

**WEST BEND  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
UPDATE**

**BACK TO SCHOOL  
ISSUE**



## August 13, 2025

### Busing Update

Thank you for completing back-to-school registration for your child(ren). Registration is a very important step in the various back-to-school activities.

The West Bend School District and GoRiteway are targeting Thursday, August 21 for completion of bus routes. At that time, an email will be sent to all families with an update. Routes will be available for viewing in Skyward. (Early Learning Program busing schedules will be out on September 1.)

If you have a specific busing request that was not made as part of your registration prior to August 8, it may take several weeks for GoRiteway to process.



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### Haven't Completed Registration?

If you have not yet completed back-to-school registration, please take care of this as soon as possible for each student in the family. Use Skyward Family Access to review, update, and verify

child and family information, request busing if applicable, pay fees, and more. [SKYWARD LINK AND REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS](#)

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## Meet and Greets Are on August 27

- Jackson, Decorah, Fair Park: Wednesday, August 27 4-6 p.m.
- Silverbrook and Badger: Wednesday, August 27 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- East and West New Students and Freshmen Mini-Day: Wednesday, August 27 12:00-3:30 p.m
- East and West: Wednesday, August 27 4:30-6:30 p.m.



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## Start of the School Year

On Tuesday, September 2, all students in grades kindergarten through 12 will return to school for the 2025-2026 school year. All Early Learning Program students will return on Monday, September 8. [Check the website](#) for school picture days (if they have not already been completed) and school supply lists.



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## School Day Start and End Times

- Decorah, Green Tree, Jackson, McLane: 8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Fair Park: 8:15 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Silverbrook: 8:00 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.
- Badger: 7:55 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
- East and West: 7:15 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.



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## School Year Calendars

[2025-2026 Calendar for Grades 4K-12](#) ([check website](#) for the calendar in Spanish and other languages)



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## Phone Numbers and Websites

Early Learning Program: 262-335-5472 [west-bend.k12.wi.us/ELP](http://west-bend.k12.wi.us/ELP)

Decorah: 262-335-5480 [west-bend.k12.wi.us/DES](http://west-bend.k12.wi.us/DES)

Fair Park: 262-335-5515 [west-bend.k12.wi.us/FPES](http://west-bend.k12.wi.us/FPES)

Green Tree: 262-335-5520 [west-bend.k12.wi.us/GTES](http://west-bend.k12.wi.us/GTES)

Jackson: 262-335-5475 [west-bend.k12.wi.us/JES](http://west-bend.k12.wi.us/JES)

McLane: 262-335-5490 [west-bend.k12.wi.us/MES](http://west-bend.k12.wi.us/MES)

Silverbrook: 262-335-5500 [west-bend.k12.wi.us/SIS](http://west-bend.k12.wi.us/SIS)

Badger: 262-335-5455 [west-bend.k12.wi.us/BMS](http://west-bend.k12.wi.us/BMS)

East: 262-335-5530 [west-bend.k12.wi.us/EHS](http://west-bend.k12.wi.us/EHS)

West: 262-335-5570 [west-bend.k12.wi.us/WHS](http://west-bend.k12.wi.us/WHS)

West Bend School District: 262-306-4800 [west-bend.k12.wi.us/district](http://west-bend.k12.wi.us/district)

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## Keep on Hand: Handbook and Other Items

The West Bend School District Student and Family Handbook 2025-2026 includes detailed information on a variety of topics. [Take a look](#) and keep the link handy. Valuable supplemental documents are also available:

### Safety Reminders

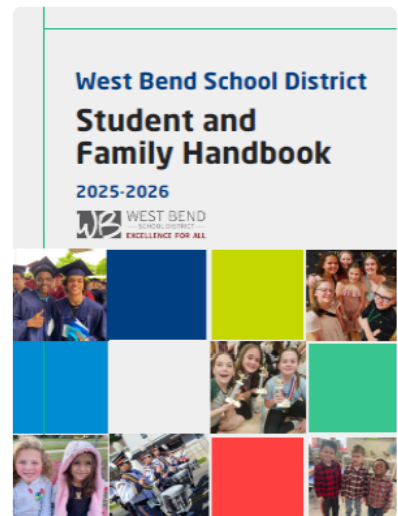
The West Bend Schools uses a Standard Response Protocol for school safety and emergencies. It is helpful to family members to be aware of the protocol's common language. [Please keep this document on hand.](#)

### Effective Communication

Knowing who to contact with questions and other issues helps to save time and effort. Please use this [effective communication document](#).

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## Financial Assistance for Meals



The School Nutrition Department is accepting applications for the Free and Reduced Meal Program for the 2025-2026 school year. Anyone who qualified for the program last year must reapply for this school year. This [quick and easy confidential application](#) takes just a few minutes to complete.

Additionally, all school fees can be waived for those families qualifying for free or reduced meal status. [Complete the confidential application](#). If your family qualifies for free or reduced-price meals and fees, a nutrition department staff member will contact you. Please contact Tom Dembski at [tdembski@wbsd-schools.org](mailto:tdembski@wbsd-schools.org) or 262-335-5528 if you need assistance.

**Student Costs Waiver:** Please contact Christine Ringel at [cringel@wbsd-schools.org](mailto:cringel@wbsd-schools.org) to set up a payment plan or to complete a [student costs waiver](#) to request a waiver of fees if a Free and Reduced Meal application is not going to be completed.

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## Fall High School Athletics Schedules

Review the detailed fall athletics schedules for:

[East Athletics](#)

[West Athletics](#)

If your family attends multiple events, a family pass can save money on tickets. The passes can be purchased by contacting the [East](#) and [West](#) Athletic Departments.

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## Other News



# DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

## Construction Update

Construction is moving at a good pace at Green Tree and McLane, with all projects that were scheduled to be completed by the beginning of the school year on schedule. The month of August has featured the “build back” stages of the project, with lots of exciting progress made.



- Drywall is being hung at both schools, in the classroom restrooms and office spaces at Green Tree and throughout McLane.
- The first set of hollow metal door frames have also been installed at both schools.
- Floors are being prepared around both schools for new floor tile install.
- McLane steel stud framing in the lower-level restrooms is complete.

The next major projects are new window installation, painting, and ceiling grid installation. We are

excited to show the students, staff, and families the new changes in the schools when the school year begins.

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## Board Meeting Recap

The West Bend School Board held a regular meeting on Monday, August 11. The board recognized members of the West Girls Track and Field team for their participation at the state meet. They passed the Consent Agenda with Minutes of the July 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting; Contracts; Resignations; Supplemental Work Pay Rates; Agreement Modification with Eppstein Uhen Architects (EUA): Fixed Fee Amount for Green Tree and McLane Projects; and Disbursements posted to August 8. The Curriculum Committee and Superintendent's Reports were given.

The board discussed Employee Health Care Access & Affordability Opportunities, and took action on Book Club Consideration for *The Glass Castle* and *The Color Purple*.

If you are interested in reviewing the details of the meeting, [see this tutorial](#) on how to access the agenda with links to the supporting documents. A [video of the meeting](#) is available.

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## Community Connections

### Community Bulletin Board

There are various events and activities available on the WBSD's [Community Bulletin Board](#)!

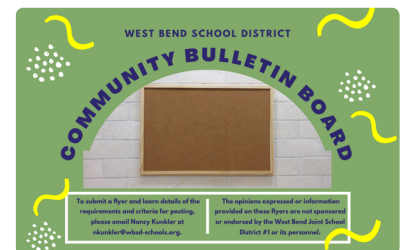
#### Athletics

West Bend East Dance Clinic  
East Junior Suns Boys Basketball  
Free Swim Lessons at YMCA  
West Jr. Sparties Volleyball

FC Wisconsin Fall Minis Program (Soccer)  
West Boys Basketball Youth Programs: 3 & 4 Grade and 5-8 Grades  
West Boys Basketball Golf Outing

#### Other:

John McGivern Show by Columns for Scholarships  
School Supply Drive at The Hub  
Volunteer Center Do Good Bus Opportunities  
Volunteer Center One Pan Wonders Event  
Volunteer Center Taste and Learn Nonprofit Fair  
Riveredge Nature Center Fall Events  
Washington County 4H Open House



Menomonee Falls Children's Choir  
Blue Lotus Days for Children with Special Needs  
Cub Scouts Pack 3787 Summer Meet Ups  
MOWA Summer Family Fun  
Youth and Family Project Parent Education Support Groups



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