

2020

ANNUAL UPDATE

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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).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MCA tests were not administered in the Spring of 2020.

In previous years when the MCA test was administered, White Bear Lake Area Schools students have shown a higher rate of proficiency in reading and mathematics than students across the state of Minnesota.

Early Childhood

More than 700 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 50 college-level courses and seven career pathways areas.

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HIGH EXPECTATIONS & ENRICHMENT

91.2%








White Bear Lake Area Schools 4-year graduation rate for Class of 2019 was 91.2%, 7.5 percentage points above the state average.
Graduation rate calculations follow one year behind the current graduating year.

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

Launched in 2015, our pathway programs allow students to take one or two courses, or a series of courses. They also allow students opportunities for job shadowing, industry site visits, and credentials or certifications recognized in the field.

Career PATHWAYS at ISD 624

Pathways Currently Offered

 Automotive	 Business
 Construction Skilled Trades	 Education
 Healthcare & Wellness	 Information Technology
 Manufacturing & Engineering	

50

Colleges and Universities on campus

During the 2019-20 school year, 50 college level courses were offered at WBLAHS: 21 Advanced Placement (AP) classes, 25 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).

More than half of the 10th-12th grade students at WBLAHS enrolled in potentially college credit-bearing courses in the 2019-20 academic year.

PLTW 77 students earned 231 credits

Concurrent Enrollment 197 students earned 309 credits

CIS 291 students earned 1424 credits

AP 637 students earned 1914 credits

PSEO 81 students earned 717 credits

\$2.39 million

Total value of credits earned by WBLAHS students in college-level courses during 2019-20.

All tuition calculations except concurrent enrollment based on U of MN tuition rate of \$512.30 per credit. Concurrent enrollment based on Century College tuition rate of \$185.92. PLTW grade cutoff B-, all others C-. Students may be counted more than once if they participated in more than one program. AP credit calculations based on U of MN score acceptance.

ON THE RISE

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

COMPARED TO 867 EXAMS TAKEN IN 2017-18

124
Advanced
Placement
Scholars

2020 Advanced Placement Scholars

62 AP Scholars
26 AP Scholars with Honors
31 AP Scholars with Distinction
5 National AP 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 2018.

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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.

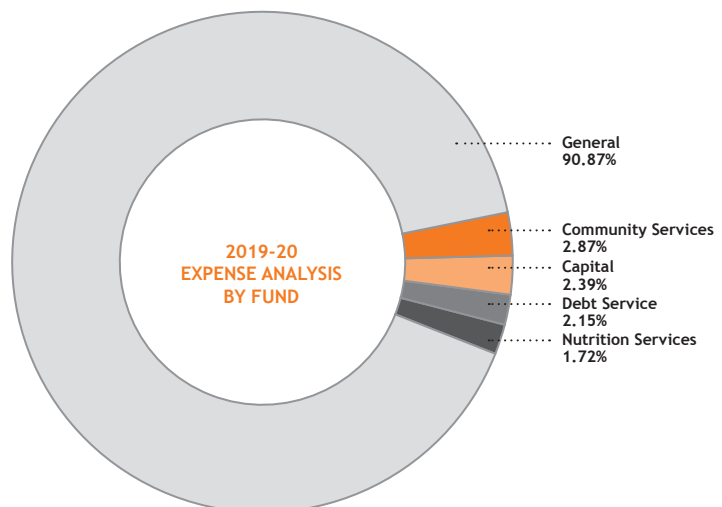
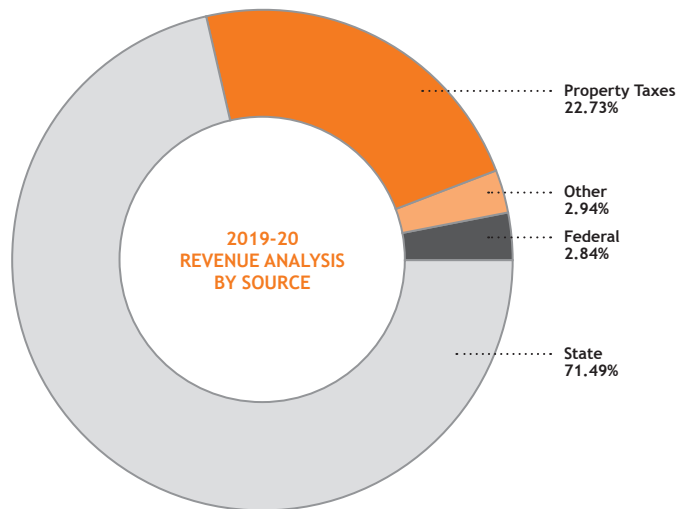
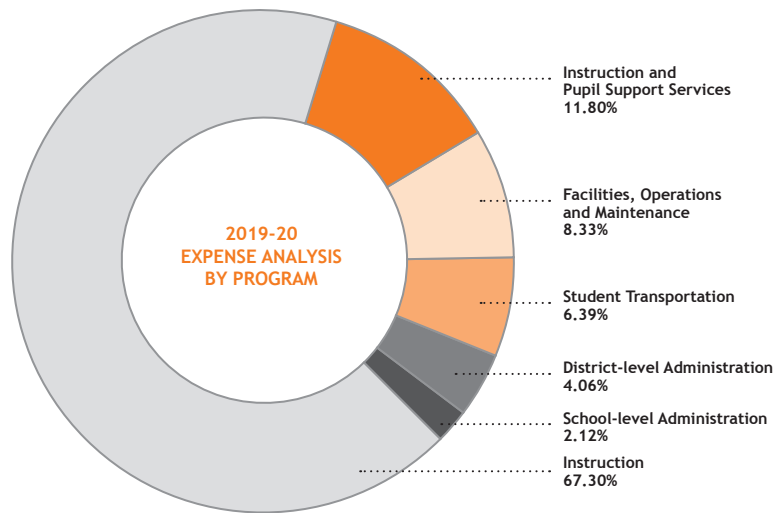
- » We have been recognized for excellence in financial reporting by the Association of School Business Officials and Government Finance Officers Association for 20 consecutive years.
- » The district refunded four outstanding debt issues during 2020, which will save district taxpayers a total of \$1,102,093 over the next nine years. The outstanding debt was related to the 2004 construction of Oneka Elementary School and the 2013 and 2014 gymnasium additions at Lakeaires, Matoska, and Willow Lane Elementary Schools.
- » 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.

2020-21 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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- 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.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT 2020-21	
Pre-K <i>Pre-K includes all District programs including preschool, early childhood, and Bear Fundamentals at all District locations.</i>	718
Elementary (Grades K-5)	3913
Middle School (Grades 6-8)	2065
High School (Grades 9-12)	2453
Transition Plus (Special Ed - ages 18-24)	47
DISTRICT TOTAL K-T+	8478
DISTRICT TOTAL BIRTH-T+	9196

Source: Minnesota Department of Education and District data

K-T+ STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS 2020-21	
Free/Reduced Price Lunch	21.41%
English Language Learner	3.99%
Special Education	15.27%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.40%
Asian	7.18%
Black/African American	6.38%
Hispanic/Latino	7.78%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.11%
Two or more races	6.46%
White	71.64%

Source: Minnesota Department of Education

In addition to English, students in our district

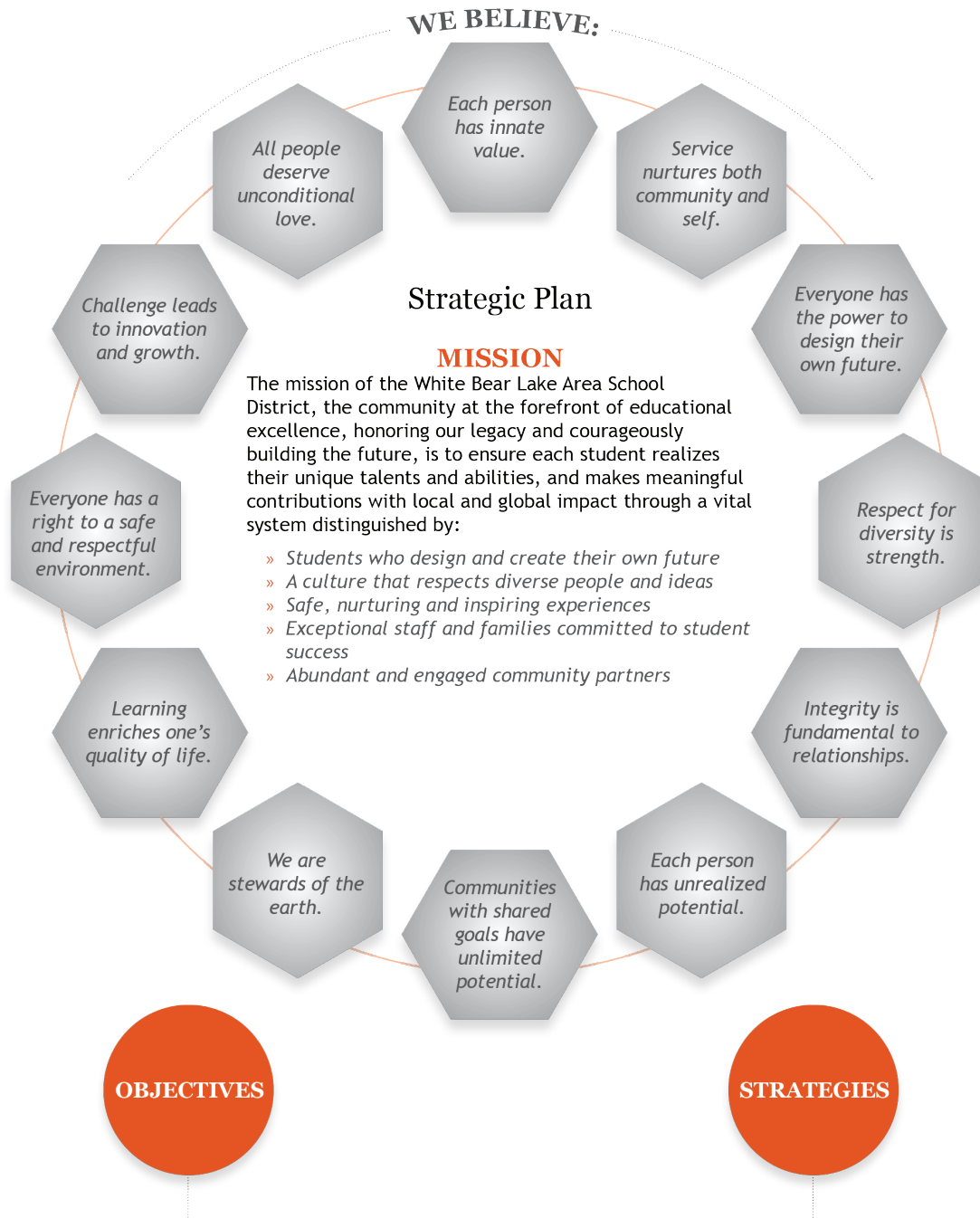


- Afaan/Oromo/Oromi
- Afrikaans
- Akan
- Amharic
- Anauk
- Arabic
- Azerbaijani
- Bengali
- Bosnian
- Burmese
- Cambodian
- Chinese, Mandarin
- Cree
- Czech
- English Creolized
- Fanti
- Farsi
- French
- German

- Gujarati
- Harari
- Hiligaynon, Illogo
- Hindi
- Hmong
- Igbo
- Japanese
- Karen
- Kiswahili, Swahili
- Kom
- Lao, Laotian
- Lithuanian
- Luganda, Ganda
- Mandar
- Marathi
- Nepali
- Pilipino, Tagalog
- Portuguese
- Punjabi

- Romanian
- Russian
- Sign Language, ASL
- Somali
- Spanish
- Tamil
- Telugu
- Thai
- Tigrinya
- Turkman
- Twi
- Ukrainian
- Urdu
- Vietnamese
- Yoruba

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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