2019



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STUDENT GROWTH & PROFICIENCY

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA)

Student proficiency is measured by the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) tests, Minnesota's state requirement for testing under the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

White Bear students have a higher rate of proficiency in reading and mathematics than students across the state of Minnesota. Additionally, as they progress from one grade to the next, White Bear students show a greater rate of proficiency increase than students across the state.

- » **Reading** - 65.2% of White Bear students met or exceeded grade-level proficiency in Reading in 2019 based on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment. This is compared to 59.6% of students across the state. 70.8% of White Bear students maintained or improved their level of Reading achievement from 2018 to 2019 as compared to 67.0% of students across the state.
- » **Mathematics** - 63.0% of White Bear students met or exceeded grade-level proficiency in Mathematics in 2019 based on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment. This is compared to 55.4% of students across the state. 68.5% of White Bear students maintained or improved their level of Mathematics achievement from 2018 to 2019 as compared to 62.7% of students across the state.

2018-19 WBLAS MCA COMPARISON TO STATE AVERAGES			
	State	WBLAS	WBLAS % above state
Reading	59.6%	65.2%	+5.6%
Mathematics	55.4%	63.0%	+7.6%

Source: Minnesota Department of Education's "Minnesota Report Card"

Early Childhood

More than 850 students are nurtured and develop a love of learning through our WBLAS Early Childhood programs. All of the District's preschools have a Parent Aware rating of four stars, the highest possible rating. Teachers assess the growth of children and take appropriate measures to ensure they are kindergarten-ready.

Elementary

Students at our nine elementary schools are assessed by teachers using a range of grade-appropriate assessments in reading, math and science to measure progress toward local and state standards. Student proficiency is measured using MCA assessments. Instructional support is personalized so students who test below grade level receive extra intervention and support, and students who already exceed standards are challenged through our comprehensive Gifted and Talented program.

Middle School

Students at Central and Sunrise Park Middle Schools take the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA). Teachers and counselors use these assessments along with other data to help students select courses. Intervention support is provided for students who test below grade level. Accelerated and enriched class options ensure each student is challenged.

High School

High school teachers assess students through common assessments in each subject. Nationally-normed assessments include the PreACT offered to tenth graders in the fall and the PSAT and ACT offered to eleventh graders. Counselors and teachers use these data, along with an understanding of student motivation and goals, to help students select from more than 250 course offerings, including more than 51 college-level courses and five career pathways areas.

National Blue Ribbon School recognition

In September, Lincoln Elementary was named as one of 362 schools throughout the country to be named as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2019. Lincoln was recognized as an Exemplary High Performing School, being among Minnesota's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. Only ten schools in Minnesota are being recognized in the program this year.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS & ENRICHMENT

81% Responding to the challenge



An increasing range of college-level courses, plus an initiative encouraging students to understand the importance of college-level work at the high school, has raised the percentage of high school seniors taking a college-level course during their high school career. For the class of 2019, 81% of seniors have taken one or more college-level courses, up from 54% for the class of 2016.

443 out of 633 students in the class of 2018 took at least one college-level course during high school. This includes Advanced Placement, College in the Schools, Project Lead the Way, and Post-Secondary Enrollment Options.

51 Colleges and Universities on campus

During the 2018-19 school year, 51 college-level courses were offered at White Bear Lake Area High School: 21 Advanced Placement (AP) classes, 26 College in the School (CIS/CitHS) courses, and 4 Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses. Students also took advantage of Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO).

The following numbers of White Bear Lake Area Schools students took college-level courses during the 2018-19 school year:

697 students took Advanced Placement (AP) classes

525 students took College in the Schools CIS/CitHS classes

103 students took Project Lead the Way (PLTW) classes

WBLAS continues to be a recognized leader for developing Career Pathways aligned to workforce needs.

- » A Manufacturing Pathway made possible in part due to a \$250,000 grant received from United Way.
- » A Construction Trades pathway with strong support from trade unions.
- » An IT pathway in conjunction with Century College and area businesses.
- » A Healthcare pathway featuring concurrent enrollment coursework for credentials as a certified nursing assistant (CNA).
- » An Automotive Pathway was recently added to the list of opportunities available to White Bear students.

2018-19,
989 AP EXAMS TAKEN

ON THE RISE

White Bear Lake Area High School's Advanced Placement (AP) program is serving more students taking more AP exams.

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COMPARED TO 867 EXAMS
TAKEN IN 2017-18

2019 Advanced Placement Scholars

52 AP Scholars
19 AP Scholars with Honors
39 AP Scholars with Distinction
8 National AP Scholars

1 National Merit Scholarship
Program Letter of Commendation

118
Advanced
Placement
Scholars

Student Support Services

White Bear Lake Area Schools have high expectations for all students and offer a continuum of specialized instruction for students with special needs. Our programs are individualized and comprehensive.

AVID

WBLAHS began implementation of the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program in the fall of 2010. The program offers rigorous instruction to students in the academic middle who have the individual determination to prepare for a four year college. In AVID classes, students collaborate, engage in inquiry, and learn college-level reading, writing and study strategies.

International Baccalaureate

Matoska International IB World School, an elementary option for all families since 2010, received re-authorization in January of 2015.

FINANCE

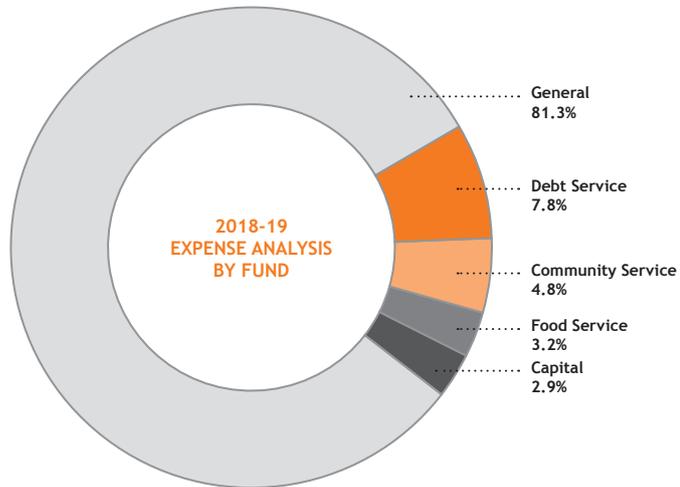
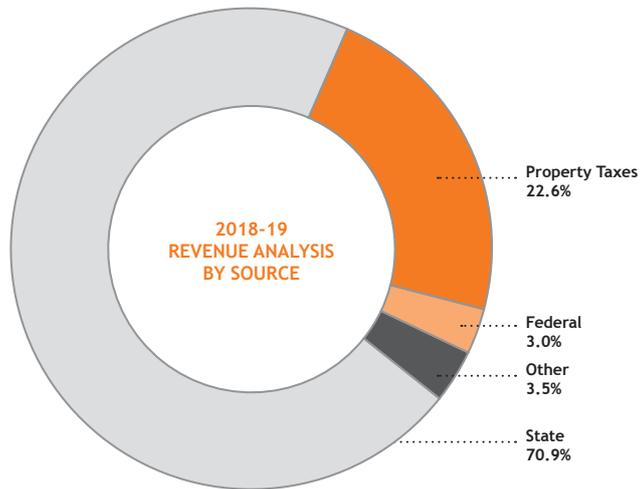
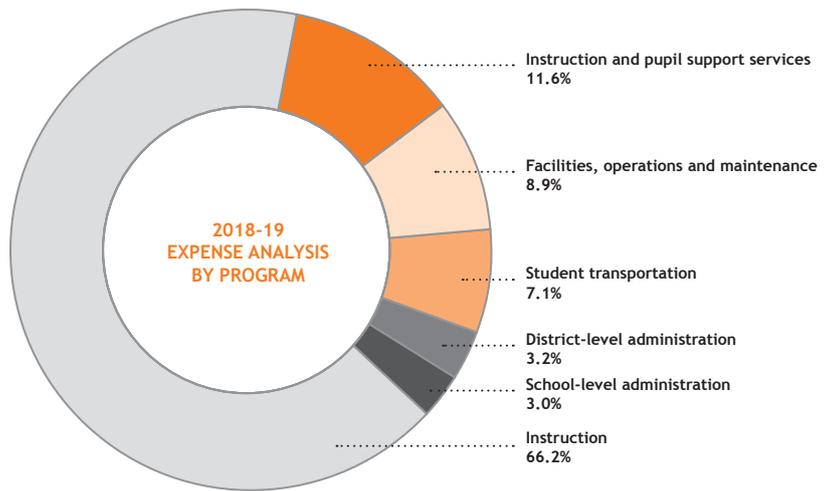
Financial management

To help the District meet its educational goals, White Bear Lake Area Schools remain committed to fiscal responsibility to ensure that maximum resources reach our classrooms.

Stewardship:

White Bear Lake Area Schools continues to demonstrate strong stewardship to our communities.

- » We have been recognized for excellence in financial reporting by the Association of School Business Officials and Government Finance Officers Association for 19 consecutive years.
- » The district has a AA bond rating, which we have received from Standard and Poor's every year the district has applied since 2010.
- » In November of 2019, area residents voted on the District's \$326 million bond referendum, with 57.4% in support of the question.



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Partnerships

The district has many innovative partnerships with the White Bear Center for the Arts, White Bear Area YMCA, MacPhail Center for Music, Tamarack Nature Center and many others.

2019-20 DISTRICT PROFILE

The White Bear Lake Area School District serves all or parts of Birchwood, Gem Lake, Hugo, Lino Lakes, Little Canada, Maplewood, North Oaks, Vadnais Heights, White Bear Lake and White Bear Township.

Core Values

The White Bear Lake Area School District builds quality lives and strong communities through compassion, integrity, respect, responsibility and service.

District Mission

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- Students who design and create their own future
- A culture that respects diverse people and ideas
- Safe, nurturing, and inspiring experiences
- Exceptional staff and families committed to student success
- Abundant and engaged community partners

Equity Commitment

To nurture the whole student, we disrupt systemic inequities by recognizing, honoring, and embracing all cultures with humility and respect.

4-Way Equity Decision Making Protocol

1. How does this help to provide opportunities to students who have been marginalized within the system in the past?
2. How does this help to ensure equitable access for all?
3. How does this help to eliminate barriers based on race/ethnicity, gender, disability, age, or other protected groups?
4. How does this ensure that the same rigorous standards for academic performance exist for all students?

In addition to English, students in our district



- Afaan Oromo/Oromo/Oromiffa
- Afrikaans
- Akan
- Amharic
- Anauk
- Arabic
- Azerbaijani
- Bengali
- Bosnian
- Burmese
- Cambodian/Khmer
- Cebuano
- Chinese, Mandarin
- Cree
- English Creolized
- Fanti
- Farsi
- French
- German
- Gujarati
- Harari
- Hiligaynon, Illogo
- Hindi
- Hmong
- Igbo
- Italian
- Japanese
- Kannada
- Karen
- Kiswahili, Swahili
- Lao, Laotian
- Lithuanian
- Luganda, Ganda
- Mandar
- Marathi
- Nepali
- Norwegian
- Pilipino, Tagalog
- Portuguese
- Punjabi
- Romanian
- Russian
- Sign Language, ASL
- Somali
- Spanish
- Tamil
- Telugu
- Thai
- Tigrinya
- Turkman
- Twi
- Ukrainian
- Urdu
- Vietnamese
- Yoruba

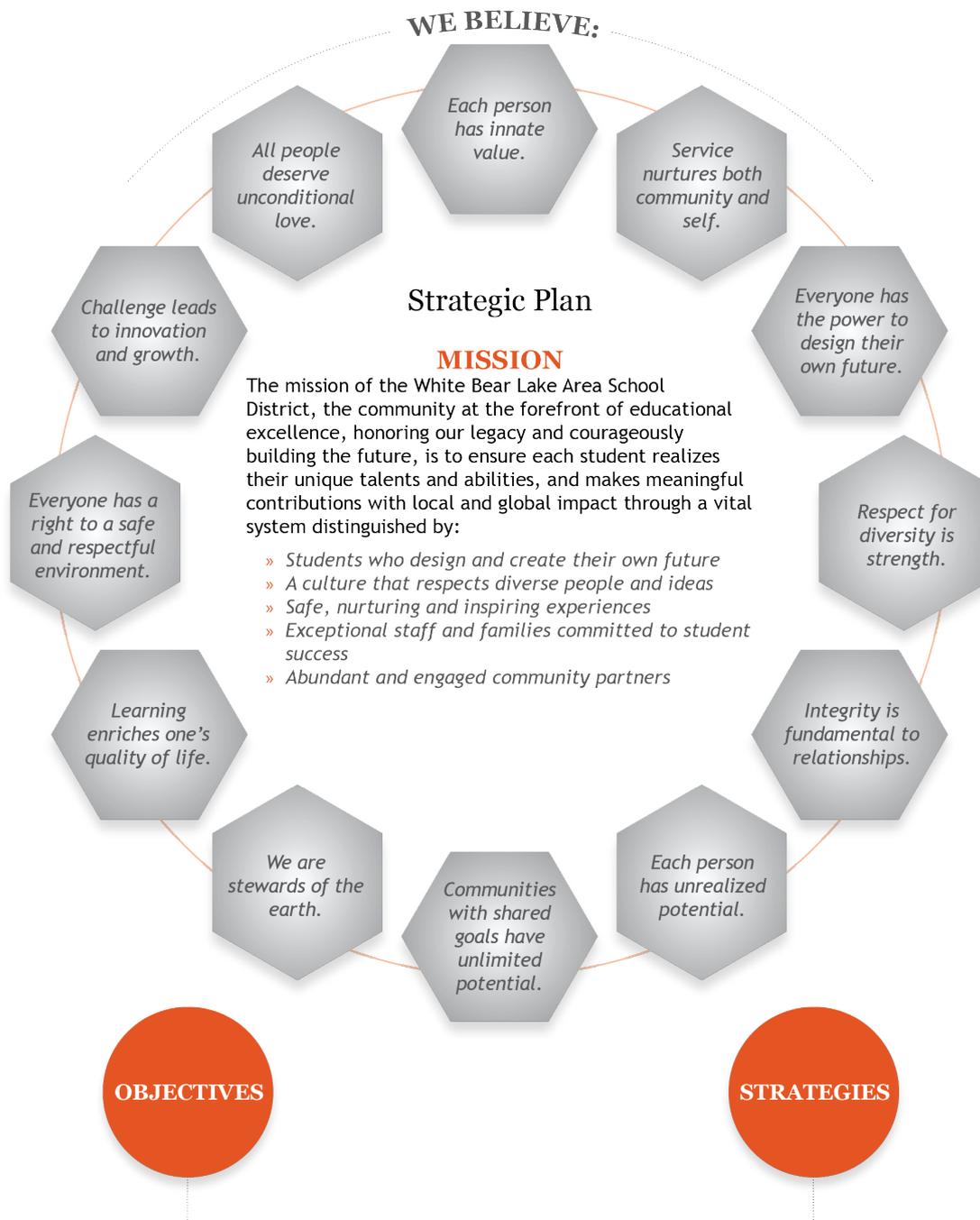
STUDENT ENROLLMENT 2019-20	
Pre-K <i>Pre-K includes all District programs including preschool, early childhood, and Bear Fundamentals at all District locations.</i>	871
Elementary (Grades K-5)	4,055
Middle School (Grades 6-8)	2,032
High School (Grades 9-12)	2,478
Transition Plus (Special Ed - ages 18-24)	37
DISTRICT TOTAL K-T+	8,602
DISTRICT TOTAL BIRTH-T+	9,473

Source: Minnesota Department of Education and District data

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS 2019-20	
Free/Reduced Price Lunch	25%
English Language Learner	3.7%
Special Education	15%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.4%
Asian	6.8%
Black/African American	6.2%
Hispanic/Latino	7.4%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%
Two or more races	6.3%
White	72.8%

Source: Minnesota Department of Education

MISSION & STRATEGIC PLAN



Each student meaningfully contributes to community.

100% OF STUDENTS:

- feel valued.
- accomplish their personalized learning plan.
- are prepared for and implement their design for their future.
- graduate.
- creatively adapt to an ever-changing world.

WE WILL:

- ensure that each student is the primary agent in their learning.
- provide expanding access to a broad range of opportunities for all students.
- foster community engagement and partnerships.
- build organizational capacity.
- embrace all cultures with humility and respect.
- ensure learning environments enhance students' educational experience.
- engage families as partners in the education of their children.
- ensure the social and emotional growth of each student.
- imagine new concepts in learning and teaching at White Bear Lake Area High School.

CONTACTS

Elementary Schools

BIRCH LAKE / 651-653-2776

1616 Birch Lake Avenue
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

HUGO / 651-653-2798

14895 Francesca Avenue North
Hugo, MN 55038

LAKEAIRES / 651-653-2809

3963 Van Dyke Street
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

LINCOLN / 651-653-2820

1961 Sixth Street
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

ONEKA / 651-288-1800

4888 Heritage Parkway North
Hugo, MN 55038

OTTER LAKE / 651-653-2831

1401 County Road H2
White Bear Township, MN 55110

MATOSKA INTERNATIONAL IB WORLD SCHOOL

651-653-2847
2530 Spruce Place
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

VADNAIS HEIGHTS

651-653-2858
3645 Centerville Road
Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

WILLOW LANE / 651-773-6170

3375 Willow Avenue
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Middle Schools

CENTRAL / 651-653-2888

4857 Bloom Avenue
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

SUNRISE PARK / 651-653-2700

2399 Cedar Avenue
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

High School Campuses

WBLAHS - NORTH CAMPUS

651-653-2920
(Grades 9-10)
5045 Division Avenue
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

WBLAHS - SOUTH CAMPUS

651-773-6200
(Grades 11-12)
3551 McKnight Road
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

WBL AREA LEARNING CENTER

651-773-6400
2449 Orchard Lane
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Other Sites

DISTRICT CENTER OFFICES

651-407-7500
4855 Bloom Avenue
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

- 651-653-3100**
- Normandy Park Education Center
2482 East Cty Road F, WBL
 - Tamarack Nature Center
5287 Otter Lake Road, WBT
 - Birch Lake Elementary
1616 Birch Lake Avenue, WBL
 - Hugo Elementary
14895 Francesca Ave. N., Hugo

- Lakeaires Elementary
3963 Van Dyke Street, WBL

- Otter Lake Elementary
1401 County Road H2, WBT

- Vadnais Heights Elementary
3645 Centerville Road, VH

WHITE BEAR AREA SENIOR PROGRAM

651-653-3121
2484 East County Rd F
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

TRANSITION EDUCATION CENTER

651-773-6051
13497 Fenway Blvd Circle N
Hugo, MN 55038



White Bear Lake Area Schools utilizes the following communications tools to connect with families and community members:

- » **PARENT ALERT SYSTEM** - The District uses the SchoolMessenger parent alert system. The system allows for voicemail, email and text message alerts to be sent out instantaneously.
- » **COMMUNITY E-NEWSLETTER** - The Community e-Newsletter, sent out twice a month to families and community members, covers School Board proceedings, student and staff achievements as well as school and Community Education offerings.
- » **STAY SOCIAL** - Currently, more than 5,000 people follow the district on Facebook, Twitter or YouTube. Daily 624 Facts are shared out through Facebook and Twitter.
- » **WWW.ISD624.ORG** - The district launched a redesigned website in the spring of 2019.
- » **VIDEOS** - A Community e-Newsletter Video Edition is sent twice a month. *The Week in 62.4 Seconds* videos highlight students learning each Friday. District videos are closed captioned in both English and Spanish.
- » **BEAR'S BULLETIN** - The district includes a community-focused bulletin in seasonal Community Services and Recreation catalogs that are mailed to all district residents. The piece covers District and school news, accomplishments, 624 Facts and notice of upcoming events.
- » **SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION** - The Communications Office makes School Board meeting video/audio files available to the public after each School Board meeting that are closed captioned in English.



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Leading minds to learning, hearts to compassion, and lives to community service.

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