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2024-25
ELEMENTARY GUIDE
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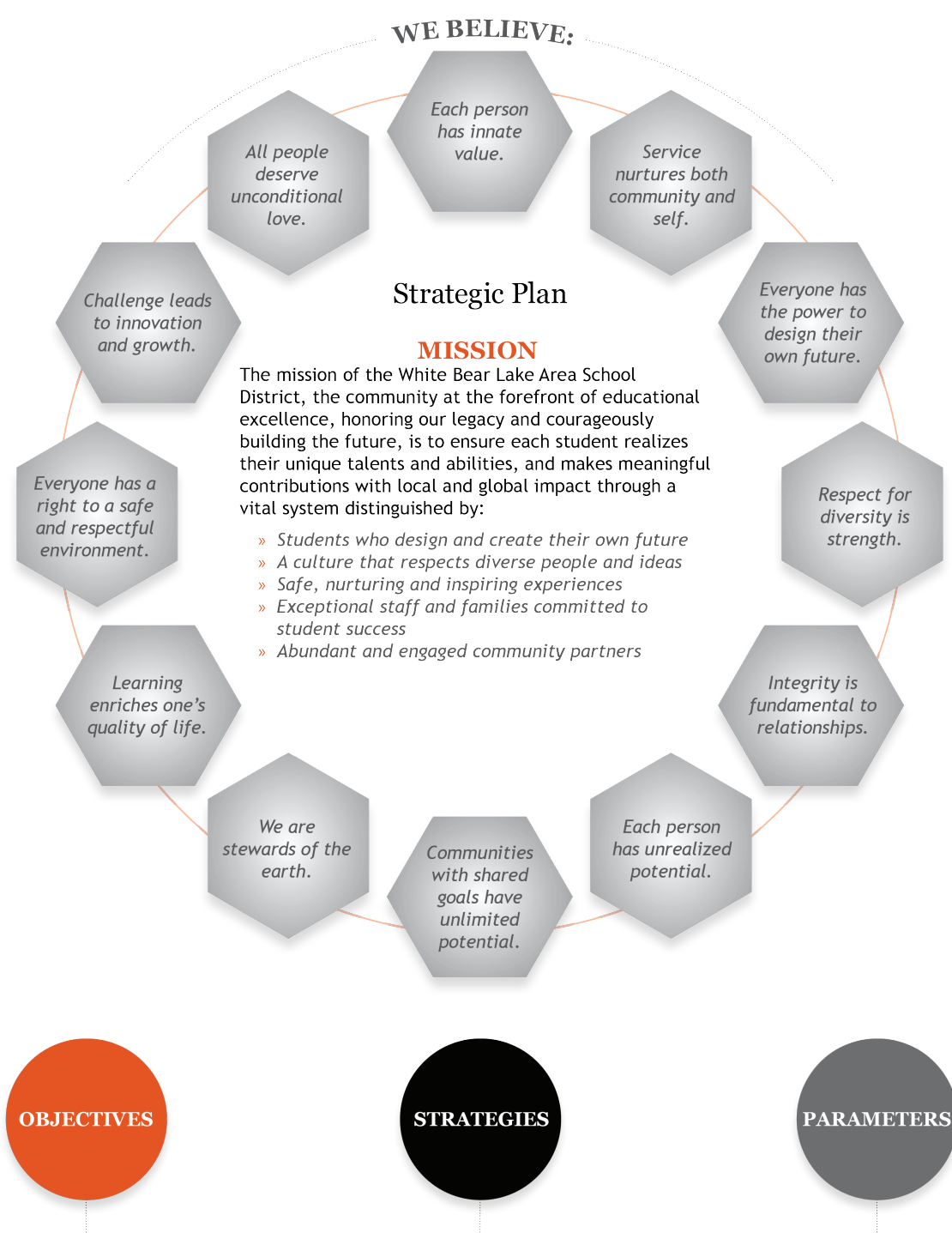
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FOLLOW WHITE BEAR LAKE
AREA SCHOOLS



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:

- create and sustain a safe, equitable and nurturing environment.
- promote, encourage and support students' personal learning experiences and aspirations.
- ensure our organization continuously transforms to fulfill our mission.
- establish healthy and vital engagement with our entire community.

WE WILL:

- make all decisions based on the best interest of the student.
- respect the dignity and worth of each person.
- not compromise excellence.
- expect the best of everyone.
- practice participatory decision-making throughout the organization.

WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA SCHOOLS

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WELCOME FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Videos

We invite you to check out information and videos showcasing our elementary programs!



isd624.org/kindergarten

I'm a Bear!

Enroll to receive a Kindergarten Welcome Packet, including a special "I'm a Bear" t-shirt!



Dear Families,

Whether you are searching for a school for your child or simply trying to better understand the options in White Bear Lake Area Schools, we want you to have the information you need.

This publication provides an overview of our elementary school program. All of our elementary schools have the rigorous curriculum and excellent teaching that contributes to student performance in mathematics, science and reading. Students also currently receive lessons in music, media, physical education and world language. Additionally, there is a strong commitment from all of our elementary educators to align the curriculum to state standards and to make it accessible for all students to learn and implement the science of reading (or LETRS).

Students at every school participate in our innovative and award-winning partnerships, including collaborations with the White Bear Center for the Arts, the White Bear Area YMCA, Tamarack and Wargo Nature Centers, the University of Minnesota, Lakeshore Players, and many others. Each school also has unique characteristics - including one with an International Baccalaureate program and others with strong nature and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) components.

Our elementary schools benefit from engaged families and a supportive community, notably with the district's building projects that were made possible by the community's support of the 2019 Building Our Future bond referendum. The facilities projects we've undertaken, including those completed at each of our nine elementary buildings, allow us to serve students differently - we are transforming our students' environments and helping them design their future and create their success.

Beyond elementary school, our middle schools (grades 6-8) challenge students to become inquiring, balanced, and compassionate young people with the skills to succeed in the interconnected world. Our students explore how what they learn is connected to their lives, their community, and the wider world. We offer the opportunity for students to gain world language high school credits in middle school. Students can also choose from a variety of arts, music, and design classes (technology, engineering, etc.), in addition to taking classes in English, math, science, social studies, physical education and more.

At the high school level, our students have access to more than 50 college credit classes and Career Pathways opportunities, thrive in an exciting and academically stimulating environment, and participate in a wide range of athletic and enrichment activities that consistently earn state level and national recognition.

This publication will help give you an overview to get you started, but please take the opportunity to visit our schools!

Sincerely,
Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak, Superintendent

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT



Welcome to White Bear!

We are excited to welcome families and let them check out our buildings and programs in person. If you are interested in touring any of our district elementaries, contact the school and we will personalize a tour at a time that works best for you. School contact information can be found on page 1 of this guide.

Those families who have not already done so may register their child(ren) for kindergarten at the school tours.

I'm a Bear!

When the enrollment process is complete, students will receive a Kindergarten Welcome Packet in the mail that will include a special "I'm a Bear" t-shirt.

Kindergarten Gatherings

Students will have a chance to meet the kindergarten teachers and tour their schools at in-person events planned at the district's elementary buildings later this spring.

ENROLLMENT

Enroll online at isd624.org/enroll/Kindergarten.

Those who wish to enroll in person can do so at our Centralized Enrollment Center located at District Center (4855 Bloom Avenue, White Bear Lake). For additional information or for printed enrollment materials, please call 651-407-7674.

DISTRICT ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Students must have the following to enroll:

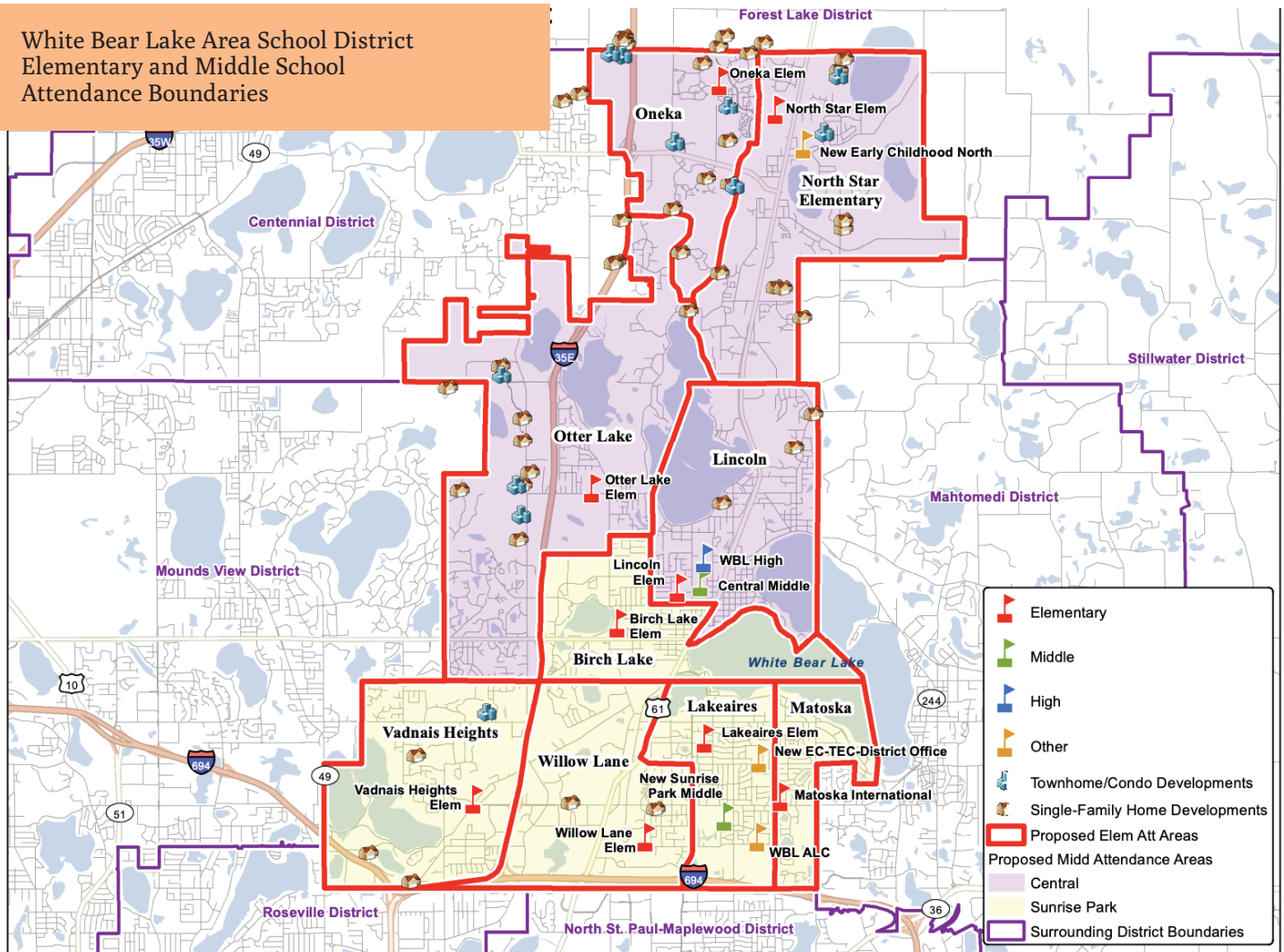
- Proof of Residency - Examples: copy of driver's license, utility bill, lease agreement, purchase agreement, etc.
- Birthdate Verification - Children who are five years of age on or before September 1 of the school year are eligible to attend kindergarten. Parents are required to provide birthdate verification. A birth certificate, baptismal certificate, or hospital certificate may be used as verification, as well as adoption papers and passports. For children who were born in Minnesota, a birth certificate may be obtained from the Minnesota Department of Health, National Center for Health Statistics, Office of Vital Records, 555 Cedar Street, Saint Paul, MN 55101. Phone: 651-266-1333.
- Early Childhood Screening - Minnesota Statute Section 123.701 requires children to participate in Early Childhood Screening before entering kindergarten. The White Bear Lake Area School District provides this service. Your preschool child needs to be screened only once. If your child has not participated in Early Childhood Screening or you have not received a letter in the mail, please contact 651-653-3100, to schedule an appointment.
- Minnesota School Immunization Law - Minnesota Statute Section 121A.15 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 4604 requires that each student enrolled in and remaining in an early childhood program, elementary school or secondary school, must submit a record stating that they have received immunizations consistent with medically accepted standards. Immunization records from parents or a health care provider stating the month, day, and year of each dose are acceptable. If the student meets one of the legal exemptions: contraindication for medical reasons or contraindication for conscientiously held beliefs, the health care provider or notary needs to sign an appropriate exemption.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES AND TRANSPORTATION

White Bear Lake Area Schools consists of nine neighborhood schools that are assigned attendance boundaries throughout the district, as marked in the map below. Bus transportation is provided to households within the attendance boundaries. Those who choose a school outside of their attendance area or who live within walk boundaries must provide their own transportation. Detailed attendance boundary maps and an “Attendance Area Lookup Tool” can be found on the district’s website at isd624.org/departments/transportation.

White Bear Lake Area School District Elementary and Middle School Attendance Boundaries



Birch Lake Elementary
1616 Birch Lake Ave, WBL
651-653-2776

Lakeaires Elementary
3963 Van Dyke St, WBL
651-653-2809

Lincoln Elementary
1961 Sixth St, WBL
651-653-2820

Matoska International
2530 Spruce Pl, WBL
651-653-2847

North Star Elementary
15198 Forest Blvd N, Hugo
651-242-5500

Oneka Elementary
4888 Heritage Pkwy, Hugo
651-288-1800

Otter Lake Elementary
1401 County Road H2, WBL
651-653-2831

Vadnais Heights Elementary
3645 Centerville Rd, VH
651-653-2858

Willow Lane Elementary
3375 Willow Avenue, WBL
651-773-6170

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

All kindergarten classes use curricula in literacy, math, and social emotional learning to challenge each student. Students are immersed in the world of language and reading while applying their skills in cooperative, small group activities. Our literacy curriculum combines an explicit, multisensory approach to foundational reading skills. Students also experience rich texts that are carefully sequenced to build content knowledge in history, science, literature, and the arts. Hands-on science activities provide children with an opportunity to explore the world around them. Social studies, health, music, and the arts are integrated throughout the curriculum.

Anticipated class sizes for the 2024-25 school year will be in the 18-22 range. Kindergarten class sizes for 2023-24 averaged 20. Please contact your school's principal if you have questions.

KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

White Bear Lake Area School District's kindergarten curriculum is based on the belief that all children are valuable, unique and capable of learning and achieving. Our kindergarten programs focus on the academic, social and emotional, and personal development of all students.

Our elementary program provides safe, nurturing and challenging environments in which children can acquire knowledge and skills, think critically and creatively, appreciate diversity and develop positive attitudes toward self and others.

Kindergarten curriculum includes:

- Literacy
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science
- Health
- Music
- Art
- Media
- Technology
- Physical Education
- World Language Experiences



Enrollment

Enrollment is accepted online at isd624.org/Kindergarten.

To enroll in person, visit the District's Centralized Enrollment Center (District Center, 4855 Bloom Ave, WBL).

For additional information, contact any White Bear Lake Area school or go to isd624.org.

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Matriculación/ Registración Escolar

Información en español sobre la matriculación/registración escolar está disponible en la página web isd624.org/espanol.asp.

Para más información, favor de comunicarse con cualquier escuela de White Bear Lake, o visite nuestra página web: isd624.org. O si prefiere hablar con alguien en español, usted puede llamar a nuestro enlace cultural para familias Latinas, Kinder-12, Briana Santoscoy, al 651-407-7625.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

Leading with literacy

The district adopted a new Elementary English Language Arts curriculum (CKLA) in September. The curriculum was chosen because of its overall consistent alignment to our elementary literacy vision, local priority statements, and evidenced-based practices.

There is a strong commitment from all educators to align the curriculum to state standards and to make it accessible for all students to learn and implement the science of reading (LETRS). Our Educational Equity and Achievement department is also collaborating to ensure the curriculum is culturally responsive and affirming.

This initiative will continue to be a focus in the district's professional development plan for educators and principals.

CORE CURRICULUM

Our students are challenged with innovative literacy, math, science, and social studies curriculum.

- Students benefit from a literacy program based on the science of reading that includes phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.
- Every elementary classroom dedicates time every day for a math instructional block that includes small group interaction, hands-on activities and opportunities to build math vocabulary.
- The science curriculum allows students to explore phenomena and concepts with interactive lessons.
- The social studies curriculum builds from the students' understanding of their personal role in the community in the early grades to larger understanding of government in the later elementary years.

TECHNOLOGY

Students leverage technology resources for learning to: communicate, collaborate, think critically, and express their creativity. Students also gain information literacy and media skills throughout their elementary experience. These important skills ensure our students live up to our mission as they realize their unique talents and abilities, and make meaningful contributions with local and global impact through a vital system distinguished by:

- Students who design and create their own future
- A culture that respects diverse people and ideas
- Safe, nurturing and inspiring environments
- Exceptional staff and families committed to student success
- Abundant and engaged community partners.

WORLD LANGUAGE EXPERIENCES

District elementary students receive experiences in world language and culture that encourage learning through active participation and meaningful communication experiences.

ART

Students learn foundational knowledge and skills to create original work that integrates their personal experiences.

MUSIC

Music is provided to all District elementary students. Students experience music through singing, playing, moving, listening, reading, writing and creating. The music classroom encourages exploration, playfulness, imagination, and spontaneity. The music curriculum supports the development of the whole child and students develop essential knowledge and skills necessary for lifelong enjoyment of music.

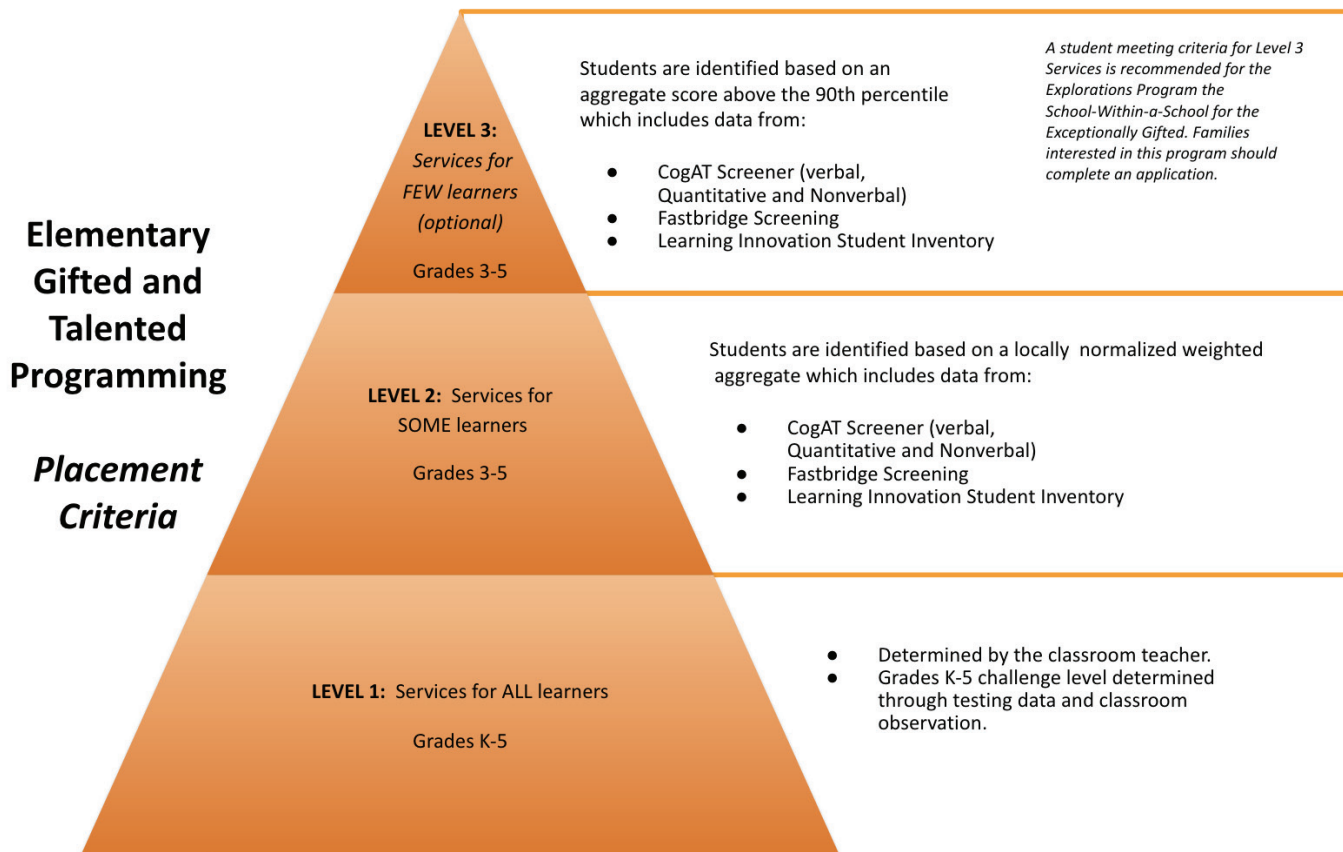
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All elementary students are engaged in learning how to pursue and practice a variety of physical activities that will contribute to a healthy lifestyle. Students learn fitness and wellness awareness, motor skill development, safety awareness, self-expression, understanding and acceptance of others, sportsmanship concepts, social development, and knowledge about games and sports that will last a lifetime.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

COMPREHENSIVE GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMMING

White Bear Lake Area Schools has a comprehensive Gifted and Talented Program, tiered to provide a responsive learning experience for each gifted learner.



MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT (MTSS)

All district elementary schools utilize an MTSS framework to meet the needs of students in both academics and social emotional learning. This whole-child focused framework helps match high-quality instruction and intervention to students' needs in reading, math and/or social emotional competencies. Screening and progress monitoring data in all three areas is collected and reviewed often to inform instruction and intervention supports as needed.

ENGLISH LEARNER (EL) PROGRAM

The English Learner (EL) program works to holistically understand the variety of languages students may be developing while acquiring the academic English needed to succeed in the classroom, in accordance with the MN State Language Arts standards and the World-Class Instruction Design and Assessment (WIDA) English Language Development Standards. Students who are eligible for the EL program are provided focused instruction in listening, speaking, reading and writing by a licensed EL teacher.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Students with special education needs are served in their neighborhood school and in the regular classroom whenever possible. There will be some instances when students are grouped for special education services within the District for the best instructional program. Student placement is determined by the Individual Education Plan (IEP) team (which includes parents). Some students are transported to other District schools or other districts for specialized programs. Parents and case managers work together for successful transitions.

ELEMENTARY & DISTRICT PROGRAMS

DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) WORLD SCHOOL

Matoska International, the District's IB World School Primary Years Programme (PYP) site, is a program available to all students in the White Bear Lake Area School District. The District provides transportation from any point in the district for students enrolled at this school.

The IB program is recognized worldwide for academic excellence and a focus on developing the whole child. Students are engaged in inquiry and critical thinking, building a foundation to live, work and thrive in an interconnected world. IB emphasizes the development of the whole child - physical, intellectual, emotional and ethical. Learners strive to be:

- Inquirers
- Communicators
- Knowledgeable
- Caring
- Balanced
- Thinkers
- Risk-Takers
- Principled
- Open-Minded
- Reflective

Curriculum in an IB school revolves around six themes of: who we are, where we are in place and time, how we express ourselves, how the world works, how we organize ourselves, and sharing the planet.

For more information about the IB program, visit www.ibo.org or call Matoska International at 651-653-2847.

SCHOOL AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

White Bear Lake Area Schools values strong lines of communication between educators, students and families. Through an online portal, families are informed about their children's educational experiences. Families receive important notices instantaneously via voicemails and emails through an electronic alert system. The District's use of Schoology, Seesaw and Google Classroom promote collaboration and allow anywhere, anytime access to class content.

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

The district's Strategic Plan prioritizes all students being ready for post-secondary success. Students have the opportunity to take 53 college credit courses and seven Career Pathways programs. In 2024-25, two additional pathways will be added. Consistent with the World's Best Workforce System's Accountability statute, the District implements an aligned continuum of programming from early childhood through graduation to ensure all students graduate college and/or career ready.



Students can look forward to outstanding opportunities at the District secondary schools:

- Opportunities for **Career Pathways** experiences in seven areas, with two additional pathways to be added
- Options to take 53 **college credit courses**
- **World language experience** and **fine arts** programs continue into the secondary level
- District-wide **international partnerships**, international travel and learning opportunities
- The **Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)** offers rigorous instruction in academic college preparatory and college-level skills to our secondary students

BEFORE AND AFTERSCHOOL OPTIONS

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

The Extended Day program provides high quality programming for students in grades K-5 at their elementary building before and after school, on school release days, and during the summer.

The program is youth-focused and choice-based, giving students the opportunity to develop strong social skills and positive relationships with peers, increase literacy and math skills, participate in individual and group activities, and work on special projects. In addition to this, special events take place throughout the year. Extended Day staff work closely with the family and school staff to provide the best care for each individual child. Daily program activities are varied and diverse, and include health and fitness, service projects, arts and crafts, creative play, languages and literacy, cooking, science, and much more.

Extended Day students can attend the program up to five days a week. Current program student-to-staff ratio for 2023-24 is 15 to 1.

Parents registering for the Extended Day program may choose the days they want to use the program. Extended Day provides families with the flexibility to pay for only those days they intend to use.

Location: All elementary schools.

Cost: Daily costs for the 2024-25 school year vary depending on the contract option chosen. Find information at <https://communityservices.isd624.org/youth/extended-day>.

Registration: Registration for the 2024-25 school year will open on April 1, 2024. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served and space-available basis. To register online at that time, visit <https://whitebear.ce.eleyo.com>.

Additional Info: Contact Extended Day at 651-407-7511 or visit <https://communityservices.isd624.org/youth/extended-day>.

YOUTH ENRICHMENT & RECREATION

The White Bear Lake Area Schools Community Services and Recreation Department offers a vast array of enriching classes and educational programs for local youth.

The White Bear Lake Area Schools (WBLAS) Community Services & Recreation Department offers youth enrichment classes such as robotics, art, STEM, chess, and dance. Courses meet before or after school, on non-school days, and during the summer. There are several recreation leagues offered such as t-ball, baseball, softball, flag football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, tennis, and track, along with many other sports camps.

All offerings are advertised in the WBLAS Community Services & Recreation Catalog mailed to District households three times a year. We also email out a Digital Backpack on the first and third Thursday of each month with flyers from local organizations that offer opportunities for youth. The Digital Backpack can also be found at:

isd624.org/CommunityServices.

Location: Programs occur at various elementary buildings, local gyms, and fields.

Registration: Online at: <https://whitebear.ce.eleyo.com>, in person at the District Center, or by phone at 651-407-7501.

Additional Info: Contact us at 651-407-7501 or visit <https://communityservices.isd624.org/about>.



DISTRICT PARTNERSHIPS



Century College

The district's award-winning partnership with Century College works to improve college readiness and increase concurrent enrollment options.

H2O for Life

The district collaborates with H2O for Life on a Race 2 Reduce initiative, aligning curriculum and integrating local water resources and water conservation into schools.

Lakeshore Players

The District works with Lakeshore Players, a highly-regarded community theater based in White Bear Lake, to provide after-school classes and workshops for students.

Tamarack Nature Center

Otter Lake, Vadnais Heights and Willow Lane Elementary Schools and the District's middle schools partner with Tamarack Nature Center to provide students with experiential learning on environmental issues throughout the school year. The Early Childhood Program also benefits from a partnership with the Center, which serves as a program site for the collaborative "My Nature Preschool."

University of Minnesota

White Bear Lake Area Schools have been identified as exemplary training sites for future teachers. Using a grant from the Bush Foundation, the University of Minnesota has designated District schools as Professional Development Sites and provided additional resources for teachers and students.

Volunteers

Community volunteers provide important mentoring, math and reading help and classroom support. Families actively support students through parent-teacher organizations.

White Bear Center for the Arts

Classrooms throughout the district participate in art-related activities through the White Bear Center for the Arts. Students participate in exhibitions and contests offered through the White Bear Center for the Arts.

White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation

The Foundation supports our schools with the help of local businesses, alumni and community members. The Foundation provides teaching grants, scholarships, fellowships for teachers, an Angel Fund for families with special economic needs and works closely with the White Bear Lake Area Alumni Association.

YMCA

Through a partnership with the YMCA, elementary students receive water safety lessons during the school year. The YMCA serves as the home pool for our girls' and boys' swimming and diving teams and as a site for an outreach teen and senior center.



BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Since the community's support of the 2019 Building Our Future bond referendum, the list of completed facilities projects has grown to include the Transportation Facility, the Area Learning Center, and Birch Lake, Lakeaires, Lincoln, Matoska, North Star, Oneka, Otter Lake, Vadnais Heights and Willow Lane Elementaries.

The next projects to be completed include final work at the current South Campus, which will open as Mariner Middle School in the fall of 2024, and completion of the addition and renovation at the current North Campus site. After four decades with a unique two-campus high school, we are only months away from the grand opening of our White Bear Lake Area High School that will serve students in grades 9 through 12.

Projects that remain on the horizon are Central Middle School, which celebrated a groundbreaking this summer and will be completed in phases, and the renovation of the current Sunrise Park Middle School to house various community programs including the Senior Center and Early Childhood programs, the Transition Education Center and district offices.

An important element of the district-wide projects has been expanded indoor and outdoor spaces for student and community activities. The WBLAHS Field House has seen its share of action since it was completed in the spring of 2023, with the indoor walking track being opened to community members, the WBLAHS track teams hosting indoor track and field meets, and a variety of camps and activities taking place at the five-court indoor space.

Ball fields projects were recently completed at the current South Campus site. The stadium and turf fields surrounding the current North Campus have seen practices and contests, along with community use. The new courts on Bald Eagle Avenue are painted and lined for both tennis and pickleball. Changes to Price Field included replacement of the original grass with a turf field to allow for use by multiple activities and teams and a 90-degree turn of the field to run north-south to create enough space to add an 8-lane running track.

Structural changes are tangible and visible, but the change to the learning environment inside the buildings is equally evident. For more than four years, we have been discussing, dreaming, and planning a transformation in education. With hundreds of people engaged in our Strategic Planning process and Facilities Master Planning over the last decade, we set out to rethink our spaces to inspire transformational student learning. The facilities projects have allowed us to realize those plans and help students design their futures and create their success.



Complete info about the district's facilities projects, including construction details about individual projects, videos and presentations, can be found online at isd624.org/BuildingOurFuture.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Ready for Fall 2021

- Area Learning Center Phase 1
- Lincoln, Matoska, Vadnais Heights and Willow Lane Elementaries Updates
- New Transportation Facility
- WBLAHS - South Campus Phase 1 Gym Addition

Ready for Fall 2022

- Birch Lake, Lakeaires and Otter Lake Elementaries Updates
- North Star Elementary (New Elementary School)
- WBLAHS - South Campus Phase 2 Addition

Ready for Fall 2023

- Area Learning Center Phase 2
- Oneka Elementary Updates

Ready for Fall 2024

- WBLAHS opens to grades 9-12 at the current WBLAHS - North Campus location
- Current WBLAHS - South Campus opens as Mariner Middle School
- Central Middle School Phase 1 updates

Ready for Fall 2025

- Central Middle School Phase 2 updates
- Current Sunrise Park Middle houses Early Childhood Center, District Services Center, Senior Center and Transition Education Center

ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION TOOLS

The district offers family members a variety of tools to remain updated on their student's progress and on happenings throughout the district.

PARENTVUE BY SYNERGY

ParentVUE allows families to track their child's attendance, grades, and activities in order to keep up-to-date with his or her academic progress. Report cards are also used to periodically inform families about their child's progress.

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DIGITAL BACKPACK

The Digital Backpack, emailed to families the first and third Thursday of each month, contains flyers from the school district, as well as local organizations that offer opportunities for youth.

CLASSROOM-SPECIFIC COMMUNICATIONS

Teachers use classroom management systems to post assignments, class documents, resources and calendar events with upcoming projects. These tools can also serve as a digital extension of the classroom allowing for online discussion of course content, submission of assignments and more.

SCHOOL-SPECIFIC COMMUNICATIONS

Principals communicate with families in a variety of ways, including school newsletters, voicemail calls, and emails.

COMMUNITY E-NEWSLETTER - TEXT AND VIDEO EDITIONS

Click on the "SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER" button at isd624.org/about/community-enewsletter to receive the Community e-Newsletter, which is emailed out weekly as alternating text and video editions. Text editions cover student and staff successes, School Board news, and school and Community Education offerings.

STAY SOCIAL

"Like" and "follow" White Bear Lake Area Schools on Facebook and Twitter/X to see daily "624 Facts" and "The Week in 62.4 Seconds" video updates each Friday of the academic year.

COMMUNITY CHANNEL

The District has a presence on Cable Channel 20 in the local viewing area with District information and updates. School Board meetings are broadcast after regular business meetings.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

White Bear Lake Area School District Activities Calendars are mailed to District families and community members who request copies at the beginning of each academic year.

ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE COMMUNITY

An annual update is compiled each year. The publication provides a snapshot of the District, including information regarding student achievement, school climate, District finances, District profile, and School Board information.

COMMUNITY SERVICES CATALOG

Community Services catalogs are sent to all district residents three times a year. The publication contains a Bear's Bulletin flip-book with additional district news and information.

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Benefits of being a BEAR:

- Student-centered instruction. We believe all students grow and learn in different ways and at different rates, all can achieve.
- More academic opportunities to explore interests, excel and design your future.
- Students are agents and owners of their own learning in an environment that is safe, supportive and challenging — with high expectations for student success.
- Our educators inspire, facilitate, and challenge students, nurturing curiosity and confidence. We provide a window to their future.
- We are transforming learning. Our flexible learning spaces and learning studios ignite opportunities for communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking.

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TODAY



White Bear Lake Area Schools