



Welcome Back, Students!

Dear Wausau School District Families:

It is with great gratitude and expectation that we begin the 2021-22 school year - thrilled at the thought of welcoming students back into our buildings! We have a lot of exciting things happening in the District this year! First, we are so grateful that the community approved the April referendum question allowing the hiring of 32 new Pupil Services staff. Every school will start the year with a Pupil Services team, focused on proactively supporting students to be more successful academically, behaviorally, socially, and emotionally. Alongside those additional supports, the Wausau School District is dedicated to supporting the whole child through the introduction of the *Leader in Me* curriculum. This curriculum is based on Stephen Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" and will help students develop their "soft skills" and be leaders in their own lives. We are also working to enhance our Academic and Career Planning processes in response to a strong interest by staff and families to ensure that all students are prepared for life after high school.



That said, we are anxious to reconnect with families after a long period of virtual meetings. To that end, the District is beginning a renewed staff and community engagement process. We will seek opportunities to meet in person across the District this Fall. Look for a schedule of engagement events. For those who are unable to meet in person, we will be offering a broad-based survey to help us know your priorities for the Wausau School District. We realize there is a lot of disagreement about actions related to COVID-19. Know that the health of staff, students, and the community is a top priority for us, along with offering the world-class education you have come to expect from Wausau public schools. We will monitor the health of students and staff and take actions based on the health data of our population.

We look forward to helping your students thrive this school year -- advancing student learning, achievement, and success.

Sincerely,
Dr. Keith Hilts
Superintendent

Most Up-To-Date Information for the 2021-22 School Year

- The Wausau School District will continue to monitor COVID-19's spread within our community daily; much like we did during the 2020-21 school year.
- Masks continue to be optional - except on school buses. Students are required to wear

masks at all times on buses in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

- Several mitigation strategies will be in place: students and staff will stay home when they are sick and staff and students who are sick will get sent home from school immediately. We will also practice good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, place signs up within our buildings, and make sure hand sanitizer and cleaning products are readily available. That's in addition to the daily cleaning that will be done and the enhanced ventilation we have.
- WAVE is still an option if you prefer your student(s) learn from home.

COVID-19 Protocols



THANK YOU!!!

Again, thanks to your support in April, the Wausau School District now has 32 additional Pupil Services staff to work with our students! We are thrilled to be able to better support the behavioral, physical, social, emotional, and mental health of our students as they return to our buildings.



***Leader in Me* to be implemented during the 2021-22 school year**

Leader in Me is used by schools and school districts all around the world with the goal of inspiring greatness in every student. Through the program, our students, starting at age 5, will learn the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People to manage their emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy, maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

So, why is the school district implementing this program? There's a need. Leaders in the business community say that students everywhere often lack soft skills as they enter the workforce. Skills like interacting with people and managing work. Here at the Wausau School

District, our mission is to 'advance student learning, achievement, and success.' This program will do just that -- setting every one of our students up for success, not just as they attend our District, but well beyond high school.

[Click Here for Leader in Me Information](#)

We're Hiring!

**Educating for the Future,
One Child at a Time**

**Regular, substitute,
and support employment
opportunities available**

For more information about
Wausau School District
employment opportunities, please
visit Human Resources at

**www.wausauschools.org
or call 715-261-0500**



@WausauSchDist

Construction Alert!

There's ongoing construction on N. 3rd Avenue, near Thomas Jefferson Elementary School and it's going to change the way staff, families, and community members access the building. Not only is N. 3rd Avenue closed, but so is its intersection with West Randolph Street.

That means you'll need to take Randolph Street from Merrill Avenue and then turn left into the parking lot just past the school. If you're picking up your student(s), you'll want to enter that same parking lot, in a single-file line, and proceed to the back of the lot. Then, you'll turn left onto the normal parent-pickup ramp. Please, do not park along the yellow curb in front of the school.

While it may get congested, we ask for patience to ensure everyone's safety.



Coming Soon to WSD!

(Expect more information on this in September)

Introducing a new way to track your child's bus

- GET MESSAGES FROM YOUR DISTRICT OR DEPOT**
From delays to important schedule changes. Stay in the know!
- KNOW WHERE THE BUS IS**
Check bus progression with GPS tracking
- ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CONFIRMATION**
Know when the bus arrives at your child's school and stop.
- PARENT SUPPORT**
Dedicated support at your fingertips.
- MULTIPLE KIDS - ONE APP**
Track multiple students at one time.
- PUSH NOTIFICATIONS**
Get in-app alerts when the bus is getting close.



This app helps make my families morning less hectic!
-Suzy's Mom



It's my alarm for when the bus is close.
-Joey, Highschool Student



It's easy to use!
-Max's Grandma

New Website!

The Wausau School District has launched a new website!
We hope you find it easier to use and that the
information you need is more accessible.



Visit wausauschools.org

A Message from Nutrition Services:



WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

Department of School Nutrition Services

650 South 7th Avenue • Wausau, Wisconsin 54401 • 715-261-0807 • www.wausauschools.org
Karen Fochs, Director of School Nutrition Services

August 10, 2021

Dear Wausau School District Families,

Wausau School District is participating in the USDA Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for the entirety of the 2021-22 school year. **This means that our school is providing free meals (breakfast and lunch) to all students!** This program provides additional support and flexibility for our district to continue serving meals to children while maintaining safety measures and managing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though receipt of free meals does not depend on an approved free and reduced-price meal application, we are still distributing and processing them so Wausau School District families may qualify for P-EBT benefits as well as other school funding.

When your child participates in our healthy and delicious school meals program it will save your family time and money. At breakfast, all children are offered at least four food items from three food components (grain, fruit, and fluid milk) and at lunch are offered five food components (grain, protein, fruit, vegetable, and fluid milk). For your child's breakfast to be free, they must take at least three food items, one of which is $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fruit or vegetable. For your child's lunch meal to be free, they must take at least three different food components, one of which is $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fruit or vegetable. At the secondary school levels only: Purchases such as second entrees, milk only, or other food items that do not meet the requirements described above will be charged. These ala carte purchases will require a positive meal account balance in PayPams.

To create a PayPams account or check on your account balance you may click here:
www.paypams.com.

Our breakfast and lunch menus can be found on the following link
<https://wausau.nutrislice.com/menu/menus-eula>. All nutrition information regarding the menus can be found on this link as well.

We are required to notify all households of the District's Low Balance Policy which can be found here [Policy 8500](#).
Please contact me with any questions at 715-261-0805 or email me at kfochs@wausauschools.org.

Sincerely,

Karen Fochs, MS, RDN,CD
Director of School Nutrition Services

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Summer P-EBT Benefits for Children in Wisconsin

Call the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Support Team at 1-833-431-2224 before September 1, 2021

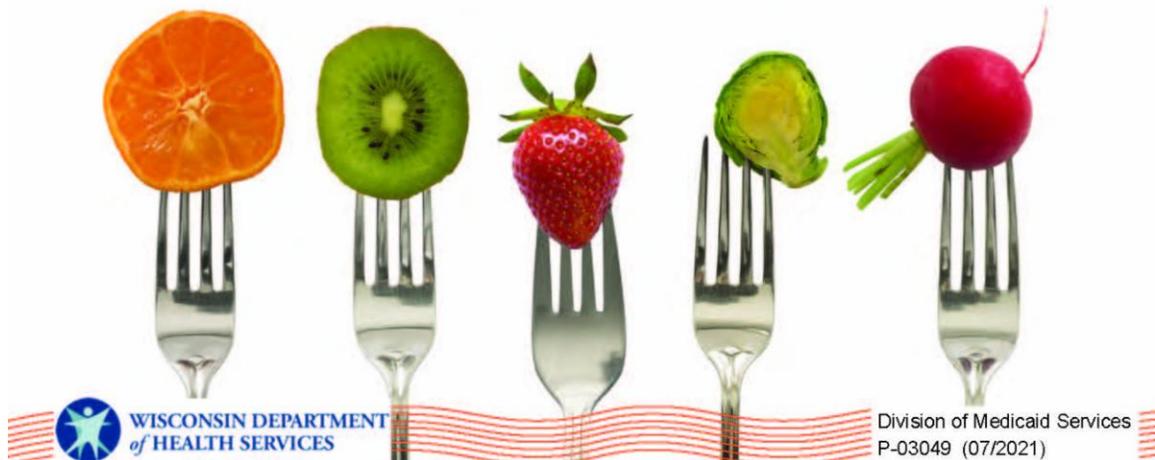
If you **have** recently turned in an application for free or reduced price school meals and **have not** received P-EBT or Pre-6 P-EBT benefits for your child during the 2020-2021 school year, your child may be eligible for support through the Summer P-EBT program. The Summer P-EBT program provides a one-time \$375 payment for each eligible child that can be used to purchase food.

For the Department of Health Services (DHS) to determine if your child is eligible, please call the P-EBT Support Team at 1-833-431-2224 before September 1, 2021. When you call, please be ready to provide the following information:

- Child's full name, date of birth, grade, and school name
- Your name, date of birth, mailing address, and phone number

Once DHS gets the necessary information, the P-EBT Support Team will see if your child is eligible for the Summer P-EBT program.

Note: If you got benefits in the 2020-2021 school year for your child as part of the School P-EBT or Pre-6 P-EBT program, you don't need to do anything at this time. Your child will get Summer P-EBT benefits.



2021-2022 Wausau School District Calendar

Board approved: 2-22-2021

July 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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August 2021						
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	30	31				

September 2021						
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	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
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Aug 26, 30-31: Professional Learning
 Aug 27: No Classes - Non-Contract Days

Sept 1: First Day of School
 Sept 6: No Classes - Labor Day

October 2021						
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November 2021						
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December 2021						
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	27	28	29	30	31	

Oct 27: No Elementary Classes
 No AM/PM Pre-K Classes
 No PM Secondary Classes
 Oct 27: 1st Quarter Ends (40)
 Oct 28-29: No Classes - PL

Nov 24: No Classes - Non-Contract Day
 Nov 25-26: No Classes-Thanksgiving Break

Dec 23-31: No Classes - Winter Break

January 2022						
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February 2022						
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March 2022						
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Jan 14: No PM Elementary Classes - Recordkeeping
 No AM/PM Pre-K Classes
 Jan 14: 2nd Quarter Ends (46)
 Jan 17: No Classes - PL

Feb 18: No Classes - PL

March 18: No PM Elementary Classes - Recordkeeping
 No AM/PM Pre-K Classes
 March 18: 3rd Quarter Ends (43)
 March 21- 25: No Classes - Spring Break

April 2022						
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May 2022						
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June 2022						
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	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30		

April 15: No Classes

May 27: No Classes - PL
 May 30: No Classes - Memorial Day

June 3: No PM Classes - All Elementary Recordkeeping
 No AM/PM Pre-K Classes
 June 3: Students' Last Day
 June 3: 4th Quarter Ends (46)
 June 6: Teachers' Last Day

- No Classes
- Students' first and last days of school
- No Classes - Professional Learning (PL)
- Quarter Ends (1st - 40) (2nd - 46) (3rd - 43) (4th - 46) = 175
- No Pre-K or Elementary Classes / No PM Secondary Classes / Recordkeeping AM (Elem) and Parent/Teacher Conferences PM
- 2022 High School Graduation: May 23 - West; May 24 - WAVE; May 25 - East; May 26 - EEA
- Teachers' last day of school
- No PM Elem Classes-Recordkeeping. No AM/PM Pre-K Classes

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings:

- Monday, September 13
- Monday, September 27

[Click Here for Meeting Times, Locations, and Agendas](#)

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[Parent/Student Handbook](#)



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