



Kennedy Elementary

Grades: **K - 5th Grade** | Enrollment: **494** | Staff: **119**

Madison La Follette Attendance Area: Badger Rock/Whitehorse Middle Schools ► La Follette High School

Join Kennedy Elementary School and become part of a thriving, supportive community dedicated to the success of every student!



Learn.

Kennedy Elementary students show up and stay engaged. Our school-wide attendance rate of **89%** reflects our students' dedication and families' commitment to learning.

At Kennedy, our diversity is our strength. We are a welcoming, inclusive school where students of all backgrounds grow and learn together. Our focus on equity means that we are working to close the gap for our growing population of impacted students so we can accelerate learning for all.



Belong.

At Kennedy, students feel a strong sense of connection, trust and engagement with teachers and staff. According to the 2023-24 Climate Survey:

- **85%** of students feel that staff want them to succeed
- **83%** of students feel that adults are willing to help them
- **83%** of students enjoy their school experience
- **81%** student engagement



Thrive.

Kennedy fosters an inclusive environment and provides multi-tiered support systems, ensuring that every student, regardless of their ability or language, is given the resources needed to thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

The school offers a range of extracurricular activities, such as Girls on the Run, soccer, dance, Spanish classes and after-school programs through YMCA, ensuring that students have a well-rounded experience.

Start: 8:25 a.m.
Monday Early Release Dismissal: 2 p.m.
Dismissal: 3:20 p.m.

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“Kennedy is a vibrant community with dedicated staff who deeply care about each child.”

– Vanessa Kent, Principal

Our Mission and Special Offerings

At Kennedy, we are dedicated to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where every student can thrive. Our school offers a range of special programs designed to support learners of all abilities and language backgrounds. In addition to strong academics, students have access to enriching extracurricular opportunities such as dance, soccer, and Spanish, as well as after-school programming provided in partnership with the YMCA.

What Makes Us Special

Kennedy stands out for its deep-rooted community connections and strong support systems. We are proud of the partnerships we've built with local churches, which generously provide school supplies, clothing and volunteer support to help meet our students' needs. These relationships strengthen our school community and ensure families feel supported beyond the classroom.

An Inclusive and Culturally Rich Environment

Diversity is celebrated daily at Kennedy through art, music and stories that reflect the cultures and identities of all our students. This commitment to representation helps every child feel seen and valued. Our student services team has also been recognized district-wide for their leadership in implementing a multi-tiered system of supports, reinforcing our mission to provide equitable access to learning and success for every child.



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!

87%
Graduation Rate

43
National Merit
Semifinalists
(most in Wisconsin)

64%
of students graduate
with some college
credits

4,200
Advanced
Placement Taken
in 2025 with 80%
scoring 3 or higher

12
State Championships
for Career and
Technical Student
Organizations

190
WIAA Team State
Championships
(most in Wisconsin)

