

# GOMPERS ELEMENTARY



## 2021-2022 School Supplement to the District Policy Guide

### **SCHOOL OVERVIEW**

*Welcome to Gompers Elementary School!*

Dear Gompers Families,

Our school is a great place to be for many reasons. We are a small neighborhood school with an enrollment of approximately 200 students which makes it a fairly unique experience for our students in that every staff member gets to know all the children fairly quickly. It truly is a close family experience for staff and children alike. I am honored to be a part of this wonderful school community. Our curriculum is rigorous and teacher teams work together to plan using the Common Core State Standards. Through these standards, we are charged with the responsibility of ensuring that each child is prepared for college, career, and the community by the time he/she completes high school. Our goal is to teach students to read and think critically, solve problems, and communicate effectively orally and in print, and to utilize technology in relevant ways. We will give the children the tools to be thoughtful, responsible citizens who will be ready to take their place in the world.

Here at Gompers, our scholars are taught the skills necessary to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally while we embrace their cultural and linguistic identity as an asset to our school community. The instruction in all our learning environments promotes academic risk-taking and nurtures a love of learning. A partnership between school and home is essential for students to be successful. We are committed to working collaboratively with our parents to provide results-oriented instruction that focuses on the growth and achievement of each student. Also, we believe all families can support the growth of their students and encourage them to connect with us frequently to ensure we embrace all of the strengths of our students. We encourage our parents to take an active role in the academic growth of our students by reading to their children in any language, conducting rich conversations in the car and at the dinner table, talking about the possibilities of college and career choices, etc. We also expect that our families will encourage children to persevere in the face of challenges and never give up, and we will support you in this endeavor.

We value all of your voices and ideas. If you have ideas, thoughts, or concerns you'd like to share, we'd love to hear them. You are always welcome to visit the school. Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Kindly,

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**School Hours**

Mondays 8:40 a.m. - 2:05 p.m. (Early release)  
Tuesdays-Fridays 8:40 a.m. - 3:37 p.m.

**School Equity vision**

We at Gompers have a shared responsibility to make everyone feel safe, valued and supported by creating a culturally and linguistically responsive environment to foster independent learners.

**Key Policies and Guidelines**

**Attendance**

Students must be at school before 8:40 to be considered present and on time. If your child will be absent or late, please call the safe arrival line at 204-4522 to inform the office of the nature of the absence/delay.

**Child Care**

The YMCA provides before and after school care at Gompers. This is a fee-based program, and tuition assistance is available to those who qualify. For more information, please visit [www.ymcadanecounty.org](http://www.ymcadanecounty.org)

**Fees**

Fee waivers are available on request. Determinations are made and responded to in a timely manner. Please inquire in the office as necessary.

### **Family Engagement and Volunteering**

We want to welcome all of our volunteers who so generously give of their time, to help Gompers students and staff. Volunteering helps the community and students and school to be successful.

Volunteers are needed on both a regular basis, such as helping a student read or do their math, Family Nights, field trips on an occasional basis. More information about volunteering including the Board policy and volunteer expectations can be found at [partnerships.madison.k12.wi.us/volunteering](https://partnerships.madison.k12.wi.us/volunteering).

### **Picking up your child during the school day**

To ensure the safety of your child, please send a note in advance to your child's teacher or the office. We require parents to 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 [gompers.mmsd.org/safety](https://gompers.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](https://mmsd.org/safety).

### **Emergency Situations**

Students are taught procedures for maintaining safety during emergencies. Gompers, along with all MMSD schools, is using the Standard Response Protocol. Monthly fire drills, yearly tornado drills, and biannual lockdown drills are practiced.

### **Visitor Policy**

Any visitor entering the building must enter the main door and sign in using the visitor log in the main office. Also, a visitor badge must be worn at all times while they are in the building. Thank you for respecting our visitor policy to ensure our students and staff are safe.

*Find more information in the district policy guide, found at [www.mmsd.org/policy-guide](https://www.mmsd.org/policy-guide).*