

2025-2026



WAUNAKEE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

WELCOME

FAMILY RESOURCE GUIDE



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Letter from the Superintendent

Welcome to the Waunakee Community School District!

Dear Students and Families,

Hello! I am Dr. Monica Kelsey-Brown, Superintendent of the Waunakee Community School District. I am truly honored to welcome you to our district, which is committed to providing exceptional education for all students. We strive to create a supportive and enriching learning environment, where each student can grow and thrive.

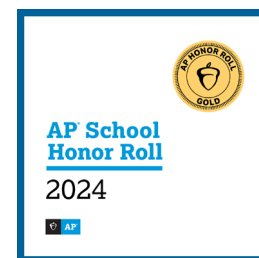
The Waunakee Community School District serves approximately 4,400 students and offers a wide range of educational programs. Our district includes 3 elementary schools, 1 intermediate school, 1 middle school, and 1 high school. In addition, we partner with 8 community sites to offer 4K to the youngest learners in our school district.

Within our student body, you will find a diverse group of backgrounds and talents that enrich our school community. We are proud of the achievements of our students and staff, and we are committed to fostering a sense of belonging for every student. We are proud to have received multiple national and local accolades. These include being ranked as one of the top school districts in the State of Wisconsin and Dane County, according to Niche.com. U.S. News has nationally recognized Waunakee Community High School as one of the top schools in the country.

We are excited to get to know your family better in the coming years. We invite you to get involved and connect with our school community. We believe that family and community partnerships are essential to student success.



With gratitude,
Dr. Monica Kelsey-Brown, Superintendent
Waunakee Community School District



WELCOME

Our Schools



WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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905 Bethel Circle, Waunakee, WI 53597
(608) 849-2000
www.waunakee.k12.wi.us

SCHOOLS



Waunakee 4K

Director: Miranda Moe
1350 Arboretum Drive
Waunakee, WI 53597
(608) 849-1800
www.4k.waunakee.k12.wi.us/
*Held at Community Partner Sites



Arboretum Elementary (K-4)

Principal: Sheila Weihert
Associate Principal:
Miranda Moe
1350 Arboretum Drive
Waunakee, WI 53597
(608) 849-1800
www.aes.waunakee.k12.wi.us/



Heritage Elementary (K-4)

Co-Principals: Dan Carter &
Emily Morehouse
6271 Woodland Drive
Waunakee, WI 53597
(608) 849-2030
www.hes.waunakee.k12.wi.us/



Prairie Elementary (K-4)

Principal: Dean Kaminski
Associate Principal:
Katie Schmuck
700 North Madison Street
Waunakee, WI 53597
(608) 849-2200
www.pes.waunakee.k12.wi.us/



Waunakee Intermediate (5-6)

Principal: Tim Mommaerts
Associate Principal:
Lindsey Laufenberg
6273 Woodland Drive
Waunakee, WI 53597
(608) 849-2176
www.wis.waunakee.k12.wi.us/



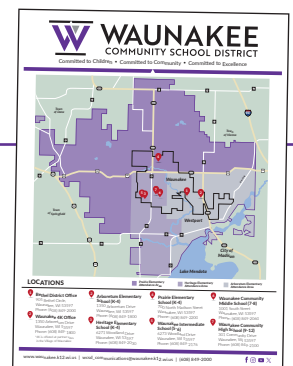
Waunakee Community Middle School (7-8)

Principal: Jeff Kenas
Associate Principal:
Mike Zibell
1001 South Street
Waunakee, WI 53597
(608) 849-2060
www.wms.waunakee.k12.wi.us/



Waunakee Community High School (9-12)

Principal: Brian Borowski
Associate Principals:
Chad Gauerke,
Steve Hernandez,
& Deanne Lensert
301 Community Drive
Waunakee, WI 53597
(608) 849-2100
www.whs.waunakee.k12.wi.us/



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the District
Border Map**



Board of Education

SCHOOL BOARD



Meet the WCSD Board Of Education!

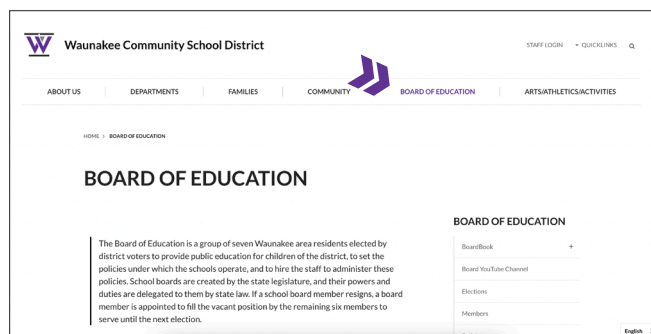
The Board of Education is a group of seven Waunakee area residents elected by district voters to provide public education for children of the district, to set the policies under which the schools operate, and to hire the staff to administer these policies. School boards are created by the state legislature, and their powers and duties are delegated to them by state law.

Our school board has endeavored to represent the “will of the people” within the framework of its statutory responsibility to provide quality education for all students. The school board invites citizen participation at school board meetings, utilizes citizen committees in an advisory capacity, and has offered all citizens of the school district the opportunity to express their views and expectations through occasional surveys and public hearings. In addition, the school board makes preparation for and structures its annual school district meeting to facilitate local citizen input.

Meeting Schedule

The Waunakee Community School District Board of Education uses BoardBook, a web-based software application for the electronic preparation of board agenda packets and builds a searchable archive of meeting agenda packets and approved minutes.

The WCSD Board of Education regular meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.) The meetings are held at 905 Bethel Circle, Waunakee, unless noted on the agenda.



Board Members

Joan Ensign - President

Municipality: Town of Westport,
City of Middleton, City of Madison
Term Expires: Spring 2026 (3-Year)

Dawn Heinrichs - Vice-President

Municipality: Village of Waunakee
Term Expires: Spring 2026 (3-Year)

Carly Eaton - Clerk

Municipality: Village of Waunakee
Term Expires: Spring 2028 (3-Year)

Mark Hetzel - Treasurer

Municipality: Town of Vienna
Term Expires: Spring 2027 (3-Year)

Ted Frey - Director

Municipality: Town of Westport,
City of Middleton, City of Madison
Term Expires: Spring 2027 (3-Year)

Heather Murray - Director

Municipality: Village of Waunakee
Term Expires: Spring 2028 (3-Year)

Christopher Sonne - Director

Municipality: Towns of Dane/Springfield
Term Expires: Spring 2028 (3-Year)

QUICK ACCESS:



Email the
WCSD BOE

schoolboardlist@waunakee.k12.wi.us



Learn More of
BOE Members

www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/board



**WCSD YouTube
Channel**

Our School District



DISTRICT

Mission Statement

"Committed to Children...Committed to Community...Committed to Excellence"

Vision Statement

The Waunakee Community School District is a collaborative learning community that works with students, staff, families, and the community to ensure that every student is ready for college and career; through a focus on data, research based best practices, and engagement with students to be active partners in their learning.

Equity Statement

The Waunakee Community School District embraces the differences among our students, staff, and families. We work to provide a safe environment with access to resources, opportunities, and instruction for all students to reach their full potential in the classroom and beyond. We strive to create a culture of dialogue, acceptance, and inclusion. We are committed to engaging all students so that they may thrive academically, socially, and emotionally in an ever-changing multicultural society.



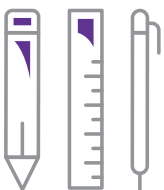
STUDENTS

4,413 Students
99.1% Graduation rate
\$95,000+ Local scholarships in 2024



STAFF

600+ Employees
15 Average years of teacher experience
41% of Teachers hold Master's Degrees



ACADEMICS

- ▶ Four Star Report Card Rating
- ▶ Consistently scores higher on testing than state average
- 22.2** Average ACT score
- 13** AP courses offered at WCHS
- 15** Dual credit courses
- ▶ Youth Apprenticeship Opportunities - Highest in Dane County

Registration and Enrollment

The first and most important step is enrollment. The enrollment process is designed to be simple and efficient.

» www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/about-us/registration-and-enrollment

Meet our Enrollment and Registration Team

If there are questions or concerns, please contact our Registration Team.



Julie Gengler

District Registrar

Phone: (608) 849-2000, x. 8470

Fax: (608) 849-2350

juliegengler@waunakee.k12.wi.us



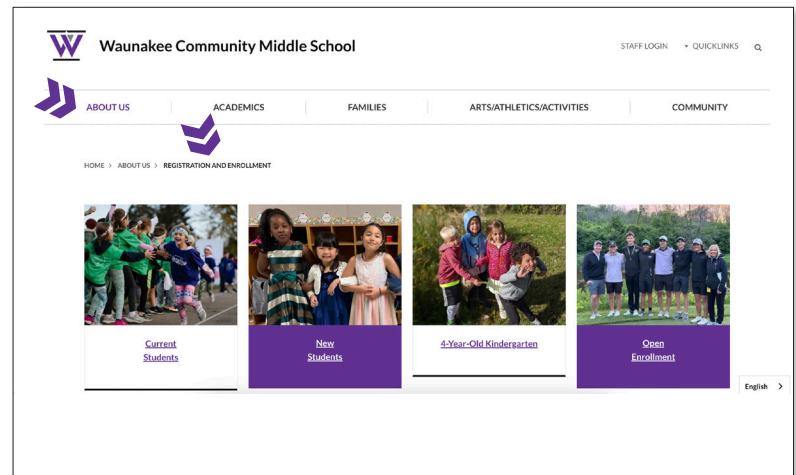
Jose Velarde Aguilar

District Translation &

Interpretation Coordinator

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ENROLL WITH WCSD

Documents needed prior to enrollment:

Before beginning the registration process, have proof of residency, your child's birth certificate, and immunization records on hand.

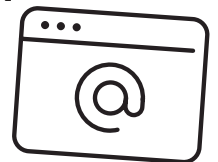
- ☐ Proof of residency
- ☐ Birth certificate
- ☐ Immunization records

Steps to Enrollment:

To ensure a smooth transition to our District, please do the following:

- ☐ Please go to the www.waunakee.k12.wi.us and click on the About Us tab for the Registration and Enrollment option.
- ☐ There it will show you the following options: Current Students, New Students, 4-year-old Kindergarten, or Open Enrollment. Select the category that is the best fit for your needs to enroll or register. There is additional information that might be helpful to you!

Instructions on how to enroll and register your student



All families of returning and new students are required to register for the 2025-2026 school year. We need our families to review and update their household and student information.

This is required for ALL families!

- ☐ Visit the About Us tab and click on Registration and Enrollment.
- ☐ From there you will be able to choose the link that best fits your children's needs.

Registration and Enrollment

WEBSITE

Our website is your go-to hub for important information and updates. Here's what you'll find:

- ▶ **About Us** – Registration and enrollment and calendars to stay current on district events and announcements
- ▶ **Departments** – Lunch menus, fee payments, and health information
- ▶ **Families** – Key documents, supply lists, and handbooks
- ▶ **Community** – Long-range facility planning, donations, and community events
- ▶ **Board of Education** – Meeting details, YouTube links, and BOE member information
- ▶ **Arts/Athletics** – Offerings, tickets, and livestream
- ▶ **Quick-links** – Family parent portal access of Infinite Campus and safety concerns (SUSO)

District Website

(Click here to get back to home page)

Main Menu

School Website Links

The screenshot shows the Waunakee Community School District website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'DISTRICT' and 'OUR SCHOOLS' dropdown menus. Below this is a header section with the district logo and name, a 'STAFF LOGIN' link, and a 'QUICKLINKS' search bar. A main menu bar contains links for 'ABOUT US', 'DEPARTMENTS', 'FAMILIES', 'COMMUNITY', 'BOARD OF EDUCATION', and 'ARTS/ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES'. The main content area features a large article titled 'Warrior Media Earns National Recognition' on the left and a group photo of students on the right. Below the article is a section with five circular icons representing 'New Families', '25-26 Back to School Dates', 'WCSD Calendar', 'Employment', and 'Lunch Menus'. At the bottom, there is a 'News and Events' section with a headline 'Class of 2025' and a photo of the graduation class.

Quick links

Highly Utilized Links

News & Events

Check out the latest news and events from around the Waunakee Community School District!

Jun 2 2025 | Communications

Class of 2025

Go and change the world. Congratulations to our newest
#WaunakeeW&V graduates! Class of 2025

Registration and Enrollment

We invite you to review the checklist below to help ensure that your student is ready for their first day of school.

- Register your student
- Complete all healthcare forms
- Enroll in District transportation (if necessary)
- Create a Parent Portal Account (Infinite Campus)
- Review handbooks
- Pay fees

CHECKLIST



- ☐ Using your personal activation key, create your Campus Parent account
- ☐ Become familiar with Infinite Campus Parent
- ☐ Consider completing the Meal Benefits Application
- ☐ Pay Fees not covered by Meal Benefits Application
- ☐ Check your student(s) School Store for items for purchase
- ☐ Deposit money in your student(s) lunch account for items not covered by Meal Benefits application
- ☐ Download the Campus Parent app on your phone
- ☐ Review the Absence Request Tool

Communication

- ☐ Make sure contact information is updated in Infinite Campus
- ☐ Opt-in to receive emergency text messages
- ☐ Read your school's weekly Smore Newsletters for current information delivered to your primary email
- ☐ Add wcsd_communications@waunakee.k12.wi.us to your email contact list

» HELP WITH CAMPUS PARENT

Questions about creating or accessing your account?

Contact wcsd_registrar@waunakee.k12.wi.us or (608) 849-2000 x 8470

Transportation

- ☐ Does your residence/student(s) qualify for transportation to/from school?
- ☐ Contact Lamers Bus Service if you are enrolled and have not received route information - Lamers Bus Lines (608) 850-5253 X 2
- ☐ Will your student need transportation to a location other than home before or after school?
- ☐ If yes, complete an alternative transportation request by the posted deadline.

Ways to Become Involved

- ☐ Join your schools FTO (Family Teacher Organization)
- ☐ Volunteer > Complete the WCSD Background Check
- ☐ Check out the WCSD Community Page for upcoming local events and activities
- ☐ Check with your school for other ways to be involved!

Get Familiar with District Website

- ☐ Lunch Menus
- ☐ Calendar
- ☐ School Website
- ☐ Attendance

Departments



» www.4k.waunakee.k12.wi.us



The Waunakee Community School District has a history of excellent programs for students, and we continue this tradition by offering an enriching experience for our youngest learners through Waunakee 4K.

The Waunakee Community School District works collaboratively with local child care providers and preschools to offer 4K. Each site has a highly-qualified, DPI-certified teacher who receives professional development and curriculum resources from the district.

The Waunakee 4K program is optional, but universal – open to ALL four-year-old children and their families within the Waunakee Community School District (WCSD).

When will the program occur? Children will attend 4K five-days-per-week for 2 hours and 40 minutes each day, generally following the school year calendar. A choice of morning or afternoon sessions is available. The approximate time for the AM session will be from 7:40-10:20 and the PM session will likely be from 11:35-2:15 to align with transportation at the elementary level. Starting and ending times may be altered, depending on where the center is located on the transportation route. The 4K day ends promptly at 10:20 and 2:15. Any additional time spent at the 4K center must be arranged by the family and the center.

» CONTACT US

Miranda Moe

Director of 4K & Associate Principal
at Arboretum Elementary

Phone: (608) 849-1800

Email: mirandamoe@waunakee.k12.wi.us

PARTNER SITES

ADVENTURES IN LEARNING

1036 Quinn Drive, Waunakee
(608) 850-5430

BRILLIANT BEGINNINGS

1008 Quinn Drive, Waunakee
(608) 849-4363

INSPIRE EARLY CHILDHOOD

5821 Oncken Road, Waunakee
(608) 733-1670

THE VILLAGE

(FORMALLY LEAP ACADEMY)

101 Kearney Way, Waunakee
(608) 850-9696

MARY LAKE MONTESSORI

5464 Mary Lake Road, Westport
(608) 849-8800

MOPPET

203 W. Main Street, Waunakee
(608) 849-5453

PEACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

701 S. Century Avenue, Waunakee
(608) 849-7792

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PRESCHOOL

114 East Third Street, Waunakee
(608) 849-5325

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**4K
Webpage**

[www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/about-us/
registration-and-enrollment/
4k-registration](http://www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/about-us/registration-and-enrollment/4k-registration)



CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Curriculum and Instruction

We are dedicated to supporting schools and educators in delivering engaging, high-quality learning for all students. Our team leads the implementation and evaluation of the district curriculum, fosters distributed leadership through Professional Learning Communities, and provides professional development to enhance instructional practices and student learning.

WCSD Vision of Teaching:

In order to ensure our commitment to children, the Waunakee Community School District establishes a learning environment that is challenging and attentive to the diverse learning needs of all students. To attain this vision:

- Learning environments will be safe, inclusive, and engaging, and inspire students to take initiative for their learning.
- Teaching, learning, and assessment will be student-centered and meet individual academic and social-emotional differences and needs.
- Teaching and assessment will reflect evidence-based best practices to achieve high expectations of learning for all.
- Consistent formative and summative assessment practices will provide timely and meaningful feedback to teachers, students, and parents to guide teaching and support learning for all.
- Professional learning community structures and adaptive schools practices will be used to provide equity, access, and growth for all students.



» CONTACT US

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Curriculum & Instruction

www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/departments/curriculum-and-instruction



Departments

STUDENT SERVICES

» www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/departments/student-services

Student Services

The WCSD Student Services Team includes Psychologists, Social Workers, Counselors, Nurses, and Health Assistants. Our Student Services team also includes our English Language (EL)/Bilingual Programming staff.

WCSD Student Services is committed to our children, committed to our community, and committed to excellence. Please feel free to reach out to a Student Services team member at any time. We look forward to getting to know you!

Bilingual & English Learner (EL) Supports

English as a Second Language (ESL) and/or bilingual programming is available for students whose native language is not English. These programs include ESL classes and support for English language development and bilingual education that uses both the student's native language and English for teaching (currently at K-5 at HES/IS and 9-12 at WCHS). The goal is developing English proficiency while maintaining academic progress through culturally responsive teaching and family engagement.



» CONTACT US

Lisa Jondle

Director of Student Services

Phone: (608) 849-2000

Email: lisajondle@waunakee.k12.wi.us

HEALTH SERVICES

Health Services Information

The health and well-being of our students are our top priorities. To ensure a safe environment for all students and staff, we follow strict health guidelines and protocols. Our team of school nurses and health assistants are excited to work together to provide a healthy and safe environment for your student.

As a parent, guardian, or caregiver, you can support these efforts by taking the following steps:

- ☐ Ensure that your student has all required immunizations and has attended their annual physical appointment.
- ☐ Complete necessary health forms.
- ☐ Review breakfast and lunch menus for dietary needs.
- ☐ Complete Special Diet Statement form, if needed.

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Student Services Website

www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/departments/student-service



High School Counselor's Website

www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/academics/counselors



Health Services

www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/departments/student-services/health-services



Health Forms

www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/departments/student-services/health-services/forms

SPECIAL EDUCATION



Special Education

Our vision is to create inclusive, equitable spaces that foster positive relationships and support student growth. We are committed to continuous professional development and improvement to deliver high-quality services that meet the needs of all students.

We work to ensure students with disabilities, ages 3-21, receive the services they need to progress in their education. Our district offers support from special education teachers, speech/language pathologists, occupational and physical therapists, and other related service providers. Each student with a disability under IDEA is assigned a case manager, who serves as the main point of contact and coordinates the student's IEP team.

Need a guide for getting help for your child at school? Please go to the Parent/Guardian Resources under Special Education, in which you can find an English guide and a Spanish guide!

» CONTACT US

Tiffany Loken

Director of Special Education

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Email: tiffanyloken@waunakee.k12.wi.us

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**Special Education
Webpage**

www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/departments/special-education



**Parent Guide
- English**



**Parent Guide
- Spanish**

Departments

FOOD SERVICES

Waunakee Food Services

Waunakee Community School District is pleased to partner with Taher, Inc. as our Food Service provider. Taher brings a wealth of experience and expertise in providing nutritious, delicious, and student-friendly meal options tailored to meet the diverse needs of our school community.

Our goal is to ensure that every student has access to meals that fuel learning and growth while promoting healthy eating habits. With Taher's commitment to quality and innovation, we're excited to introduce enhanced menu offerings, seasonal specials, and a focus on fresh, locally sourced ingredients whenever possible.

Pay Online (Infinite Campus)

Need help accessing Infinite Campus or setting up an account? Please send an email to District Registrar, Julie Gengler, at wcsd_registrar@waunakee.k12.wi.us.

Families can add payments via Infinite Campus application. Login to your Parent Portal within Infinite Campus. You can view balances and previous purchases under the Food Services tab.

Staff can login to their Infinite Campus account. You can view Food Services under the Employee Self-Service tab. You can add funds to your account, view purchases, etc. under this tab.

Free and Reduced Meals (Meal Benefits)

To be considered for Free and Reduced Lunch and fee waivers, you must apply and be approved each year. You're welcome to fill out an application form for Free and Reduced Meals and submit it for approval at any point during the school year! The preferred method of applying is via Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

The information you provide will help us determine eligibility and may be verified by the school or program officials as needed. By qualifying for Free and Reduced Meals, your family may also receive additional benefits.

If you qualify, school fees along with items such as yearbooks, school pictures, co-curricular fees, booster club fees, etc. can be waived and/or paid through our Student Financial Assistance Fund. To take advantage of these, you'll need to submit a Share Form along with your application. Please note that the Share Form is required for us to share your information with certain programs, and sending it in won't affect whether your children receive Free and Reduced Meals.

4K families—while lunch is not served at your site during 4K instructional hours, there are still many valuable benefits available to you through this program. Be sure to apply!

If you have any questions or need assistance, we're here to help!

MEAL PRICES

BREAKFAST

Elementary - \$1.50

Intermediate - \$1.50

Middle - \$1.75

High - \$1.75

Milk - \$0.50

LUNCH

Elementary - \$4.00

Intermediate

Lunch Meal Deal - \$4.00

Creation Station - \$5.00

Middle

Lunch Meal Deal - \$5.00

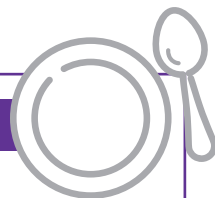
Creation Station - \$6.00

High

Lunch Meal Deal - \$5.00

Creation Station - \$6.00

Premium Grill \$6.00



» CONTACT US

Renee Pickard

Director of Food Services, Taher, Inc.

Phone: (608) 849-2185 x. 2950

Email: ReneePickard@waunakee.k12.wi.us

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**Food
Service**

[www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/
departments/food-services](http://www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/departments/food-services)



**Free & Reduced
Meals**

[www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/departments/
food-services/free-and-reduced-lunch](http://www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/departments/food-services/free-and-reduced-lunch)



Departments



NEW FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Waunakee Community School District and Lamers Bus Lines are introducing a new routing system called Traversa by Tyler Technologies. As part of this upgrade, families can use the MyRide K-12 app to track their student's bus in real time and receive notifications about delays or route changes. This tool is designed to improve safety, convenience, and communication. Additional setup details will be shared with families before the start of the school year.

Transportation

Transportation is an important part of ensuring a positive experience for our students, and we are dedicated to providing safe and reliable bus services for eligible students!

The Waunakee Community School District works in partnership with Lamers Bus Company to provide transportation to and from school for our families.

The Waunakee Community School District will comply with all state regulations concerning the transportation of regular education students and students with disabilities. All transportation arrangements will be made by Lamers Bus Lines in coordination with the Waunakee Community School District.

The Transportation handbook shall be distributed to all students, parents/guardians, teachers, school bus drivers, and school administrators to be used as a quick reference guide on transportation rules and guidelines.

- **Regular Transportation:** All K-12 students that live within the transportation boundaries are automatically enrolled for transportation to and from their home address.
- **Alternate Transportation:** K-12 students requesting transportation for a location other than your home address, will need to register and pay for alternate transportation plans by the posted deadlines.

» CONTACT US

WCSD Business Services

905 Bethel Circle,
Waunakee, WI 53597

Office Hours

Monday - Friday — 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Phone: (608) 849-2000 x. 8272

Email: wcsd_transportation@waunakee.k12.wi.us

Lamers Bus Lines

217 Raemisch Road,
Waunakee, WI 53597

Office Hours

Monday - Friday — 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Phone: (608) 850-5253, x. 2

Email: 22groupSB@golamers.com

TRANSPORTATION

Written instructions to register

To see if your student is eligible for transportation, please follow these steps:

- Go to the Transportation page on the WCSD Website
- Scroll down until you see the Transportation Eligibility tab below Learn About Us



QUICK ACCESS:



Transportation Webpage

www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/departments/transportation



Departments

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications

The Waunakee Community School District aims to foster trust and transparency through clear, effective communication with our students, staff, parents, and community. Our Communication Department manages all media, social platforms, publications, school district brand, partnerships, and the district website to ensure consistent, professional, and engaging messaging.

COMMUNICATION TOOLS

- **Email, Phone, or Text**
 - Our families can choose to be contacted via email, phone, or text message. In addition to school messaging events, we will contact you with school closures and emergency situations. Please make sure your contact information is updated in Infinite Campus.
 - Sign-up for district text alerts by sending a text message with the word "YES" or "Y" to the code 67587.
- **Online weekly newsletter**
 - It is important to us to keep our school community informed. We offer weekly newsletters for our families that share important information work that is being done across the buildings and the district.
 - Each school will send a Smores newsletter to families on Thursdays.
- **District Website**
 - Event calendars, resources for families, newsletters, menus, community information and more can be found on our district website. Each school has its own website.
- **Infinite Campus and Schoology (7-12)**
 - Each parent/guardian is granted a Parent Portal account for their children. The portal gives access to grades, assignment due dates, attendance, paying fees, paying food accounts, and more.
 - Each Middle School and High School parent/guardian can access Schoology for a family view of their child's course information and syllabi, including upcoming assignments. For more information including how to gain access to Schoology, please refer to the MS and HS Technology website.
- **Media Requests and Press Releases**
 - The district will establish and maintain a positive rapport and open line of communication with press and news outlets.
 - When press releases are necessary, the Communications & Engagement Specialist will write press releases and post to the district website and in various forms of social media, when necessary.

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New for 2025-2026!

Peachjar is an online flyer board. You will find flyers from our school district, your student's school, and the community. It is a great way to ensure that our parents and guardians never miss a school flyer and for our community to share all the events that are happening. If you are a parent or guardian, you are automatically enrolled in a weekly Peachjar email that will come to your inbox on Fridays.

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**Communications
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www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/departments/communications



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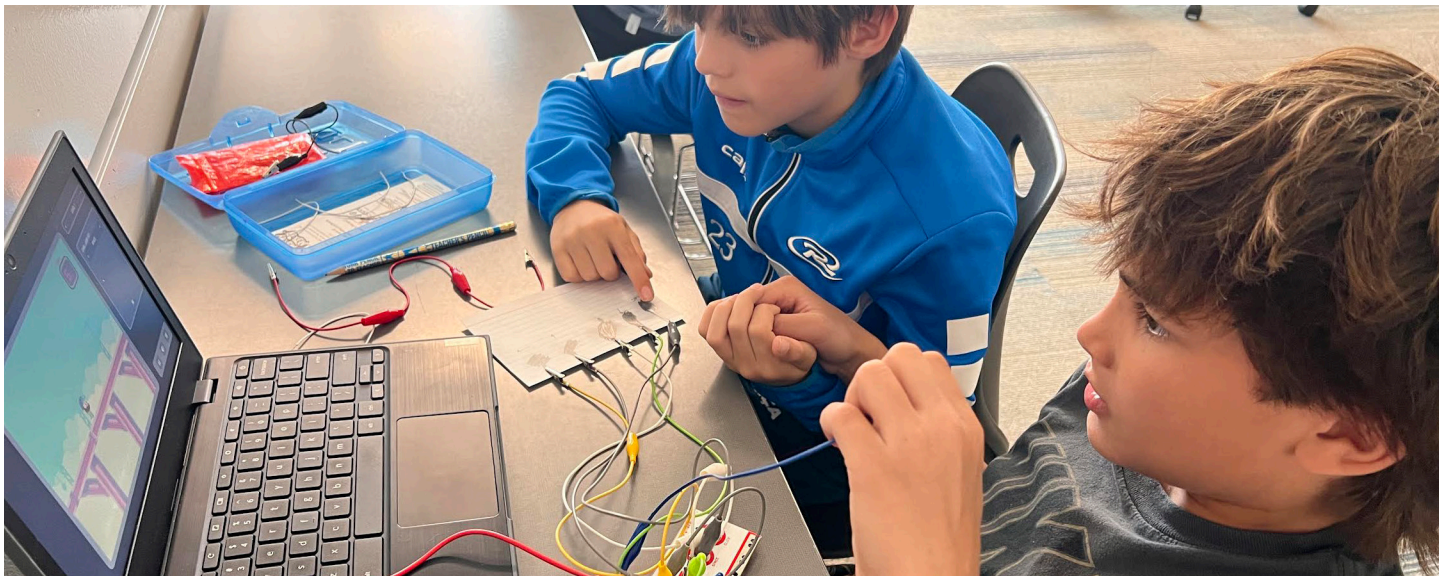
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TECHNOLOGY



Technology

Welcome to the Waunakee Community School District Technology department. Technology Services provides effective classroom technology resources to enhance student learning and prepare them for the future.

We provide our teachers with the technological tools that enhance student lessons, lesson planning, and classroom management to help all of our students grow in a safe environment.

Technology Services is also responsible for analyzing and implementing continuous improvement in the school district network infrastructure and data security. We establish a secure network environment to keep students safe while they are learning.

TECHNOLOGY FOR STUDENTS

- We are one to one with every student having a dedicated device for equitable access to technology.
- All classrooms are equipped with an interactive touch display to keep students engaged in learning.
- There are Makerspace classroom areas in all schools providing students with hands-on tools for experimenting, creating, and designing.

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**Technology
Webpage**

www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/departments/technology

Departments

HUMAN RESOURCES



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We are hiring. Become part of our team, and enjoy a comprehensive benefits package, including:

- Dean Health Plan
- Delta Dental
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- Employee Wellness Program
- Employee Wellness Clinic
- Wisconsin Retirement System Benefits
- Competitive Wages



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General Information

SAFETY & SECURITY

School Safety and Security

The safety and security of our students and staff are top priorities for the Waunakee Community School District.

The Waunakee Community School District works closely with our community partners to ensure our Emergency and Crisis Management Plan reflects appropriate practices and ensures that all our school buildings are prepared for emergencies.

Our comprehensive emergency and safety plan addresses a multitude of potential incidents. For the safety of our students and staff, specific details are typically not made available to the public, however, our families play a vital role. It is very important that our families know what to do in an emergency, as well.

INTRODUCTIONS

- **Safety and Security Coordinator**

- The Safety and Security Coordinator helps keep WCSD schools safe by working with staff, students, and local partners to manage emergency plans, safety drills, and procedures. Their work supports a secure and welcoming environment for everyone—reflecting the #WaunakeeWAY every day.



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Safety & Security Coordinator

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- **Student Resource Officer (SRO)**

- Waunakee Community High School collaborates with the Waunakee Police Department through the establishment of a Police School Liaison Officer Program. Our current School Resource Officer (SRO) helps build positive relationships with students while helping keep our schools safe. As a member of the WCSD team, the SRO supports safety efforts, provides education on law-related topics, and serves as a trusted resource for students, staff, and families



Tanner Weber

School Resource Officer

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A second Student Resource Officer (SRO) will be added in 2026.



Inclement Weather and Emergency Messaging

If there is a closure, the School District will communicate with families before 6:30 a.m. through:

- School Messenger service which will be used to send an email to all staff and the family members of each student listed in Infinite Campus.
- A text message will be sent via Messenger. Please note that you have to opt-in to receive a text message. Sign-up for district text alerts by sending a text message with the word "YES" or "Y" to the code 67587.
- Information will be shared on local television stations.
- An update will be available on our district website as a pop-up.

The announcement will be posted on the district Facebook page, Twitter, and Instagram.

General Information

SAFETY & SECURITY

Standard Response Protocol

Waunakee Community School District has incorporated the Standard Response Protocol into its emergency procedures in line with guidance from the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Office of School Safety and national recommendations on school safety.

In case of an emergency, we will follow these steps

- Hold
- Secure
- Lockdown
- Evacuate
- Shelter

As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety, each school building in our district conducts regular drills to practice all aspects of the Standard Response Protocol (SRP), including Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter. These drills are conducted monthly to help our students and staff know how to respond safely and calmly in the event of an emergency. An informational email will be sent out the week before any safety drill.

Speak Up, Speak Out (SUSO)

School is better, safer and stronger when we share our concerns!

Students are taught that if they are aware of a safety concern, they need to tell an adult either in-person or via a Reporting Tool.

Waunakee Community School District utilizes Speak Up, Speak Out (SUSO), a state-wide tool for reporting school safety concerns. SUSO is managed by the Office of School Safety (OSS) in the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

Resource Center staff work around the clock to respond to reports by communicating directly with school administrators, law enforcement, and school counselors. The app and website both allow you to submit relevant screenshots, pictures, voicemails, and videos.

Speak Up, Speak Out can be accessed by:

- Download the SUSO app (Android and iOS)
- Visit speakup.wisconsin.gov and click on "Report a Safety Concern"
- Visit waunakee.k12.wi.us and click on "Report a Safety Concern" under Quick Links
- Call 1-800-MY-SUSO-1 or by texting "SUSO" to 738477
- Submit a TIP link: <https://www.p3campus.com/tipform.aspx?ID=5150>



Visitor Aware

We want to take a moment to remind you of this important Visitor Management System in our K-12 school buildings. Visitor Aware continues to streamline the check-in process for visitors while enhancing the safety of our students, staff, and families.

If you are visiting our schools for the first time this year, please remember to bring a state ID (such as a driver's license or passport) for verification. This allows us to ensure a safe environment by checking visitor identities against national databases.

Our school office staff are always available to assist you, especially if you have questions about the check-in process or need help with your first visit.

Visitor Aware plays a crucial role in maintaining a safe and welcoming atmosphere for our school community. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in helping us ensure the safety of our learning environment.

QUICK ACCESS:



Safety & Security Website

www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/families/school-safety



Standard Response Protocol

iloveguys.org/The-Standard-Response-Protocol.html



Speak Up Speak Out

www.p3campus.com/tipform.aspx?ID=5150

General Information

COMMUNITY CORNER

Volunteering In Our Schools

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

We value our volunteers and understand that partnership with volunteers is one of the major assets of our school district. Per Board of Education policy #353.1, all individuals who wish to volunteer in the district must complete a criminal background check prior to volunteering.

- To becoming a WCSD volunteer please first apply for a background check.
- Once background checks have been completed, it is valid for 3 years.
- If you want to learn more about Family Teacher Organization (FTO) or Parent Advisory Groups, please go to our WCSD Volunteer page under Families & Students.



Giving - Classmunity

» www.classmunity.com/waunakeewi/

Community support is what makes our schools strong—thank you for partnering with us to provide opportunities for all Waunakee students!



Student Financial Assistance Fund

» www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/families/student-financial-assistance

The Waunakee Community School District is committed to ensuring that all students and families can participate in their school communities regardless of a family's financial situation and ability to pay. Scholarships or payment plans are available to any student who has been approved for the free/reduced meal program, and may be available to any student whose families have a financial need due to unique circumstances.



PLEASE CONTACT: Your School Social Worker for more information on these opportunities with the Student Financial Assistance Fund.



School Store

Grab your Waunakee Warriors gear!

» www.whs.waunakee.k12.wi.us/familiesstudents/school-store



WAUNAKEE WARRIORS

General Information

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 2025						
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WCSD Family 2025- 2026 Calendar

September 1 No School Labor Day
 September 2 First Day Students Report
 October 13 Parent Teacher Conferences, 7 - 12
 October 16 Parent Teacher Conferences, K-6
 October 17 No School, Parent Teacher Conf (AM only)
 October 23 No School, Fall Break
 October 24 No School, Fall Break

November 5 First Quarter Ends
 November 10-21 4K Parent Teacher Conferences
 November 25 First Trimester Ends (K-6)
 November 26 No School
 November 27 No School - Thanksgiving
 November 28 No School
 December 22 - January 2 No School, Winter Break

January 19 No School, Staff Development Day
 January 23 First Semester Ends, 7 - 12
 January 26 No School, Staff Develop/Work Day
 February 27 No School, Staff Develop/Work Day

March 6 Second Trimester Ends, K - 6
 March 10-19 4K Parent Teacher Conferences
 March 19 Parent Teacher Conf., K-12 (PM only)
 March 20 No School, Parent Teacher Conf.
 K-12 (AM only)
 March 23 - 27 No School, Spring Break

April 3 Third Quarter Ends
 April 3 No School

May 18 No School, Staff Development Day
 May 25 No School, Memorial Day
 June 9 Last Day for 4K Students
 June 10 Last Day for Students
 Third Trimester Ends, K - 6
 Second Semester Ends, 7 - 12
 Possible Snow Make up Day 4k
 June 11 Possible Snow Make Up Day K-12

KEY
No School
First Day/Last Day
Parent/Teacher Conferences

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