



Royal Roundup



Watertown-Mayer Celebrates Excellence in Teaching

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The Watertown-Mayer School district is proud to share key highlights about our dedicated certified teaching staff, reflecting our commitment to a high quality education for our students.

Watertown-Mayer Public Schools has a strong foundation of experienced, licensed, and highly educated teachers. Our teachers are well-equipped to prepare students for success in an increasingly complex world. Having this level of educators in our district is one of the many reasons why our students are successful.

Research consistently shows that a good teacher can make a substantial difference in a student's academic progress, even more so than other factors like class size or school resources. Teacher excellence is a cornerstone of the success we see in our schools and our community.

We are proud of our teachers and their ability to provide connections and opportunities for our students each and every day! 🏰

- **Experienced Teachers:** 93.5% of our teachers have 3+ years of experience, compared to the state average of 85.9%. Experienced teachers have strong classroom management skills, structured lessons, and engaging learning environments.
- **Licensed Teachers:** 98.8% of our educators are licensed in their teaching areas, exceeding the state average of 95.7%. Licensed teachers meet state standards for knowledge and are qualified to teach their subject area ensuring a comprehensive experience for students.
- **Advanced Degrees:** 65.7% of our teachers hold advanced degrees, surpassing the state average of 56.2%. Advanced Degree Teachers can provide deeper expertise and knowledge in their subject area, and have advanced training in the latest innovative teaching methods and strategies.



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Watertown-Mayer Recognizes Leaders in Educational Excellence (LEEA) and Educational Support Staff (ESS)

Every year, Watertown-Mayer recognizes those teachers and educational support staff at a banquet sponsored by Resource Training & Solutions in St. Cloud.

In October, Watertown-Mayer recognized and celebrated three teachers who exemplify outstanding leadership in education. All three teachers also happen to be special education teachers! Congratulations to Amy Mandt (HS), Amy Frink (ES), and Ashley DeNomme (MS).

In November, Watertown-Mayer recognized five educational support staff for their contributions to the district. Congratulations to Heather Heun (DO), Crystal Sundby (HS), Ethan Fable (CLC), Kathy Helget (MS), and Sharayah Hirsch (ES). Three of the five honorees in this category are administrative assistants to the students and staff here at WM!

Thank you, teachers and support staff, for all the hard work you do every day to help make Watertown-Mayer the BEST! 🏰



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WM Triple A & ExCEL Representatives

Each year, two WM Seniors and two WM Juniors are chosen to represent their school.



The two Seniors chosen for the Triple A award (Academics, Arts, and Athletics Award) are Eleanor Rundell and Lonnie Gilbert! Both have a 3.0 GPA or higher and participate in MSHSL sponsored athletic and fine arts activities! Congratulations, Eleanor and Lonnie!



The two Juniors chosen to represent Watertown-Mayer High School for the ExCEL Award are Eliza Rowan and William Mandt. Eliza and William are active in school activities, show leadership, and are model citizens! Congratulations, Eliza and William!

Ready to Be A Royal?

WM Elementary hosted their 3rd annual Kindergarten Roundup on January 16th! Didn't have the chance to attend or register to be a Royal yet? No worries! Scan the QR code to find out what you missed and get information on how to register for Kindergarten now! Be part of the Royal Class of 2038!



WM Community Learning Center hosted their Young Royals Preschool Open House on January 23rd! Scan the QR code to find out everything you need to know about becoming a Young Royal today! You're never too young to be a Royal! 



DID YOU KNOW? WATERTOWN-MAYER ACCOLADES!



👑 Watertown-Mayer was chosen as the **BEST school district in Carver County in 2024!**

👑 Watertown-Mayer was part of NICHE.com's **Top 25 school districts in Minnesota!**

👑 Watertown-Mayer Elementary is 1 of only 19 school districts in the entire state of Minnesota that is a designated **Blue Shirt School - Prioritizing Play!**

👑 Watertown-Mayer's Kids' Company and Caring Hands Child Care has been **re-accredited through the national association for the education of young children (NAEYC)** for 12+ years!

👑 Watertown-Mayer's Kids' Company, Caring Hands Child Care, and Young Royals Preschool has been **Parent-Aware 4- star rated** for 10+ years!

👑 Watertown-Mayer is 1 of only 5 school districts in the Minnesota metro area to offer **licensed child care.**

👑 WM is fiscally responsible! Recently receiving an **upgraded bond rating of 'AAA'** – this is the highest rating a public school district can receive!

👑 We are the first school in our area to have 31 educators to have fully completed Volume II of **LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling)** training! Many of them are pictured below.





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2028 Strategic Plan Vision Statement: At Watertown-Mayer Public Schools, we create environments where all students feel connected and experience opportunities to grow and thrive.

Abatement Bond Projects

The district recently completed parking lot improvements, parking lot and building exterior light updates, storm water drainage improvements, sidewalk, and landscaping improvements at ALL district facilities. These improvements were possible as a result of the \$7.6 million economic development Abatement Bond project. The project enhanced student and pedestrian safety, improved traffic control, and upgraded our parking lot and building exteriors to LED lighting. 🏰



Mark Your Calendar!

The Watertown-Mayer Royal Booster Club is hosting their annual Booster Bash, a fundraiser for the students and activities programs at Watertown-Mayer Schools!

Saturday, March 8, 2025
Neaton Brothers Shed @ 5 PM

Scan QR code for
full details and
ticket information.

