



The Memorial Way

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Welcome to the Memorial Attendance area in the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD)

Spanning from the shores of Lake Mendota to the Verona area, the Vel Phillips Memorial attendance area encompasses a diverse range of neighborhoods, including the communities of Orchard Ridge, Midvale Heights and Hawks Landing to name a few. The far west side offers a unique blend of natural beauty, easy access to parks, trails and outdoor recreation allowing for opportunities to get involved with a variety of activities and connect with neighbors. With deep alumni ties and a strong focus on its mantras of "Make Good Decisions" and "Dream Big Dreams," students are inspired to excel both academically and personally. Here, students are inspired to embrace learning, make positive contributions to society and carry forward the values that have shaped the area's proud legacy. Vel Phillips Memorial High School also fosters a spirit of curiosity and discovery with its own school planetarium.

Learn.

The Memorial attendance area offers an engaging learning environment, with new middle and elementary school buildings set to open in the coming years. Additionally, the recently renovated high school is expanding opportunities across the arts, sciences, technology and co-curricular activities, helping students discover their interests and reach their full potential.

Belong.

At Huegel Elementary, the new step team has become a powerful symbol of belonging. What began as a single performance quickly grew into a committed group of students practicing daily, supporting each other and building deep friendships. School clubs, like this, foster unity and help students thrive by creating a strong sense of community.

Thrive.

Students in the Memorial attendance area thrive through strong Career and Technical Education opportunities, like the newly accredited Automotive Service Excellence program at Memorial High School. Recent upgrades, including new labs and classrooms, provide hands-on, industry-standard training that prepares students for successful careers in automotive service.



Spring Harbor Middle School Among the Top-Ranked in Wisconsin

U.S. News & World Report

DLI - Dual Language Immersion Program
DBE - Developmental Bilingual Education

Memorial Attendance Area Elementary Schools:

- 1 Anana Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **449**
Programs Offered: Half-Day 4K, DLI
- 2 Chávez Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **594**
Programs Offered: Half-Day 4K, DLI
- 3 Crestwood Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **292**
Programs Offered: Half-Day 4K
- 4 Huegel Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **416**
Programs Offered: Full-Day 4K, Half-Day 4K, Community School
- 5 Muir Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **376**
Programs Offered: Full-Day 4K, Half-Day 4K
- 6 Olson Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **489**
Programs Offered: Full-Day 4K, Half-Day 4K
- 7 Orchard Ridge Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **243**
Programs Offered: Full-Day 4K, Community School
- 8 Stephens Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **421**
Programs Offered: Full-Day 4K, Half-Day 4K, Spanish for Native Speakers 4K, DBE

Memorial Attendance Area Middle Schools:

MMSD middle schools offer a variety of clubs based on student interest, including academics, arts, music, drama, sports and more. After-school team sports, such as cross country, volleyball, soccer, basketball, flag football and ultimate frisbee, are also available. Competition is among MMSD middle schools.

- 9 Gillespie Middle**
Grades: **6 - 8th Grade**
Enrollment: **538**
Program Offered: DLI, DBE
- 10 Spring Harbor Middle**
Magnet School -Admission via application lottery
Grades: **6 - 8th Grade**
Enrollment: **264**
- 11 Toki Middle**
Grades: **6 - 8th Grade**
Enrollment: **455**

Memorial Attendance Area High School Options:

MMSD offers a wide range of clubs, organizations and opportunities in music, theater, leadership, career exploration and athletics. Its athletic teams compete in the WIAA Big Eight Conference at the Division 1 level.

- 12 Vel Phillips Memorial High**
Grades: **9 - 12th Grade**
Enrollment: **1,943**
Offerings: 25 AP Courses, 4 Dual Enrollment Courses, 12 Honors Courses, Early College Biomedical Academy, Early College Networking & Cybersecurity Academy, Running Start: Personalized Academy, Early College Education Academy, Early College STEM Academy, Start College Now and the Early College Credit Program, Nursing Assistant programs and DLI

District Wide Alternative High Schools:

Capital High
Grades: **9 - 12th Grade**
Enrollment: **99**
Offering Standards-aligned curriculum, smaller learning groups and flexible schedules.

Shabazz City High
Grades: **9 - 12th Grade**
Enrollment: **102**
Offering a unique educational experience with project-based learning, non-traditional schedules, experiential opportunities and an emphasis on community, skill development and identity exploration.

Stories from the Memorial Attendance Area:



New Career and Tech Ed Mentorship Program Gives Students Real-World Experience —

A new partnership between Vel Phillips Memorial High School and a national organization is building up students' professional experience in the architecture, construction and engineering and automotive fields.



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Middle School Teacher Adds the Positive to Math Class —

Seventh-grade math teacher Pam Ziemlewicz knows that multiplying fractions and calculating percentages are not the only problems middle school students face. As students find their identity and navigate "the weirdness" that comes with adolescence, Ziemlewicz helps them grow academically.



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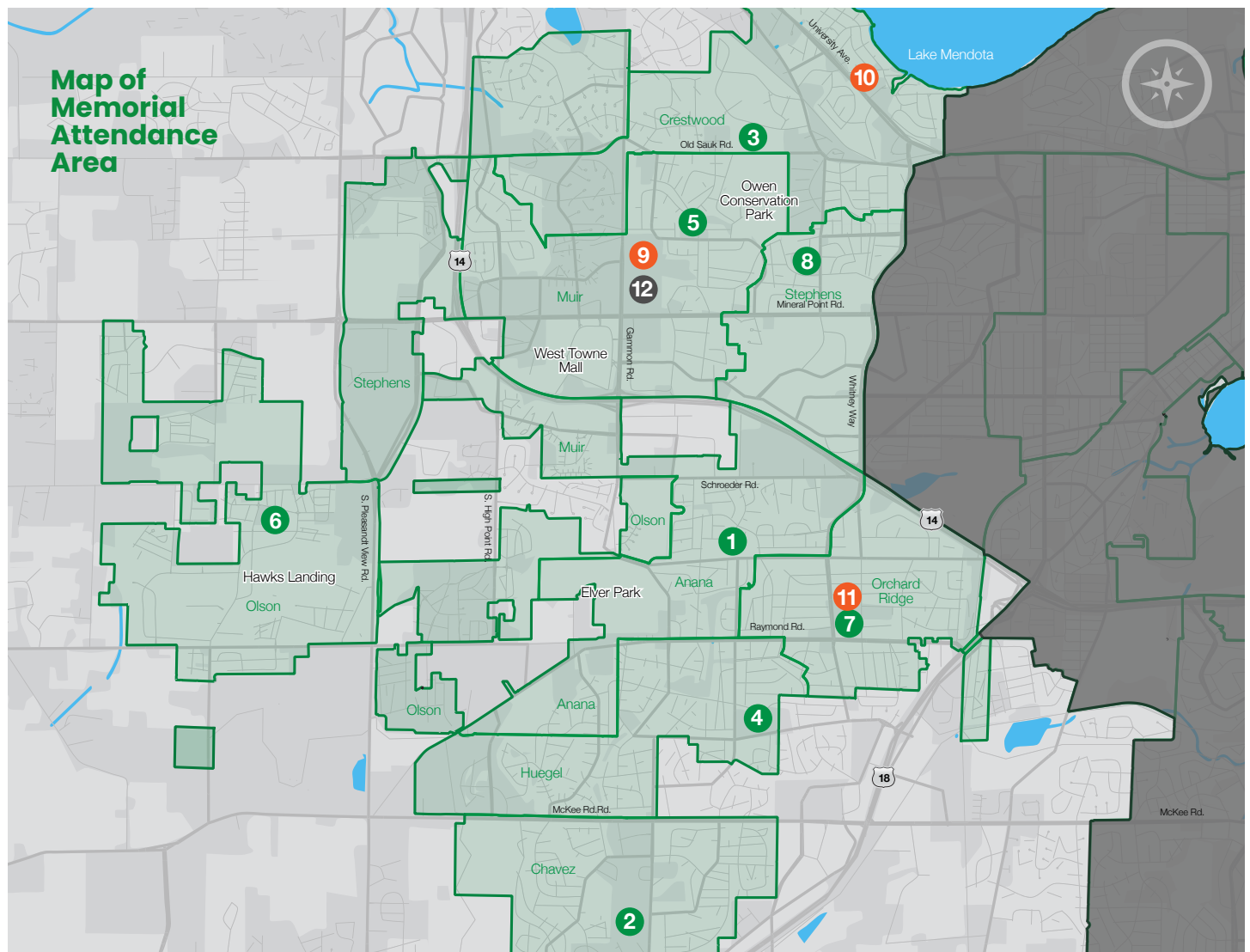


Muir Elementary Art Classes Weave Literacy Into Projects —

Art teacher Amy Wilson is weaving an innovative approach to literacy and art in her Muir Elementary classes. By pairing picture books with each new art project, she's creating a space where students not only create art but connect with stories that shape their creativity and build social-emotional learning skills.



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"I love teaching finance because I think it's something that students can see themselves doing when they take the class, and the work we have students do is geared toward their future."

– Sacia Wheeler, personal finance teacher, Vel Phillips Memorial High School

Financial Literacy Requirement Teaches Students Community-Ready Skills —"Let's pretend that you have a wealthy grandma who, on your 10th birthday, offered to buy 100 shares of the stock of your choosing."

That was a scenario Sacia Wheeler has students working on in her Personal Finance class at Memorial High School. Students are learning to analyze and invest in stocks. This is one of many financial lessons Wheeler teaches students.

"The course is designed to equip students with the necessary skills needed to succeed," she said. "We're trying to make it as individualized as possible, based on their future, not just a one-size-fits-all approach."



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Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) is the place where your child will truly thrive. We welcome all children and foster a strong sense of belonging, ensuring every student feels valued and supported.

At MMSD, we believe in exploring a wide range of interests and providing opportunities that help students discover their passions, talents and unique potential. From arts to sciences, technology to sports, there's something for every child to explore and grow!

We're proud to have the support of our community, with newly renovated high schools, a new elementary school and 10 new buildings coming soon. These modern spaces create an environment for future-ready opportunities that will set your child up for success!

District wide:

87%
Graduation Rate

43
National Merit
Scholar
Semifinalists

61% of
students graduate
with some college
credits

5,500
Advanced
Placement Test
Registered 2025

750 Career
and Technical
Concentrators
class of 2022

54%
Co-curricular
participation



Memorial High School has more than 305,000 square feet of new additions and renovations thanks to the 2020 Referendum.

