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Mission

The mission of the White Bear Lake Area School District, the community at the forefront of educational excellence, honoring our legacy and courageously building the future, is to ensure each student realizes their unique talents and abilities, and makes 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 experiences
- Exceptional staff and families committed to student success
- Abundant and engaged community partners

Equity Commitment

To nurture the whole student, we disrupt systemic inequities by recognizing, honoring, and embracing all cultures with humility and respect.

Stewardship

The District has received excellence in financial reporting awards from both the Association of School Business Officials and Government Finance Officers Association.

Stay connected!

Community e-Newsletter

Update your email address in ParentVUE to receive Community e-Newsletter text and video editions shared each Sunday during the school year.

Stay Social

Join White Bear Lake Area Schools' social media circles - Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. Find links on the District's website.

Coffee with Dr. K

Families and community members are invited to stop by throughout the academic year for **Coffee with Dr. K** events, informal chats with Superintendent Kazmierczak over a cup of coffee.

- Nov. 11: 4-5 p.m., Caribou Coffee in Dntn WBL
- Feb. 25: 12-1 p.m. at WBLAHS
- May 5: 7:30-8:30 a.m., Caribou Coffee in Dntn WBL

Dear Families,

Welcome the 2025-26 school year!

We are thrilled to kick off the new year and celebrate alongside you! Thank you for being partners in building a bright future for our children, schools, and community.

Our classrooms buzz with creativity and innovation, fostering critical thinkers, problem solvers, and compassionate leaders ready to make a local and global impact. This success is fueled by dedicated teachers, supportive families, and engaged community members like you.

Stay connected! We'll keep you informed with regular updates via email, voice calls, and social media. Please ensure emails from your child's school and White Bear Lake Area Schools reach your inbox.

Together, let's make this year remarkable!

Go Bears!

Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak, Superintendent
White Bear Lake Area Schools

p.s. Looking to join our amazing team? We're still hiring paraprofessionals and Extended Day staff for the 2025-26 school year. Make a difference! Competitive wages & flexible hours. Apply now: isd624.org/employment.

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651-407-7500



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Find info about head lice, immunizations, medications at school, and resources at isd624.org/programs/health-services.

ISD 624 does not discriminate on the basis of sex and prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates, as required by Title IX, including in employment. Complete information in SB Policy 522.

Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 2 - 1st Day Gr. 6 & 9
 Sept. 3 - 1st Day Gr. 1-5 & 7-8 & 10-12+
 Sept. 4 - 1st Day Gr. K (all K-12+ attends)
 Sept. 8 - 1st Day Early Childhood
 Sept. 21-27 - Homecoming Week
 Sept. 24 - Central Middle School
 Community Open House

IMPORTANT DISTRICT NOTICES

Student Directory Information

Student directory information is considered “public” under state and federal laws. Unless parents give specific instructions to the contrary, schools must release directory information to anyone who requests it.

Public directory information includes: name; photograph; information provided by the student for inclusion in school-approved publications; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight and height of members of athletic teams; names and pictures of students participating in or attending extra-curricular activities, school events, and HS league activities/events; major field of study; dates of attendance; grade level; enrollment status (i.e., full-time or part-time); degrees, honors and awards received; and previous educational agency or institution attended.

If you do not wish for this information to be given out about your child, send written notification including: name of the student and/or parent, if applicable; home address; school presently attended by student; parent’s legal relationship to student, if applicable; and specific categories of directory information to be made not public without the parent’s or eligible student’s prior written consent, which shall only be applicable for that school year. Notification should be sent to: Restrict Directory Data, White Bear Lake Area Schools, 2399 Cedar Ave., WBL, MN 55110, no later than Friday, Oct. 10, 2025.

Release of 11th/12th Grade Data to Military Recruiters

Federal law requires high schools to provide military recruiting officers access to public directory data (above) and the names, addresses and home phone numbers of all 11th and 12th grade students. Parents have a right to refuse release of this data by sending written notification to: Refuse Release to Military Recruiters, White Bear Lake Area Schools, 2399 Cedar Ave., WBL, MN 55110, no later than Friday, Oct. 10, 2025.

Educational Benefits Discounts

We are a part of Minnesota’s Free School Meals Program, which means that all students can get one breakfast and one lunch free of charge each day at school for the upcoming school year. **Even with this free meal benefit being available to all, it is still very important that families fill out the Application for Educational Benefits because children may qualify for other benefits** such as: reduced sports/activity fees, reduced internet access and utility bills, reduced AP test registration and college application fees, reduced drivers training and more! Complete the Application for Educational Benefits online directly at www.schoolcafe.com/isd624. Paper applications can be requested by contacting Nutrition Services at 651-407-7515.

ParentVUE

ParentVUE by Synergy is our student information system that supports student demographics, schedules, attendance, grades and more. Find information, resources, tips and links about the system at isd624.org/ParentVUE.

Digital Curriculum Tools Notification

We use a variety of digital tools to support student learning. Technology vendors and software are utilized to support work as we help all students develop the skills necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world.

An inventory of our curriculum, testing, and assessment tools are available at www.isd624.org/departments/technology/digital-curriculum-tools, including an outline of the student data elements within each tool. The list is maintained and communicated annually to all families at the start of the school year.

Contact susan.herder@isd624.org if you have questions regarding specific digital tools used in classrooms.

Emergency Weather Closing

When a decision is made to close schools, an announcement will be made over major radio and television stations as early in the morning as possible. The announcement will identify our school district as White Bear Lake Area Schools. Efforts will also be made to use the parent notification alert system to notify families of school closures. If no announcement is made, schools will be in session as scheduled. Parents may also check the District website or Facebook/Instagram page.

District Policies

Complete School Board policies at isd624.org/about/district-policies.



Building Our Future Update

While most of the facilities projects approved by the community in 2019 are now complete, final-stage construction continues at two buildings: Central Middle School and Sunrise Park.

Central Middle School students, who have already been enjoying the new gymnasium added during Phase 1 last summer, will soon benefit from this summer’s Phase 2 upgrades. These include an expanded cafeteria, a new Learning Commons, and the transformation of former District Center areas back into academic spaces, adding valuable square footage to the school.

Families and community members are invited to check out the completed construction projects at Central Middle School by joining us for a Community Open House event that will take place during Homecoming week, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24. Attendees will have an opportunity to check out the gymnasium addition and the building’s renovated spaces — including the expanded cafeteria, new Learning Commons and renovations made to the former District Center areas to return them to middle school spaces.

Meanwhile, District Services Center offices have fully settled into their new home at Sunrise Park, following the move during the 2024-25 school year. Since spring 2025, School Board meetings have taken place in the Community Room boardroom at Sunrise. Most recently, the district’s Senior Program transitioned to Sunrise Park, following a celebratory farewell picnic at Normandy Park.

Construction is also underway to prepare Sunrise Park to house the Early Childhood Center and Transition Education Center, with programming set to begin in the new space in Fall 2026.

Complete information about the district’s facilities projects can be found at isd624.org/BuildingOurFuture.

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