



Eastside Pride

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Welcome to the East Attendance area in the Madison Metropolitan School District

The East attendance area serves a diverse and vibrant community, encompassing the unique neighborhoods of Atwood, Willy Street, Capitol/Downtown and Johnson. Known for its eclectic mix of funky shops, bohemian culture and creative energy, this area is one of Madison's most dynamic regions. Our schools reflect the very spirit of the community they serve — innovative, inclusive and deeply connected to the neighborhoods around them. Just as the East Side thrives on diversity and creativity, our educational approach embraces these same values, offering a learning environment that celebrates individuality, fosters creativity and prepares students to become engaged citizens. Together, we're shaping the future in a place where every student can thrive, inspired by the rich cultural tapestry of the community.

Learn.

The East attendance area provides an engaging learning environment. Four new school buildings are opening in the coming years. These modern spaces will expand opportunities across arts, sciences, technology and co-curriculars, helping students discover their interests and reach their full potential.

Belong.

Our Hmong bilingual program at Lake View Elementary and Black Hawk Middle School fosters belonging by offering up to 50% of core instruction in Hmong. This dual-language approach supports bilingualism, bi-literacy and cultural identity, empowering students to thrive academically while celebrating their heritage.

Thrive.

East High School, one of only seven AVID demonstration schools in Wisconsin, is recognized for its commitment to academic excellence. As a showcase site, East High hosts visitors to highlight how AVID practices prepare all students for success in college and beyond while helping them thrive.

Marquette Elementary School and Georgia O'Keeffe Middle School Among the Top-Ranked in Wisconsin

U.S. News & World Report



East Attendance Area Elementary Schools:

DLI - Dual Language Immersion Program
DBE - Developmental Bilingual Education

- 1 Emerson Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **297**
Programs Offered: Full-Day 4K
- 2 Gompers Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **202**
Programs Offered: Full-Day 4K, Community School
- 3 Hawthorne Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **339**
Programs Offered: Full-Day 4K, Full-Day Spanish for Native Speakers 4K, Community School, DBE
- 4 Lake View Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **307**
Programs Offered: Community School, Hmong Heritage Bilingual Program
- 5 Lapham Elementary**
Grades: **K - 2nd Grade**
Enrollment: **182**
Programs Offered: Full-Day 4K, Half-Day 4K, Community School
- 6 Lindbergh Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **169**
Programs Offered: Full-Day 4K
- 7 Lowell Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **314**
Programs Offered: Half-Day 4K
- 8 Marquette Elementary**
Grades: **3rd - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **173**
- 9 Mendota Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **285**
Programs Offered: Full-Day 4K, Community School
- 10 Sandburg Elementary**
Grades: **4K - 5th Grade**
Enrollment: **498**
Programs Offered: Full-Day 4K, Full-Day Spanish for Native Speakers 4K, Community School, DLI

East 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.

- 11 Sherman Middle**
Grades: **6 - 8th Grade**
Enrollment: **416**
Programs Offered: DLI, DBE
- 12 O'Keeffe Middle**
Grades: **6 - 8th Grade**
Enrollment: **415**
- 13 Black Hawk Middle**
Grades: **6 - 8th Grade**
Enrollment: **328**
Programs Offered: Hmong Heritage Bilingual Program

East 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.

- 14 East High**
Grades: **9-12th Grade**
Enrollment: **1,673**
Offerings: 27 AP Courses, 5 Dual Enrollment Courses, 12 Honors Courses, Personalized Pathways - Health Sciences, Information Technology and Communications, Early College Biomedical Academy, Early College Networking and 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 program, DLI and DBE.

District Wide Alternative High Schools:

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



East High School Theatre Program Secures Multiple Wins at State Competition — The “Eastside Players” took home several awards at the 2024 Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech and Dramatic Arts Festival. The team’s production of the one-act Country Gothic received the festival’s top prize, the Critic’s Choice Award.



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Sherman Middle School Teacher Inspires Next Generation of Musicians — For Kenny Ellis, music has always been more than just notes on a page — it’s been a lifelong passion. Now as a middle school band and orchestra teacher, Ellis brings energy, enthusiasm and a deep commitment to fostering a love of music in his students.



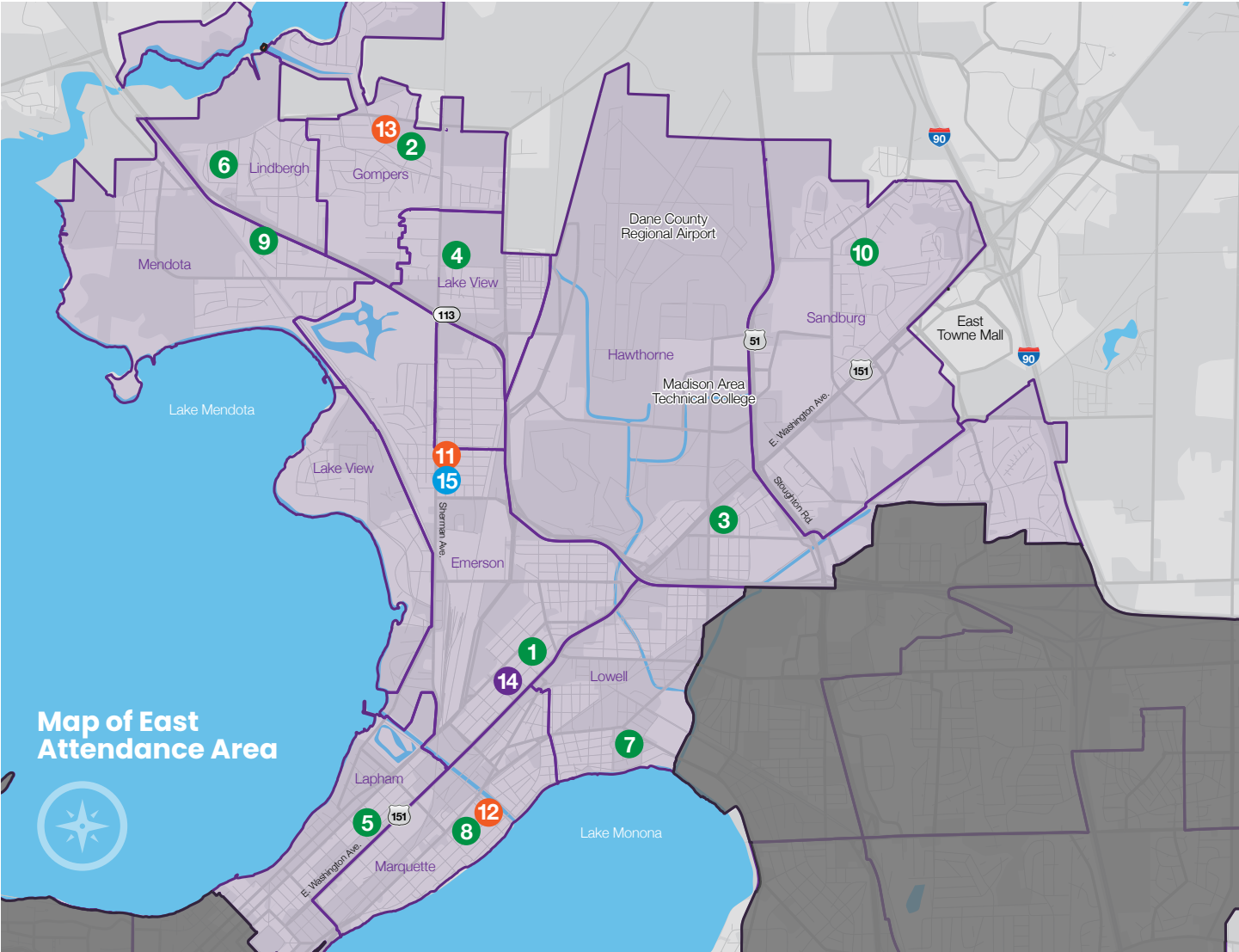
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From Imagination to Illustration — Shabazz Art and English Class Turns Mendota Elementary Kindergartners into Lead Characters of Their Own Book — For almost 30 years, Shabazz High School students have worked with kindergartners to create custom, handcrafted children’s books, growing connections and a love of reading.



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"I get to provide students with the gift of hindsight and give them some of the things that I've learned during my journey."

– Dr. André Small, business education teacher, Madison East High School

Investing in Student Success Pays Dividends for Business Education Teacher — Dr. André Small, a business education teacher at Madison East High School, shares his extensive career experience to engage students in personal finance and career exploration, preparing them for the future.

Small left an almost 30-year career in business management to become a teacher once he learned of the nationwide teacher shortage amid the COVID pandemic. Small said supporting the next generation with their finances has been "gratifying and rewarding ever since."



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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



**East High School has more than
321,300 square feet of new
additions and renovations thanks
to the 2020 Referendum.**

