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Art Teacher: Jessica Davis

2022–2023
SCHOOL EVENT CALENDAR
For Our Community

This calendar was made possible because of our generous sponsor:
The annual calendar for the Sun Prairie Area School District represents a common resource for the entire community. Use it as a reference and to understand the essential events and occasions throughout this school year. This year’s calendar is special in that it is the first calendar in a new era, which includes the opening of a new high school, the return of middle schools holding 6th–8th grades, and the relocation of Prairie Phoenix Academy. While the new secondary configuration is a change, we know that what unites this community is our collective commitment to kids. The Sun Prairie Area School District is grateful for the input this community has given us leading up to this point, and we look forward to this new era in serving students and families both in and out of the classroom.

All the best,
Brad Saron
Superintendent
SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

2022

September 5  No School – Labor Day
September 6  First Day of School (K–12)
September 12 First Day of School SP4K
September 30 No School – Staff Professional Development

October 13  Fall Conferences, 4–8 pm
October 13  No School for SP4K
October 14  No School – Fall Conferences, 7:30–11:30 am

November 8  End of 1st Quarter
November 18 No School – Staff Professional Development
November 23 No School
November 24 No School – Thanksgiving
November 25 No School

December 26 No School – First Day of Winter Break

2023

January 3  First Day Back from Winter Break
January 16 No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 24  End of 2nd Quarter / 1st Semester
January 27 No School – Staff Professional Development

February 16  Winter Conferences, 4–8 pm
February 16  No School for SP4K
February 17  No School – Winter Conferences, 7:30–11:30 am

March 20  No School – First Day of Spring Break
March 27  First Day Back from Spring Break

April 6  End of 3rd Quarter
April 7  No School – Staff Professional Development

May 26  No School – Staff Professional Development
May 29  No School – Memorial Day

June 2  Last Day of School for 4K Students
June 9  End of 4th Quarter / 2nd Semester
June 9  Last Day of School for Students (K–12)
Elementary Dismissal at 11:10 am
Middle School Dismissal at 12:05 pm
High School Dismissal at 12:15 pm
Prairie Phoenix Academy Dismissal at 11:50 am

June 9  High School Graduation

We have three weather days built into this schedule that we will not need to make up should we have inclement weather or other reasons for closing. If we have to close more than three days, we will make up days on April 7 and May 26. If we go beyond five days, we will add instructional minutes to school days.
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### OUR SCHOOLS

- **C. H. Bird Elementary School** – *Home of the Blue Jays*
  - (608) 834-7300  | 1170 N. Bird Street

- **Creekside Elementary School** – *Home of the Coyotes*
  - (608) 834-7700  | 1251 O’Keeffe Avenue

- **Eastside Elementary School** – *Home of the Eagles*
  - (608) 834-7400  | 661 Elizabeth Lane

- **Horizon Elementary School** – *Home of the Red-Tailed Hawks*
  - (608) 834-7900  | 625 N. Heatherstone Drive

- **Meadow View Elementary School** – *Home of the Otters*
  - (608) 478-5000  | 200 N. Grand Avenue

- **Northside Elementary School** – *Home of the Nighthawks*
  - (608) 834-7100  | 230 W. Klubertanz Drive

- **Royal Oaks Elementary School** – *Home of the Rockets*
  - (608) 834-7200  | 2215 Pennsylvania Avenue

- **Token Springs Elementary School** – *Home of the Terrapins*
  - (608) 478-5100  | 1435 N. Thompson Road

- **Westside Elementary School** – *Home of the Wildcats*
  - (608) 834-7500  | 1320 Buena Vista Drive

- **Central Heights Middle School** – *Home of the Huskies*
  - (608) 318-8000  | 220 Kroncke Drive, Suite 100

- **Patrick Marsh Middle School** – *Home of the Panthers*
  - (608) 834-7600  | 1351 Columbus Street

- **Prairie View Middle School** – *Home of the Falcons*
  - (608) 834-7800  | 400 N. Thompson Road

- **Sun Prairie East High School** – *Home of the Cardinals*
  - (608) 834-6700  | 888 Grove Street

- **Sun Prairie West High School** – *Home of the Wolves*
  - (608) 478-1700  | 2850 Ironwood Drive

- **Prairie Phoenix Academy** – *Home of the Phoenix*
  - (608) 834-6900  | 220 Kroncke Drive, Suite 130

- **Sun Prairie Virtual School** (For Students in Grades K–12)
  - (608) 834-6901  | 501 S. Bird Street

- **SP4Kids** (A Community Early Learning Program)
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COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS

Sun Prairie Fire (non-emergency) 608-837-5066
Sun Prairie Police (non-emergency) 608-837-7336
Sun Prairie Emergency Medical Services (EMS) 608-837-3604
Dane County Sheriff 608-284-6800
Sunshine Place 608-825-3875
Peace Evangelical Lutheran School 608-837-5346
Sacred Hearts Catholic School 608-837-8508
Sun Prairie Public Library 608-825-7323
Sun Prairie Historical Library & Museum 608-825-0837
Alateen (support for teens with concerns about alcohol) 608-258-0314
Family Service Madison: Counseling and Therapy 608-252-1320
Boys and Girls Club of Dane County 608-257-2606
Briarpatch (runaway & family counseling) 608-251-1126
Emergency Mental Health/Depression/Suicide Prevention 608-280-2600
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255
Planned Parenthood of Madison 608-241-3767
Poison Center/Drug Info 608-262-3702
Rape Crisis Center (counseling for rape victims) 608-251-7273
Sexual Abuse Therapy (The Oasis Program) 608-241-4888
Parent Stress Line 1-800-632-8188
AIDS Support Network 608-252-6540
Centro Hispano 608-255-3018
Legal Action of WI (free legal advice & referral) 608-256-3304
Job Service (job information & work permits) 608-242-4900
Outreach (LGBTQIA+) 608-255-8582
Teens Like Us (support for lesbian, gay & bisexual teens) 608-245-2550
United Refugee Services for Southeast Asians 608-256-6400
Urban League of Greater Madison 608-729-1200
United Way of Dane County 608-246-4350
Dane County Youth Commission 608-242-6422
STI Hotline (information & testing) 608-243-0411

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Sun Prairie
228 E. Main St. | 608-837-4511
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Construction crews and District staff have been busy all summer making sure Sun Prairie West High School, Central Heights Middle School, the newly relocated Prairie Phoenix Academy, and the newly renovated Sun Prairie East High School will be ready for the 2022–2023 school year! Back in 2019, our community passed a referendum for these projects. We are so excited to see them come to fruition and to see how they enhance our students’ experiences. The Central Heights Middle School / Prairie Phoenix Academy building is also home to the Employee Wellness Clinic and Professional Learning Center. The Employee Wellness Clinic offers low-cost or free healthcare for District and City staff, and the Professional Learning Center will host employee professional development sessions.

We invite our community to check out these new learning spaces! Come to the grand opening events on Sunday, August 28th, to see Central Heights, Prairie Phoenix Academy, and Sun Prairie West! We will also have a community open house at Sun Prairie East on Monday, September 19th, to showcase the exciting renovations that have happened over the summer!
### New Bell Times

The Secondary Boundary and Bell Time Task Force met over a period of 13 months, conducted a community survey, and analyzed the results to recommend the following bell times for the 2022–2023 school year:

**Elementary Schools (Grades K–5)**
- 7:40 am–2:40 pm (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)
- 7:40 am–1:30 pm (Thursday – Early Release day)

**Middle Schools (Grades 6–8)**
- 8:25 am–3:35 pm

**High Schools (Grades 9–12)**
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### SP4K (4-Year-Old Kindergarten Program)
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- Morning: 7:40 am–10:23 am (Monday–Friday)
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Our Nutrition Team is continuously expanding its innovative and nutritious menu. Students have the opportunity to sample potential menu items and provide feedback. Items we are looking to possibly add to our menus include an Asian chicken salad with homemade dressing, orange poke cake, beef Vindaloo, Korean beef bowls with rice, and more!

The team prides itself on making food items from scratch using fresh ingredients. Some of those ingredients are grown right here in Sun Prairie. The high school Global Food and Sustainability Academy uses hydroponic systems to grow lettuce for the Nutrition Team to use in school lunches. This partnership provides a great hands-on learning opportunity for our students and helps create a local, sustainable food source for our schools.
WELCOME TO THE 2022–2023 SCHOOL YEAR!

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In the Fall of 2021, we worked with our community to collect feedback about the strategic direction of our District. We received more than 1,400 survey responses, conducted over 100 interviews, and hosted two Ideas Fairs. Our Ideas Fairs were community events featuring interactive stations focusing on topics ranging from diversity to extracurricular activities. We then compiled this data and submitted it to the Wisconsin Center for Education Research for analysis.

A committee of administrators, staff, and community members met for several weeks in the Spring of 2022, using the analysis to create a new Strategic Framework for the Sun Prairie Area School District.

The new framework centers on three cultures we want to promote in our District: Educational Excellence, Engagement and Inclusion, and Operational Excellence. Promoting these cultures allows us to live and embrace our District’s vision and mission. To learn more about our Strategic Framework, the work that went into creating it, and the progress we made with our previous Strategic Plan, visit the Strategic Framework page on the District website. Thank you to everyone who shared their feedback and to the committee who helped create our new framework!
### Digital Tickets

Beginning this school year, ticket sales for all high school athletic events are cashless through Ticket Spicket. If you are attending a Sun Prairie Athletic event, please purchase tickets in advance and show them at the door for immediate entry. To access Ticket Spicket, visit the Athletics and Activities section on our website or scan the QR code to the right for your school.

### Events for the Week

**Sundays**
- 1: SP East Homecoming Dance, 8–11 pm

**Mondays**
- 2: Annual Elector’s Meeting, 6 pm, SP West PAC
- 3: Central Heights Fall Band Concert, 6:30 pm for 6th Grade, 7:30 pm for 7th & 8th Grades
- 4: Patrick Marsh Fall Band Concert, 6:30 pm for 6th Grade, 7:30 pm for 7th & 8th Grades
- 5: C. H. Bird Picture Retakes
- 6: Prairie View Fall Band Concert, 7 pm

**Tuesdays**
- 7: Eastside Goldie Gallop
- 8: Wisconsin Education Fair (WEF), 9–11 am, SP East & SP West students at SP West Competition Gym

**Wednesdays**
- 9: No School for 4K Students Only
- 10: No School for 4K Students Only
- 11: Prairie View Picture Retakes
- 12: No School for 4K Students Only
- 13: No School (4K–12)

**Thursdays**
- 14: Fall Conferences, 7:30–11:30 am at all schools
- 15: SP West Homecoming Football Game, 7 pm

**Fridays**
- 16: No School (4K–12)
- 17: Fall Conferences, 4–8 pm
- 18: Eastside Picture Retakes
- 19: Central Heights Picture Retakes
- 20: SP East Band Concert, 7:30 pm, SP East PAC

**Saturdays**
- 21: College Goal Wisconsin, 6–8 pm, SP East & SP West students at SP East LMC
- 22: SP East, Central Heights, and Patrick Marsh Choir Concert, 7 pm, SP East PAC

**Class Holidays**
- 23: Royal Oaks Picture Retakes
- 24: Meadow View Picture Retakes
- 25: Creekside Picture Retakes
- 26: College Goal Wisconsin, 6–8 pm, SP East & SP West students at SP East LMC
- 27: SP East, Central Heights, and Patrick Marsh Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, SP East PAC

**International Days**
- Sukkot Begins
- Yom Kippur
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- Diwali Begins
- Halloween

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In order to maintain diverse cocurricular opportunities for all students as we transitioned students to an additional high school and three middle schools, we formed an Athletics and Activities Configuration subcommittee. The committee began meeting in November of 2019 to discuss which clubs and activities would be independent to each school and which could be shared between schools. The committee utilized student surveying regarding interest in specific activities or athletic programs to do so and to estimate future participation numbers.

The committee also collaborated with District coaching staff to discuss how conceptual site plan layouts could be developed to best meet their specific needs. It was determined that with the opening of Sun Prairie West High School, both football teams will now participate in the Badger Large Conference. All other sports teams will continue to participate in the Big 8 conference.
### Native American Heritage Month Spotlight: Zitkala-Sa

PPA students collaboratively created this month’s artwork while studying indigenous people. Students learned about Zitkala-Sa, or Redbird, a member of the Yankton Dakota Sioux tribe. She broke stereotypes and barriers for native women and became an author, musician, educator and activist. Students took turns researching and painting this beautiful piece.
The opening of Sun Prairie West High School marked the addition of a second high school theatre program. The high school theatre directors worked together to ensure no overlap in performance dates as Sun Prairie West and East High Schools perform their own shows this year.

This month, Sun Prairie East students will present Charles Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol*. They also will present *Guys and Dolls* later this school year. Meanwhile, Sun Prairie West High School students recently performed *Grease* and will be performing *Up the Down Staircase* in April.

We are excited to bring more theater opportunities to our students and the community! You can learn more about the District’s theatre programs and purchase tickets by visiting the Sun Prairie Performing Arts website.
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Deposits can be made online through the Infinite Campus parent portal, under the Payments tab. Payments can also be mailed or dropped off at the District Support Center (501 S. Bird Street).

- **SP East Play, A Christmas Carol, 7 pm, SP East PAC**
- **Central Heights Orchestra Concert, 7 pm**
- **Patrick Marsh Orchestra Concert, 7 pm**
- **5th-Grade Orchestra Concerts, 6 pm, SP East PAC**
- **SP West Orchestra Concert, 8 pm, SP West PAC**
- **SP East, Central Heights, and Patrick Marsh Band Concert**
  - 6:30 pm for 6th & 7th Grades and HS Concert Band
  - 8 pm for 8th Grade and HS Wind Ensemble
- **Caregiver Group Meetings:**
  - C. H. Bird, 6:30 pm
  - Eastside, 6:30 pm
  - Horizon, 6 pm
  - Patrick Marsh, 5:30 pm
- **Elementary Human Growth and Development Parent & Caregiver Meeting,** 6:30–7:30pm at Northside LGI
  - Patrick Marsh Winter Choir Concert, 7 pm
- **Central Heights Winter Choir Concert, 7 pm**
- **Prairie View Winter Choir Concert, 7 pm**
- **SP West and Prairie View Band Concert**
  - 6:30 pm for 6th & 7th Grades and HS Concert Band
  - 8 pm for 8th Grade and HS Wind Ensemble

- **Caregiver Group Meetings:**
  - Central Heights, 5:30 pm
  - Prairie View, 6:30 pm
- **First Day of Winter**
- **CHRISTMAS EVE**
- **HANUKKAH BEGINS**
- **FIRST DAY OF WINTER**
- **Kwanzaa Begins**
- **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Events in this calendar are subject to change. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date events.**
In 2022, Sun Prairie Community Schools started a scale-up plan that will take place over the next three years. Creekside Elementary was the first Community School site added, followed by Prairie View Middle School and Central Heights Middle School during this school year.

Community schools are public schools in the hub of their neighborhoods, uniting educators, community partners, and families to provide all students with top-quality academics, enrichment, health and social services, and opportunities to learn and thrive. Our District uses Community Schools as a strategy to improve academic achievement for all students, reduce student chronic absenteeism, and increase family connectedness to our schools and community.

To stay up to date on what is happening at our Community Schools, visit the Community Schools page on our website or follow us on Facebook at Sun Prairie Community Schools.
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Do you know someone who recently moved to Sun Prairie?

If you have new neighbors, friends, or family members who recently moved to Sun Prairie, please encourage them to enroll their child(ren) as soon as possible for the 2023–2024 school year. Learn more by clicking the ENROLLMENT icon on the District home page.
The Department of Systemic Equity and Inclusion (DSEI) is responsible for cocreating and assisting in executing short- and long-range equity goals and strategies to support the District’s strategic plan, mission, vision, and equity framework while promoting a climate of equity and inclusion for all. The DSEI collaborates with department leaders to review and revise institutional and operational policies, practices, structures, and programs. The DSEI also fosters a climate of equity and acceptance that respects, values, and responds to the diversity of students, staff, parents, and the community. The Director of Systemic Equity and Inclusion provides coaching support to all of our school sites’ Race and Equity Teams using strategies from Courageous Conversation About Race around their identified problems of practice, aimed at addressing inequities that adversely impact marginalized students.
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**About This Month’s Artwork:**

Students looked at work by Kehinde Wiley, the artist who painted Barack Obama’s presidential portrait. Wiley talks about the challenges of not seeing people who look like him represented in the fine arts world since he was a young boy and wanting to help change this paradigm. His artwork includes intricately patterned backgrounds wrapping around a figure from the background to the foreground. Students used Wiley’s technique to create portraits of influential Black Americans of their choosing. Students were encouraged to go beyond musicians or athletes and instead focus on someone who made strides in mathematics, literature, science, the arts, or technology. They then created a background representing their person, either literally or abstractly, and used a stippling technique (dot making) with markers to create their portrait on clear paper. Eventually, the portraits were glued on top of watercolor backgrounds.
Over 1,000 students in our District participate in our music programs each year, including elementary and middle school students. Each year over 275 fifth-grade students participate in orchestra, and over 400 sixth-grade students participate in band and/or choir. In the spring of 2022, Sun Prairie had 36 events qualify for the WSMA State Solo & Ensemble Festival.

In addition to the great performing ensembles at our middle and high schools, we offer general music classes to all students in grades K–12. These classes include elementary and middle school general music courses, eighth-grade digital music, high school digital music, high school music in the mainstream, and high school music theory.
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Art Teacher: Michelle Meier

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- **Academic Awards Night, 7 pm, SP East**

**Palm Sunday**

- **Band-O-Rama, 7 pm, SP East Field House**

**Election Day**

- **Early Child Developmental Screenings, 4–7 pm, Token Springs**

**Passover Begins**

- **Central Heights Choir Concert, 7 pm**

**End of 3rd Quarter**

- **5th-Grade Orchestra Rehearsal, 5:45 pm and 7 pm, Patrick Marsh**
- **Academic Awards Night, 7 pm, SP West**

**No School (4K–12)**

- **Staff Professional Development**

**Good Friday**

- **SP West Play, Up the Down Staircase, 7 pm, SP West PAC**
- ** Swing into Spring Jazz Concert with Central Heights, Patrick Marsh, Prairie View, SP East, & SP West 7–10 pm at Prairie View**

**BAISAKHI / VAISAKHI**

- **WSMA Middle Level Honors Auditions, 8 am–4:30 pm, Prairie View**
- **SP West Play, Up the Down Staircase, 7 pm, SP West PAC**

**EID–AL–FITR BEGINS**

- **SP West Play, Up the Down Staircase, 2 pm, SP West PAC**

**Passover Begins**

- **5th-Grade Band Instrument Fittings, 3:45–8 pm, Prairie View**
- **Caregiver Group Meetings:**
  - SP East, 6 pm
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**State Solo and Ensemble at UW–Whitewater**

- **SP East Musical, Guys and Dolls, 7 pm, SP East PAC**

**Easter**

- **4th-Grade Band Instrument Fittings, 3:45–8 pm, Prairie View**

**Good Friday**

- **All-City Orchestra Concert, 7:30 pm, SP East Field House**

**Easter**

- **SP East Musical, Guys and Dolls, 7 pm, SP East PAC**

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**Watch Your Email for Our School Perceptions Survey!**

Every year, students, staff, and families are sent a survey and are asked to provide feedback about the District. We value these comments and suggestions, and we strongly encourage everyone to participate in this important survey. **Together, we will continue to shape the future of our schools.**
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**May 2023**

- **ARMED FORCES DAY**
- **SCHOOL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK**
- **Mother’s Day**
- **NATIONAL TEACHERS’ DAY**
- **SHAVUOT BEGINS**

**June 2023**

- **CINCO DE MAYO**
- **MOTHER’S DAY**
- **MEMORIAL DAY**
- **SCHOOL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK**
- **SHAVUOT BEGINS**

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We average 22,000 hours of public use of District facilities per year. This is spread amongst an average of 150 different locations inside and/or outside of our buildings, including our swimming pools and multi-use Performing Arts Centers. Our state-of-the-art facilities benefit not only our students but also the community. During the 2021–2022 school year, there were only seven non-holiday days when SPASD facilities were not being utilized for a community event.

With the completion of Sun Prairie West High School and the renovations at Central Heights Middle School, there are even more opportunities for our community to make use of our facilities. Many of the facilities in our schools are available for use upon request. To learn more or to request the use of one of our facilities, visit the facilities page on our website.
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**TUESDAY**

- **Prairie View Music Department Showcase Recital, 7 pm**

**WEDNESDAY**

- **Last Day of School for SP4K Students**

**THURSDAY**

- **End of 4th Quarter / 2nd Semester**
- **Last Day of School for Students**
- **Dismissal Times:**
  - Elementary (K–5) 11:10 am
  - Middle School (6–8) 12:05 pm
  - High School (9–12) 12:15 pm
  - Prairie Phoenix Academy 11:50 am
  - High School Graduation, Alliant Energy Center

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**SUNDAY**

- **SP East Band**
  - 6 pm Banquet in Commons
  - 8 pm Concert in PAC
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  - 8 pm Concert in PAC

**MONDAY**

- **SP East and SP West Spring Choir Concert, 7:30 pm, SP East PAC**

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**JUNE 2023**

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- **SP Summer Academy – Staff**

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- **Summer School Begins**

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- **Father’s Day**

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- **Juneteenth**

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- **First Day of Summer**

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**JUNE 2023**

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023**

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Our District has a School-to-Career Program that allows students to develop their potential in life through combining rigorous school-based and work-based learning with greater career exploration and guidance. Students are able to earn high school credit from work experience by participating in a youth apprenticeship or a work-based learning agreement. This program has grown from six students working jobs in the printing industry to nearly 30 working in a variety of career areas.
JOIN OUR TEAM
We are seeking to diversify our workforce!
To view our available positions, visit our website or scan the QR code to the right.

APPLY NOW!

INDEPENDENCE DAY
ISLAMIC NEW YEAR BEGINS
Summer School Ends

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The Sun Prairie Area School District has a **Student Safety Ambassador Program**. Interested students participate in various efforts to amplify and develop safety programming and awareness with their peers as well as throughout the District and community. In 2021–2022, student ambassadors’ accomplishments included:

- attending the **Wisconsin School Safety Coordinators Association** (WSSCA) Conference
- helping to design and lead school safety drills
- building awareness and taking action around **Sexual Assault Awareness** initiatives
- helping to develop a [website with resources on how to report school safety concerns](#)
- helping to maintain and promote the **Police Leadership Academy Program** for high school students

In 2022–2023, our Student Safety Ambassadors will present at both WSSCA and a school administrator conference, work with local firefighters to start an exploratory **Firefighter Junior Cadet Program**, and be part of a **Wisconsin Department of Justice Student Group**.
Every family must participate in the online registration process.

Please log in to Infinite Campus and click on the “Online Registration” button to begin the process.

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