

2026-27 School and Enrollment Guide

Enroll In: Early Learning | K-12+ | Elementary Magnet Programs | SoWashCo Online



Priority Enrollment Begins:
Monday, Jan. 5-
Monday, Feb. 2, 2026

Enroll Online at
sowashco.org/enroll

SoWashCo
SCHOOLS

AFTON | COTTAGE GROVE | DENMARK | GREY CLOUD ISLAND | NEWPORT | ST. PAUL PARK | WOODBURY



Important Dates

Priority Enrollment

- Monday, Jan. 5–Monday, Feb. 2, 2026

Elementary Welcome Night (New to Elementary School)

- 5–6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026

School Open Houses

- August and September

Elementary Assessment Days

- Sept. 3, 2026
- Sept. 8, 2026

Camp 6 (Grade 6 only)

- Sept. 8, 2026

First day of school

- Sept. 9, 2026

*Dates and times are subject to change

About SoWashCo Schools

South Washington County Schools (SoWashCo Schools) is located southeast of St. Paul. The district includes all or parts of the communities of Afton, Cottage Grove, Denmark, Grey Cloud Island, Newport, St. Paul Park and Woodbury. SoWashCo Schools has early learning programs, 16 elementary schools, four middle schools, three traditional high schools, two non-traditional high schools, a transition program for students ages 18–22 and adult education. The school board is comprised of seven members and the superintendent. 2026 school board members:

- Elizabeth Bockman Eckberg
- Ryan Clarke
- Melinda Dols
- Louis Hinz
- Simi Patnaik
- Katie Schwartz
- Sharon Van Leer
- Superintendent Julie Nielsen (Non-voting member)

Be seen. Be heard. Be bold.

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How to Enroll in SoWashCo Schools (K-12)

Review

- Determine your boundary school.
- Determine if an elementary magnet program is right for your child. Learn more on page 9.

Gather

Gather your child's:

- Proof of Birth (birth certificates or equivalent)
- Address verifications
- Proof of completion of state-required health and developmental screening. Learn more on page 20 (back cover).

Enroll

- Complete an online enrollment form by Monday, Feb. 2, 2026, for priority enrollment.
 - **Applications for elementary magnet programs must be completed by Monday, Feb. 2, 2026. Families must also enroll in their boundary school as well.**
 - Application submissions after the deadline will be added to the waiting list.

Online enrollment is available in five languages, including Español (Spanish), 中文 (简体) (Chinese Mandarin), Hmoob (Hmong) and Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese).

- Si necesita más servicios de traducción, póngase en contacto con Danilo McCarthy en el 651-425-7209.

Notification

- Families who applied for a magnet program will be notified of the student's placement in February.
- Families with children starting kindergarten in the 2026-27 school year are invited to attend Kindergarten Welcome Night from 5-6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5 at their assigned boundary school.
- Your child's school will provide information for the 2026-27 school year in August via email.



Who Should Enroll?

K-12 Online Enrollment *is* Required if Your Child Will be:

- Entering kindergarten
- New to the district
- Students that do not live in the district, but want to attend SoWashCo Online High School (grades 9-12).

NOTE: Early childhood screening is required by the State of Minnesota prior to entering preschool or kindergarten. Learn more about our free screening service on page 20.



Online Enrollment is *Not* Required for:

- Students who are continuing to the next grade level at SoWashCo Schools.
- Students who are currently attending a SoWashCo School and want to attend SoWashCo Online High School (grades 9-12).

Admission Priorities

Priority is given to students who:

- Live within the area of their boundary school
- Residents living within SoWashCo Schools boundaries
- Children of SoWashCo Schools employees
- Siblings of current open-enrolled students attending SoWashCo Schools
 - Sibling priority does not guarantee acceptance into the district

Other Considerations

- Students living outside of SoWashCo Schools boundaries are admitted to district schools if space allows
 - **Families must complete an open enrollment form first**, which can be found at sowashco.org/enroll.

Multilingual Enrollment Help

English: If you need an interpreter, please call Nicole Clymer: 651-425-7211

Español: Si necesita un intérprete, llame al Danilo McCarthy: 651-425-7209

中文 (简体): 如果您需要翻译, 请致电 Nicole Clymer: 651-425-7211

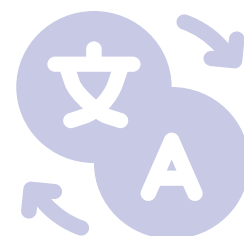
Hmoob: yog koj xav tau ib tug neeg txhais lus thov hu Nicole Clymer: 651-425-7211

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School Tours and Information Nights

Schedule a tour at your boundary school online at sowashco.org/enroll. Visitors ages 18 and older touring during school hours will be required to provide a valid ID.

K-5 Elementary Tour Dates and Times

K-5 Elementary Tours • Schedule Online at sowashco.org/enroll		
Date	Time	School
Tuesdays Jan. 6 Jan. 13 Jan. 20 Jan. 27	8 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newport Elementary Royal Oaks Elementary
	9 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armstrong Elementary Cottage Grove Elementary Crestview Elementary Grey Cloud Elementary Hillside Elementary Middleton Elementary Pine Hill Elementary Pullman Elementary Woodbury Elementary
	9:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bailey Elementary Liberty Ridge Elementary Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion Red Rock Elementary Valley Crossing Elementary

Middle School Tour Dates and Times

Middle School Tours • Schedule Online at sowashco.org/enroll		
Date	Time	School
Thursdays Jan. 8 Jan. 15 Jan. 22	7-7:45 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cottage Grove Middle School Lake Middle School Oltman Middle School Woodbury Middle School
	3-3:45 p.m.	

Interpreters will be available if given 24 hour notice.

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Preschool

SoWashCo Schools offers a high-quality preschool environment with a variety of options for families. Most of our programs are located in our elementary schools, with some at centralized locations.

3s Preschool (Little Suns)

Preschool is for children who will be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1.

4s Preschool (Sunny Scholars)

Preschool is for children who will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1.

Multiage Preschool 3s-4s (Solar Sparks)

Preschool for 3 and 4-year-olds offering children the opportunity to make connections with students of different age groups and abilities.

Please note: due to program capacity and state funding requirements, we are not able to provide preschool for children who are age 5 or older on or before Sept. 1.

How to Enroll in Preschool

Online preschool registration begins Monday, Jan. 5, 2026 through Friday, Feb. 6, 2026 at sowashco.ce.eleyo.com. For assistance, please contact the Early Learning Office at 651-425-7160.



Learn More

To learn more about our Early Childhood programs, including Early Childhood Screening, Early Childhood Family Education, Early Childhood Special Education and Preschool, visit commed.sowashco.org/earlylearning.



SoWashCo Schools At-A-Glance

School Name	Address	Contact Information	Start-End Times	Kids Club
Elementary Schools				
Armstrong Elementary	8855 Inwood Ave. S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	651-425-4100 aes.sowashco.org	8:40 a.m.-3:10 p.m.	✓
Bailey Elementary	4125 Woodlane Dr. Woodbury, MN 55129	651-425-4800 bes.sowashco.org	9:20 a.m.-3:50 p.m.	✓
Cottage Grove Elementary	7447 65h St. S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	651-425-5800 cges.sowashco.org	8:40 a.m.-3:10 p.m.	✓
Crestview Elementary	7830 80th St. S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	651-425-3800 ces.sowashco.org	7:55 a.m.-2:55 p.m.	✓
Grey Cloud Elementary	9525 Indian Blvd. S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	651-425-4200 gces.sowashco.org	8:40 a.m.-3:10 p.m.	✓
Hillside Elementary	8177 Hillside Trail S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	651-425-4000 hes.sowashco.org	8:40 a.m.-3:10 p.m.	✓
Liberty Ridge Elementary	11395 Eagle View Blvd. Woodbury, MN 55129	651-425-5900 lres.sowashco.org	9:20 a.m.-3:50 p.m.	✓
Middleton Elementary	9105 Lake Rd. Woodbury, MN 55125	651-425-4900 mes.sowashco.org	8:40 a.m.-3:10 p.m.	✓
Newport Elementary	651 6th Ave. Newport, MN 55055	651-425-4300 nes.sowashco.org	7:55 a.m.-2:25 p.m.	✓
Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion*	1021 Third Street St. Paul Park, MN 55071	651-425-3100 nfsi.sowashco.org	9:20 a.m.-3:50 p.m.	✓
Pine Hill Elementary	9015 Hadley Ave. S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	651-425-3900 phes.sowashco.org	8:40 a.m.-3:10 p.m.	✓
Pullman Elementary	1260 Selby Ave. St. Paul Park, MN 55071	651-425-3600 pes.sowashco.org	8:40 a.m.-3:10 p.m.	✓
Red Rock Elementary	3311 Commonwealth Ave. Woodbury, MN 55125	651-425-5600 rres.sowashco.org	9:20 a.m.-3:50 p.m.	✓
Royal Oaks Elementary	7335 Steepleview Rd. Woodbury, MN 55125	651-425-4700 roes.sowashco.org	7:55 a.m.-2:25 p.m.	✓
Valley Crossing Elementary*	9900 Park Crossing Woodbury, MN 55125	651-425-7500 vces.sowashco.org	9:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m.	✓
Woodbury Elementary	1251 School Dr. Woodbury, MN 55125	651-425-4600 wes.sowashco.org	8:40 a.m.-3:10 p.m.	✓
*Denotes magnet school and enrollment is determined by randomized lottery for those who applied. (Valley Crossing Elementary is also a boundary school, meaning students living within its boundary will go there and do not need to participate in the magnet school lottery.)				
Middle Schools				
Cottage Grove Middle School	9775 Indian Blvd. S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	651-425-6800 cgms.sowashco.org	7:50 a.m.-2:26 p.m.	
Lake Middle School	3133 Pioneer Dr. Woodbury, MN 55125	651-425-6400 lms.sowashco.org	7:50 a.m.-2:26 p.m.	
Oltman Middle School	6625 Goodview Ave. S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	651-425-3500 oms.sowashco.org	7:50 a.m.-2:26 p.m.	
Woodbury Middle School	1425 School Dr. Woodbury, MN 55125	651-425-4500 wms.sowashco.org	7:50 a.m.-2:26 p.m.	
High Schools				
East Ridge High School	4200 Pioneer Dr. Woodbury, MN 55129	651-425-2300 erhs.sowashco.org	8:30 a.m.-3:06 p.m.	
Park High School	8040 80th St. S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	651-425-3700 phs.sowashco.org	8:30 a.m.-3:06 p.m.	
South Washington Alternative High School	8400 E. Pt. Douglas Rd. S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	651-425-7000 swahs.sowashco.org	8:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.	
SoWashCo Online	8595 Central Park Place Woodbury, MN 55125	651-425-6356 online.sowashco.org	Varies	
Woodbury High School	2665 Woodlane Dr. Woodbury, MN 55125	651-425-4400 whs.sowashco.org	8:30 a.m.-3:06 p.m.	
18-22 Transition Program	7000 Jamaica Ave. S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	651-425-5101 nextstep.sowashco.org	Varies	

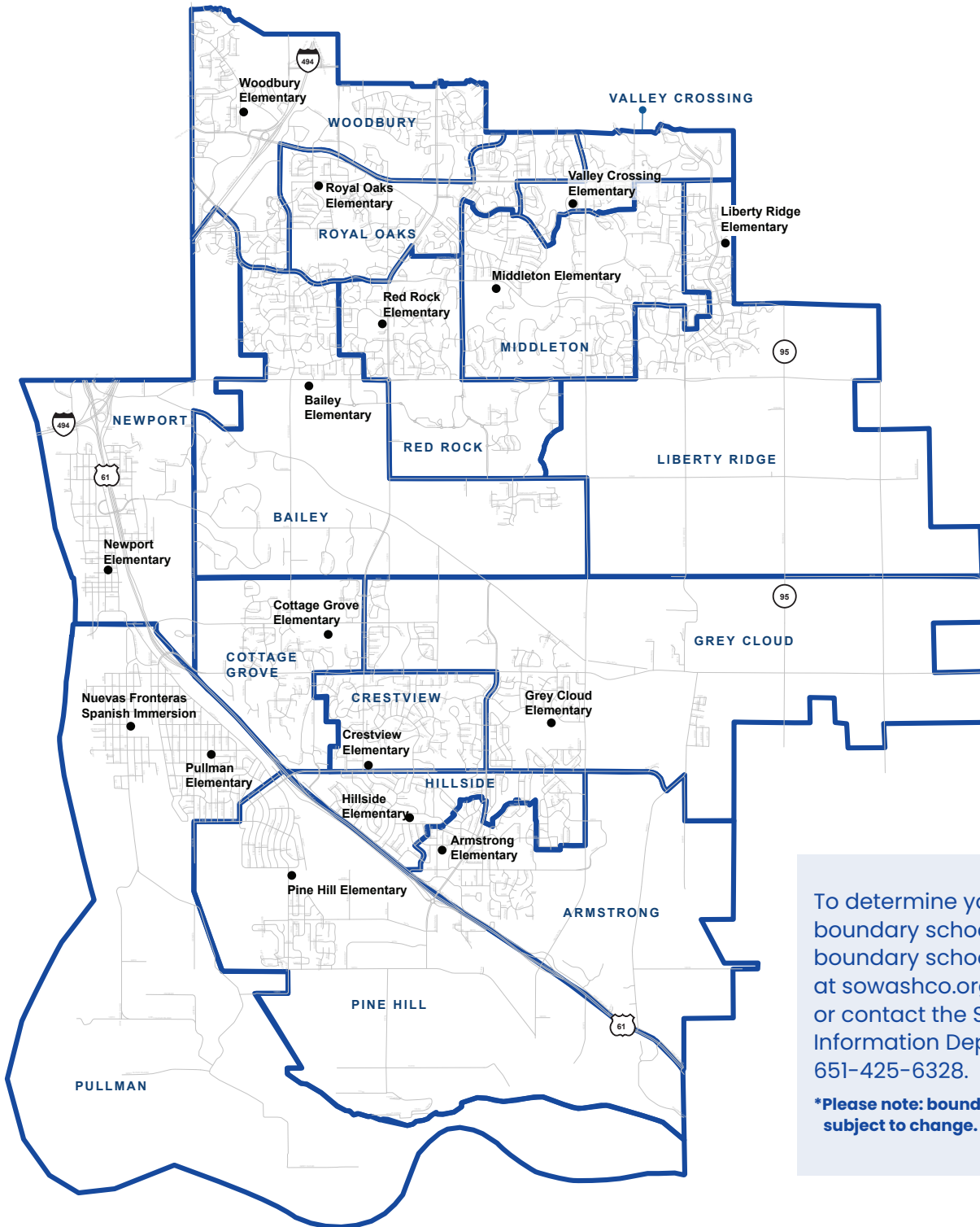
Elementary Schools



SoWashCo Schools has 16 elementary schools serving students in preschool through grade 5. During their first years in school, students will meet new friends, learn routines, develop problem-solving skills and build a foundation for success in future learning.

Get involved with your child's Parent Teacher Association (PTA)/Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)!

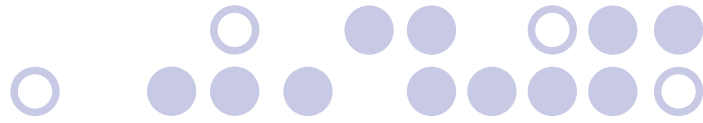
Visit the "Get Involved" tab on your school's website to learn how to support the PTA/PTO.



To determine your student's boundary school, use our boundary school calculator at sowashco.org/enroll or contact the Student Information Department at 651-425-6328.

***Please note: boundaries are subject to change.**

Magnet Schools



- Enrollment for Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion (NFSI) and Valley Crossing Multiage program is determined by a lottery process.
- Families will be notified of the results of the lottery in February.
- Families not selected in the lottery will be placed on a waiting list for the magnet program and enrolled in their boundary school.
- The priority enrollment **application deadline for the magnet programs is due by Friday, Feb. 6, 2026.** Families will be notified of lottery results in February.
- Families of students currently in grades K-4 who want to apply for one of SoWashCo Schools magnet programs for the 2026-27 school year must fill out an intra-district transfer form. Students will be admitted if space allows and eligibility requirements are met.

Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion (NFSI) offers a K-5 program where students learn core subjects in Spanish, developing bilingualism while meeting SoWashCo’s academic standards. Taught by fluent, licensed teachers, NFSI is the first step in a K-12 Spanish immersion pathway that builds language skills and cultural understanding.

Spanish Immersion Pathway			
Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion	→	Woodbury Middle School	→ Woodbury High School

Learn more about the Spanish Immersion program during our information night from 5-6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion.

The **Multiage Magnet Program** at Valley Crossing Elementary School groups students in two-year grade spans (K-1, 2-3, 4-5) to build lasting relationships and support continuous growth. Mixed-age classrooms allow teachers to personalize learning and meet each student’s academic and social-emotional needs.

Learn more about the multiage program during our information night from 5-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Valley Crossing Elementary.



Elementary Curriculum



The foundation for SoWashCo Schools' **Profile of a Graduate** begins in elementary school, where students develop habits and mindsets that prepare them for future success. Young learners build **resilience** by viewing mistakes as opportunities to grow and persist through challenges. They become **effective communicators** through collaboration and active listening, and **critical thinkers** by asking questions and solving problems creatively. Elementary experiences also nurture **social consciousness**, helping students understand and respect diverse perspectives. Above all, a sense of curiosity and joy in discovery lays the groundwork for becoming **lifelong learners** who continue to grow and contribute to their communities.



Elementary After-School Clubs and Activities

Students can explore their interests and develop leadership skills through diverse clubs, activities and programs such as Student Ambassadors, Kindness Club, targeted services and more.

Elementary school athletics and recreation are run through Community Education.

Subject
Math
English Language Arts
Science
Health
Social Studies
Social Emotional
Art
Media
Physical Education
Music



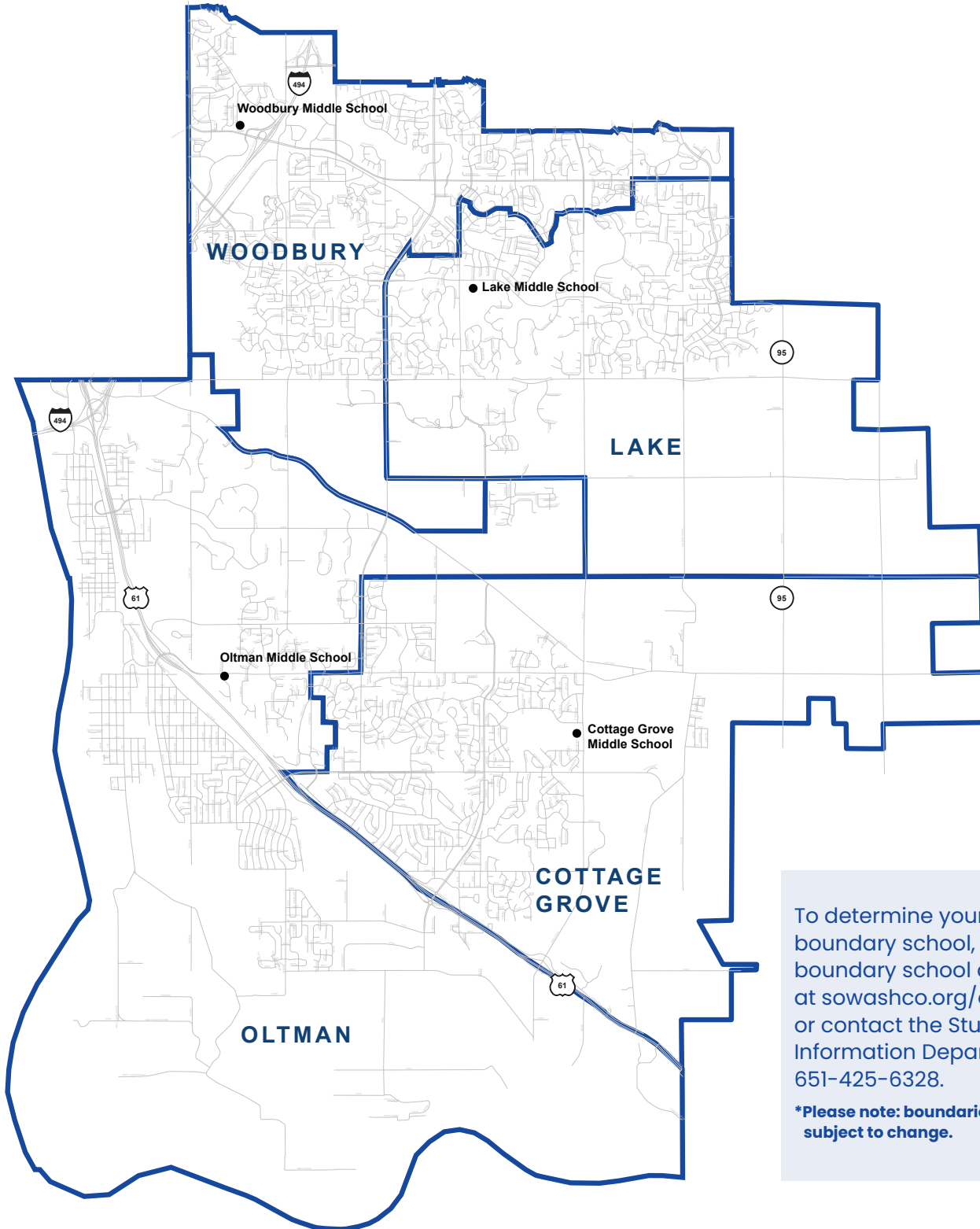
Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Core Learning - Curricular resources and outcomes are consistent across all elementary schools.					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data and Probability • Spatial Reasoning • Patterns and Relationships 					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundational Skills • Vocabulary Development • Reading Comprehension • Writing for a variety of purposes • Speaking, Listening and Collaboration 					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Science • Life Science • Earth and Space Science • Science and Engineering Practices 					
Learn healthy habits through good nutrition, movement, setting goals and understanding our body's different systems.					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nervous system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digestive system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endocrine system • Reproductive system • Puberty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immune system • Reproductive system • Puberty
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family and Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities and Culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People and the Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient World 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contemporary World 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early American Studies
Recognize feelings, manage emotions and behavior, build positive relationships, follow routines, resolve problems respectfully and make safe choices that support individual well-being.					
Specialist Learning					
Learn to safely use art supplies, create artwork inspired by exploration and personal experiences. Learn to reflect and revise in progress work to complete a project. Develop artistic ideas using social, cultural or personal themes.					
Learn how to use the library, explore different genres of books and literature, practice digital safety, learn research databases, typing skills and simple coding, build science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) knowledge and use the Makerspace to design and create.					
Develop basic and advanced movement skills, learn about fitness and skills to take charge of personal health, teamwork skills and strategies and build personal confidence.					
Explore and share musical sounds by signing, moving and playing instruments. Build skills to understand rhythmic or melodic patterns and sing and play songs from different genres, cultures and eras.					

View detailed curriculum descriptions at sowashco.org/academics.

Middle Schools



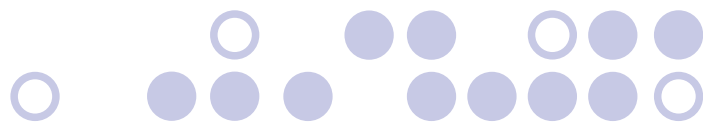
SoWashCo Schools has four middle schools serving students in grades 6-8. Middle School students will build on the educational foundations of elementary school to help prepare them for high school and beyond. Students will learn independence, time management, problem-solving, critical thinking and decision-making skills.



To determine your student's boundary school, use our boundary school calculator at sowashco.org/enroll or contact the Student Information Department at 651-425-6328.

***Please note: boundaries are subject to change.**

Middle School Daily Schedule



Period	Time
Students start to arrive/breakfast	7:30–7:45 a.m.
Homebase	7:50–8:10 a.m.
1	8:14–9:07 a.m.
2	9:11–10:04 a.m.
3*	10:08–11:05 a.m.
4*	11:08 a.m.–12:28 p.m.
5*	12:32–1:27 p.m.
6	1:31–2:26 p.m.

*Students have 30 minutes scheduled for lunch during periods 3, 4 or 5. Times for lunches depend on the school's master schedule.

Middle School Curriculum

Subject	6th Grade		7th Grade	8th Grade
English Language Arts	Critical thinking, listening and communicating effectively, literature and discussions			
Social Studies	Minnesota Studies		United States Studies	Global Studies
Math (Students are evaluated and placed at the end of 5th and 7th grade for the upcoming school year)	Pathway A:	Math 6 →	Pre-Algebra →	Middle School Algebra
	Pathway B:	Math 6 →	Pre-Algebra →	High School Intermediate Algebra
	Pathway C:	Pre-Algebra →	High School Intermediate Algebra →	High School Geometry
Science	Earth and Space Science		Life Science	Physical Science
Encore Courses (One per trimester)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art 6 • Communication Arts and Reading Strategies • Coding/Computer Science 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art 7 • STEM 7 • Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art 8 • STEM 8 College and Career Readiness
Music Courses (Choose One)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band • Choir • Orchestra 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band • Choir • Orchestra 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band • Choir • Orchestra
Physical Education/Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhyEd: Build motor skills, heart and muscle strength, team building and cooperation. • Health: Understanding the impact of physical, emotional and mental health on body. Maintain healthy habits. 			
World Language				Spanish

Camp 6 Tuesday, Sept. 8

Students entering grade 6 will attend their middle school on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026, and will go over their schedules, meet teachers, get their Chromebook, tour the school, find and open their locker and more.

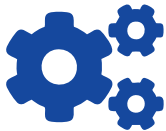
Profile of a Graduate

Graduates of South Washington County Schools (SoWashCo Schools) will have a strong foundation of knowledge and the drive to connect that knowledge to the world around them. They embody the spirit of lifelong learning, constantly seeking opportunities to improve themselves, their community, and the world at large.



Resilient

- **Growth Mindset:** View setbacks as opportunities for growth, understanding that one experience doesn't dictate future outcomes.
- **Problem-Solving Skills:** Believe in their ability to tackle complex challenges and persevere.
- **Self-Regulation:** Manage their emotions, thoughts, and behaviors.



Critical Thinker

- **Think Critically:** Actively analyze, process, and evaluate information to form their own well-reasoned thoughts.
- **Apply Knowledge Effectively:** Conceptualize and synthesize information, applying it to new situations and challenges.
- **Solve Problems Creatively:** Approach challenges with a growth mindset and utilize innovative thinking to find effective solutions.



Socially Conscious

- **Develop Positive Social Identities:** Develop positive social identities based on their membership in multiple groups in society, and express pride, confidence, and healthy self-esteem, while respecting the identities of others.
- **Demonstrate Compassion and Understanding:** Demonstrate empathy for others, understand social norms, and recognize various perspectives and points of view based upon individual experiences and beliefs.
- **Navigate Diverse Cultural Spaces:** Acknowledge culture, understanding how individuals negotiate their own identities in various settings.

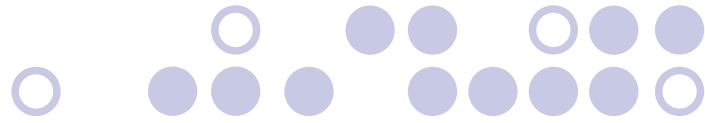


Communicator

- **Build and Maintain Positive Relationships:** Establish and nurture healthy, supportive relationships with others.
- **Communicate Effectively:** Navigate diverse social settings with clear communication, active listening, and collaborative problem-solving.
- **Resolve Conflict Constructively:** Possess the skills to negotiate conflict and find mutually beneficial solutions.



Student Support Services



Special Education and 504 Services

All of our schools offer services and accommodations to students who have been identified as needing an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a 504 plan.

Talent Development Advanced Academics

SoWashCo Schools meets students' needs at all education levels. For students in grades 3 and up who are exceeding benchmarks, we offer curriculum that will help them reach the next benchmark. These services are offered through cluster classrooms where students are grouped with other students of the same or similar abilities or through the Gateway Program, where all students in a classroom are of similar ability.

AVID

SoWashCo Schools begins teaching AVID to elementary students. AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) teaches students foundational skills for success such as organization, collaboration and writing. It uses tools that promote high-level thinking to prepare students for college and careers.

English Learner Program

SoWashCo Schools provides English Learner (EL) services for students whose primary language is not English. During the enrollment process, SoWashCo Schools gathers information about a student and family's language background.

Families who identify a home language other than English will have their child screened to determine if they qualify for EL services.



Student Support Services continued



Health Services

SoWashCo Schools health services staff work to eliminate and minimize health-related barriers to learning.

- **Prescription Medication Distribution:** Health services personnel dispense medication to students in need of medication during school hours. Families must complete the parental permission form, have a health care provider sign the form and follow all other requirements listed at sowashco.org/services/health.
- **Required Immunizations:** The Minnesota School Immunization Law (Minn. Statute 121A.15) requires all students enrolled in school to be protected from childhood diseases by receiving immunizations. This includes students enrolled in preschool–grade 12, Kids Club, alternative programs and homeschool programs. Immunization dates for your student or a medical or non-medical exemption must be shared with the school health office before the first day of school. See a full list of required immunizations and exemption forms on our website at sowashco.org/services/health.



Nutrition Services

Free Meals

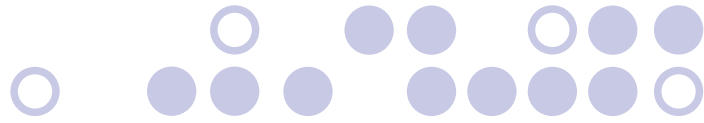
Students are provided with healthy and nutritious meals that meet or exceed USDA standards. Every menu consists of whole grains, lean protein, fruit and/or vegetables and milk each day. Every student enrolled in SoWashCo Schools is eligible to receive free breakfast and lunch in accordance with the State of Minnesota’s Free School Meals law. Students must take specific items during breakfast and lunch to qualify for a free meal.

Educational Benefits

All families are encouraged to apply for Education Benefits every year. Households that qualify will receive discounted or free services both in and out of school. Even if a family doesn’t qualify, their application could provide additional funding for their school. Online applications can be found at sowashco.org/services/nutrition.



Transportation



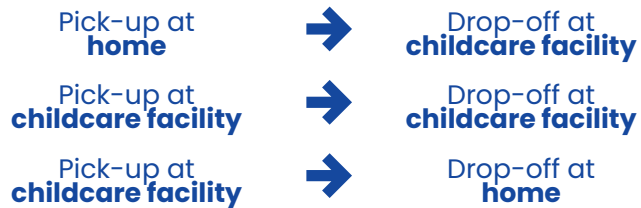
SoWashCo Schools utilizes an opt-in system for transportation. Each year, families are asked if they would like to receive busing for their student for the following school year, if eligible. Families enrolling their child will be asked during the enrollment process.

Bus route information for those who are eligible for transportation will be posted in Campus Parent Portal at the end of August.

Please review transportation eligibility guidelines at sowashco.org/transportation.

Child Care Transportation

Students who will be in grades K-5 are eligible to be considered for an alternate bus stop for childcare purposes. The licensed childcare provider must be located in the same boundary school attendance area where the child is enrolled. **The pick-up and drop-off locations must be the same location each morning and afternoon.**



Kids Club

Kids Club is a fee-based child care program offered before and after school, and during the summer. It is available at all elementary schools for students in K-5.

Kids Club Online Registration

Summer 2026 Registration

(for students currently in grades K-5):

9 a.m., Monday, Jan. 26 through 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2026

2026-27 School Year Registration for New Participants

(for students entering grades K-5):

9 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2026

*Registration will remain open until all spaces are filled.



Community Education



SoWashCo Community Education offers classes and activities at most of our schools.

Learning opportunities for people of all ages.

- Youth, Teen and Adult Athletics and Enrichment Classes
- Adult Education
- Kids Club
- Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)
- Preschool



Learn More

To learn more about SoWashCo Community Education programming or to view our latest catalog visit commed.sowashco.org



Family Calendar

2026-27 School Year

Important Dates

Event Information	Grades
SEPTEMBER	
3 Assessment Day	K-5
8 First Day of School	6, 9
8 Assessment Day	K-5
9 First Day of School	K-5, 7-8, 10-12
28 No School	K-12
OCTOBER	
14 No School	K-5
14 Pre-ACT and Practice ACT Testing	10, 11
14 Complete Schoolwork at Home Day	9, 12
14 Normal School Day	6-8
15-16 No School - Fall Break (MEA)	K-12
NOVEMBER	
3 No School - Professional Development	K-5
26-27 No School - Employee Holiday	K-12
DECEMBER	
3 End of Trimester 1	K-12
4 No School - Teacher Work day	K-12
23-31 No School - Winter Break	K-12
JANUARY	
1-4 No School - Winter Break	K-12
18 No School - MLK Jr. Day	K-12
FEBRUARY	
12 No School - Professional Development	K-12
15 No School - Presidents Day	K-12
MARCH	
11 End of Trimester 2	K-12
12 No School - Teacher Workday	K-12
15-19 No School - Spring Break	K-12
26 No School - Employee Holiday	K-12
APRIL	
16 No School - Professional Development	K-12
20 ACT and Science MCA Testing	9-12
20 Complete Schoolwork at Home Day (if not participating in testing)	9-12
MAY	
31 No School - Employee Holiday	K-12
JUNE	
9 Last Day of School, End of Trimester 3	K-12

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SCHOOLS

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JULY 2027							
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First or Last Day of School
 No School for Students
 Important Date

Last Updated: Oct. 29, 2025
Calendar is subject to change



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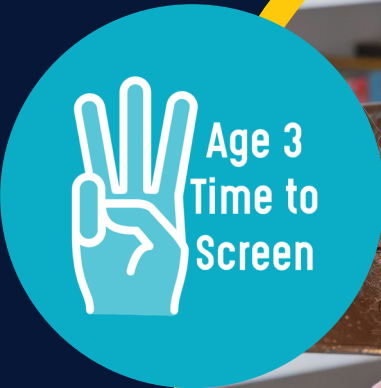
Enroll Online at sowashco.org/enroll

Early Childhood Screening is a free and simple check of how your child is growing, developing and learning.

Families are recommended to have their child screened at age 3. Early Childhood Screening is required by the State of Minnesota for any child entering Kindergarten in a public school and in SoWashCo Schools required before enrollment in 4s Preschool (Sunny Scholars) program.

During screening a trained professional will check:

- Thinking, language and communication skills
- Social and emotional development
- Vision and hearing
- Height and weight
- Large and small muscles
- Immunization history



If your child has not yet been screened and is between the ages of 3 and 5, please **schedule an appointment at sowashco.org/screening**.

