

VAN HISE ELEMENTARY



2021-2022 School Supplement to the District Policy Guide

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Welcome to Van Hise Elementary School!

On behalf of our entire school community, we are enthusiastic and committed to providing our students with a high-quality educational experience this year. At Van Hise, we embrace partnering with our families and community to support all members feeling valued and involved in their children's education.

Our school's equity vision is "At Van Hise We All Belong: Creating a Welcoming School by lifting Student, Family, Staff and Community voice to build relationships that support academic excellence." At Van Hise, we create a nurturing, disciplined, and challenging environment in which all students can learn at optimum levels and graduate college, career, and community ready.

Our School Improvement Plan (SIP) is developed annually by a team that includes voice across all areas of our school including all grade levels, advanced learning, specials, bilingual and special education staff, and parents. Our SIP focuses on supporting teaching teams in implementing quality, research-based instructional practices. Teachers collaborate to prepare well-planned lessons that make the content accessible and valuable for each and every one of our students. Using ongoing assessments, teachers at Van Hise Elementary (VHE) differentiate instruction based on students' learning styles, abilities, and interests. Staff are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment that promotes respect for all individuals.

This year we will continue the long-standing traditions that support a strong sense of community among families, staff, and students. The diversity of our community is one of our greatest assets. All students and families are encouraged to be active participants in the learning process. We welcome you to visit often and volunteer at VHE. The partnerships that we form between students, families, community members, and staff provide a foundation for learning, engagement, and relationships to thrive.

We hope to see you soon at Van Hise Elementary – where we work together to support success for all!

Sincerely,

Mary Seidl

Principal

About our school

Van Hise Elementary is a quiet K-5 neighborhood school in the University Hill Farms area on the near west side of Madison. The campus is shared with Velma Hamilton Middle School.

School mission statement

Van Hise Elementary School is a thriving school that prepares every student to graduate from high school college, career, and community ready. Our school equity vision supports this by defining: At Van Hise We All Belong: Creating a Welcoming School by lifting Student, Family, Staff and Community voice to build relationships that support academic excellence.”

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Address

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School Hours

Mondays 8:40 a.m. - 2:05 p.m. (Monday
early release)

Tuesdays-Fridays 8:40 a.m. - 3:37 p.m.

KEY POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Calendar

September 3rd: 8:45 New Family Breakfast (in the garden, weather permitting)

See all upcoming events at <https://vanhise.madison.k12.wi.us/calendar>

Child care / after-school information

On-site child care is provided by Wisconsin Youth Company after school, and also in the morning as long as there is enough interest in the morning program. It is a private company, and there is a cost. For information please contact them at (608)276-9782 or visit their website at www.wisconsinyouthcompany.org. Black Belt America on Odana Rd also offers a program and has a van pick up the kids who attend their program.

Traffic safety (parking lot, pick up/drop off information)

Children are to be dropped off at the front of school on Waukesha Street. The parking lot is unsafe with no sidewalk to the building. There are adult crossing guards at Mineral Point Rd. & Segoe Rd., Mineral Point Rd. & Midvale Blvd, and Waukesha St. & Lafayette starting at 7:20am and from 1:55-2:50pm Mondays; 2:35-4:05pm Tuesday-Friday.

Supervision of building / grounds - adjusted for new schedule

Supervision begins at 8:25am daily; students should not be dropped off before 8:25am.

Students may go into the cafeteria for breakfast or out to the playground until the bell rings at 8:35. There is no supervision after school; all students should be picked up when school dismisses.

Field trips

Students are expected to participate in field trips as part of the curriculum. Teachers send home information about trips regarding costs, destination and dates, and encourage parents to volunteer as chaperones.

Picking up your child during the school day

To ensure the safety of your child, please send a note or email in advance to your child's teacher and the office. District policy requires that parents come into our office and sign out the student. We will call the classroom to have the student sent down to the office to meet the parents. Please remember anyone picking up a student must be authorized and listed in Infinite Campus. Once school is in session, no non-school staff (including parents) will be allowed to go to a classroom unaccompanied and pick up a child.

Safety & Security

Families play a key role in school safety. At vanhise.mmsd.org/safety, you can read about school-specific resources for helping keep students safe. You'll find more information on district safety and security, including how we communicate with you in an emergency, at mmsd.org/safety.

Find more information in the district policy guide, found at www.mmsd.org/policy-guide.