



School Is Just Around The Corner!

What do you need to know before school starts?
Check out our website, www.wm.k12.mn.us

Online Registration

ALL EXISTING families to Watertown-Mayer School district need to register for the 2025-2026 school year!

Every year families are asked to complete an annual update for each child attending school in the district. This process is completed through the online registration system within our Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

If you have already completed Online Registration for all of your students for the 2025-2026 school year, you are all set. If you have not yet completed Online Registration, please complete this process at your earliest convenience.

To complete Online Registration, please log in to your Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you have not yet completed OLR for the 2025-2026 school year, a pop-up will appear prompting you to begin your registration. If you do not have access to the parent portal, please contact one of our building administrative assistants. You will only need to complete one application per family. This annual update takes most households less than 15 minutes to complete.

NEW FAMILIES TO THE DISTRICT:

Please visit our website: www.wm.k12.mn.us/registration then select 'New to the District - Registering a New Student'.

Dates To Remember

Tuesday, September 2
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for grades 5-12

Thursday, September 4
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for YR Preschool and grades K-4

Open Houses

Young Royals Preschool

Classroom visits for the upcoming 25-26 school year will be held on September 2nd and 3rd. Information with details was mailed to registered families in early August. If you are interested in Young Royals Preschool or have registered, but have not received your information, call 952-955-0280.

Kindergarten - 4th Grade Royal Connections

Royal Connections are scheduled pre-conferences with teachers to create an opportunity to get to know the student and parents, to learn about the student's strengths and needs, and complete a short academic inventory. Royal Connections will be held Tuesday, September 2nd between 11:30 AM and 7:30 PM, and Wednesday, September 3rd between 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM. More details and information about how to schedule your conference will be sent via email.

WM Elementary School Questions: 952-955-0304

Incoming 5th Graders:

- **WEB Orientation (Students only)**
Wednesday, August 20 | 8:00 - 11:00 AM
Transportation can be provided if you live in the school district boundaries. A sign up form will be emailed to 5th grade families on July 21st. This form must be completed by August 8th.
- **Open House - 5th Grade only**
Wednesday, August 20 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Watertown-Mayer Middle School

Incoming 6th - 8th Graders:

- **Wednesday, August 27 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM**
Watertown-Mayer Middle School

WM Middle School Questions: 952-955-0404

Incoming 9th Graders:

- **Wednesday, August 27 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM**
Watertown-Mayer High School
Specific agenda details for this evening will be emailed out to high school families prior to August 27th.

WM High School Questions: 952-955-0604



Handbooks, School Supply Lists, and Other Pertinent Forms for the 2025-2026 School Year

All this and more can be found by going to the school website: www.wm.k12.mn.us. Hover over 'Schools' in the navigation bar, select the specific school(s), and click on 'Student Life' for the Handbook, Supply List, Forms and More!

Electronic Devices

Elementary School:

All students K-4 will have access to Chromebooks to enhance their learning. All devices will remain at school.

Middle School:

All middle school students use Chromebooks to access digital curriculum, and complete assignments. NEW for the 2025-2026 school year: ALL Watertown-Mayer Middle School students in grades 5-8 will be issued a district-owned chromebook. An optional \$50 Device Protection Plan is available.

Families will make their Device Protection Plan selections during the Online Registration process. Devices will not be checked out to students until Online Registration is complete.

High School:

Watertown-Mayer High School uses a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) model for all students in grades 9-12. Families have two options:

1. Bring a personal computer or chromebook – minimum device requirements can be found on our website under Departments > Technology.
2. Check out a district-owned Chromebook to use for the year. An optional \$50 Device Protection Plan is available.

Families will make their device and protection plan selections during the Online Registration process. Devices will not be checked out to students until Online Registration is complete.

School Lunches

All students grades K-12 will continue to receive a standard breakfast and lunch free of charge through the Minnesota Free School Meals Program. All families are strongly encouraged to complete an Application for Educational Benefits regardless of this program. Educational Benefits impact the educational funding that our schools receive as well as impact additional fees. If your family qualifies, your family could receive reduced rates and fees for school activities, home internet, academic tests, or student college applications. The application process is easy and is available to complete online through your Infinite Campus Parent Portal or by going to our website: www.wm.k12.mn.us > 'Lunch Menus & Payments' > Free & Reduced Lunch'. Information on how to apply online or how to obtain a paper copy of the application is listed. If you have received a letter from the district stating that you are directly certified anytime after July 1, 2025, you do not need to fill out the application.) If you have any questions about the Application for Educational Benefits, please call Heather Heun at 952.955.0484 or email heather.heun@wm.k12.mn.us.

Transportation

Watertown-Mayer Public Schools is served by Koch Bus Company. Families should receive a postcard from Koch Bus starting August 18th with instructions. If you do not receive this information, please email Koch Bus Company at jackie@kochbus.com or call 952.955.1866 so they can plan their routes accordingly.

Fees

Athletic and Activity Fees for Elementary, Middle, and High School can be found on our website: www.wm.k12.mn.us > 'Activities' > 'Activities & Athletics Fees'

Admission Fees

(for Regular Season Competition)

\$5.00 / Student

\$7.00 / Adult

Senior Citizen (65+) / FREE (except Theatre admissions)

Athletic Season Passes

(for Regular Season Competition)

\$60.00 / Student

\$90.00 / Adult

\$250.00 / Family

Senior Citizen (65+) / Free



Community Learning Center (CLC)

The Watertown-Mayer Community Learning Center is home to Young Royals (YR) Preschool, Early Childhood Family Education, Kids' Company, Caring Hands Childcare, and many other community events. Check out their most recent brochure by going to our website: www.wm.k12.mn.us > Community Education.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

- ECFE will be having their Open House & Vehicle Fair to kick off the fall quarter Thursday, September 11th, 6:00 - 7:30 PM.
- ECFE classes will begin the week of September 15th.

Kids' Company & Caring Hands Child Care 6 weeks to 12 years old

- The 2025-2026 child care season will open September 2nd and run Monday-Friday 6:45 AM to 5:30 PM through the school year. Participants in grades K-4 who need full day care on September 3 & 4 need to sign up for the non-school days.
- Any questions or to register for Kids' Company or Caring Hands, go to: wm.ce.eleyo.com or contact Michelle Hess, Program Coordinator, at 952.955.0283 or michelle.hess@wm.k12.mn.us.

Notices

Release of Public Student Data / Student Records Notice

According to the Minnesota Data Practices Act, a student's home address, telephone number, email address or other personal contact information is NOT permissible for data requests. Watertown-Mayer also does NOT permit parent/ guardian home address, telephone number, email address or other personal contact information to be released for data requests. Watertown-Mayer recognizes its responsibility in regard to the collection, maintenance, and dissemination of pupil records and protection of the privacy rights of students as provided in state and federal law. Please see Policy 515: Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records found on our website at www.wm.k12.mn.us for details regarding parental rights in regards to student data/ records. For this policy and all other policies regarding

student records, please visit the website, hover over 'About Us', click on 'School Board', and then on 'District Policies'. Note that all Public Notices are at the bottom of this page. Additionally, pertinent student-related policies and procedures can be found in each of the schools' handbooks.

Notice of Curriculum, Testing, and Assessment Tools

Watertown-Mayer Public Schools uses a variety of digital tools and software to support student learning and help prepare them for an ever-changing world. We maintain an inventory of all our curriculum, testing, and assessment tools, which includes an outline of the student data elements within each. This list is updated annually and emailed to all families at the start of the school year. If you have questions about specific digital tools used in classrooms, please contact Joe Vieau, Director of Teaching and Learning or Brittany Misuraca, Technology Integrationist.

Equal Employment Opportunity

It is the school district's policy to provide equal employment opportunities for all applicants and employees. The school district does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, age, family care leave status or veteran status.

Volunteer at Our Schools

To enhance the safety of our students and staff, Watertown-Mayer schools are implementing a new Volunteer protocol for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. If you plan to volunteer in classrooms or chaperone field trips, you'll now need to complete an annual Raptor Volunteer Background Check. This background check costs \$16 and can be registered and paid for directly on the school website. You'll also need to sign a mandatory Confidentiality Agreement online. To get started, simply visit www.wm.k12.mn.us/volunteer. For all other visitors, our existing Raptor Technology system will continue to be used for screening and tracking by scanning a driver's license upon entry. We truly value and appreciate the dedication of all our volunteers!

Disability Nondiscrimination Policy

ISD #111 shall not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities because of the disabilities of such individuals, in regard to job application procedures, hiring, advancement, discharge, compensation, job training and other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment.



Weapons Policy

No student or non-student, including adults and visitors, shall possess, use or distribute a weapon when in a school location except as provided in policy. The school district will act to enforce this policy and to discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, school employee, volunteer, or member of the public who violates this policy. Licensed police officers are exempt from this policy.

Facility Usage

The Watertown-Mayer Community Education program has been designated to manage the use of school facilities during non-school hours. We encourage the responsible use of school district facilities by individuals and groups. Scheduling arrangements can be made by calling Tracey Taylor at 952-955-0289.

Allergy Alert

Food allergies are a growing food safety and public health concern that affects an estimated 8% of children in the United States according to the USFDA. Allergies to peanuts, shellfish, eggs and other allergies, have increased in the last decade. Since schools cannot guarantee a food-safe environment, upon request the school district will take measures to minimize the risk of an exposure. Watertown-Mayer will provide a "food allergy aware" environment for a student with a known food allergy without banning the food product at school. Our goal is to keep all students safe!

School Year Pesticide Notice / Lawn Maintenance

Minnesota state law requires that schools inform parents and guardians if they apply certain pesticides on school property. State law also requires that parents and guardians be told that 'the long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood.' Watertown-Mayer Public Schools does not apply pesticides on school property unless all other measures have failed to control the problem. In the event that substances need to be applied, it will only be done by a licensed pest control and lawn maintenance company when students are absent from the area and will be out of the area until any spray/odor has dissipated. If you would like to be notified prior to a chemical application, please contact Jeff Liestman, Building and Grounds Director, at 952-955-0417.

School Year Asbestos Notification

Watertown-Mayer Public Schools has an inspection and management program for all asbestos containing building materials. The district will maintain a safe and

healthful environment for our community's youth and employees. Every three years, all buildings owned, leased or operated by the district are re-inspected by an EPA accredited inspector. Every six months, all building materials containing asbestos are surveyed. Any materials needing repair or removal are done so under our Asbestos Operation and Maintenance Program-safely and responsibly. The Watertown School District has a list of locations and types of asbestos containing materials found in our buildings. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the district office. Questions related to the plan should be directed to Jeff Liestman at Watertown-Mayer Public Schools.

Indoor Air Quality Notification

The Watertown-Mayer School District is proud to be taking a role in providing a safe, comfortable, and productive environment for our students and staff so that we achieve our core mission – educating students. Our school has reviewed the EPA guidelines to improve our indoor air quality (IAQ) by preventing as many IAQ problems as possible, and by quickly responding to any IAQ problems that may arise. Good indoor air quality requires an ongoing commitment by everyone in our school because each of us daily makes decisions and performs activities that affect the quality of the air we breathe. Our IAQ Coordinator, Jeff Liestman, will follow up on any IAQ problems you may have. Mr. Liestman has agreed to administer the IAQ Management Plan, which includes coordinating emergency response, and serving as our information resource on IAQ.

Lead in Water Management Plan Notification

The Watertown-Mayer School District has conducted sampling for lead in drinking water. While the major source of lead exposure for most Minnesota children is paint, lead in plumbing fixtures can add to a person's overall exposure. Drinking water in schools and homes may contain lead from old lead pipes, plumbing fixtures (e.g., fountains and faucets), or solder that joins pipe sections together. A school designee sampled taps that are commonly used for drinking and cooking and sent them to a certified drinking water laboratory for analysis. Testing results can be found on the District's website at www.wm.k12.mn.us > Departments > Building & Grounds > Notifications. If you have questions about a lead sample result at a specific tap and actions taken, or if you have concerns, please contact Jeff Liestman, Buildings & Grounds Director at 952-955-0417. To learn more about lead hazards and lead poisoning prevention, see MDH Lead Program (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/index.html>).

