



Dr. Virginia Henderson Elementary

Grades: **4K - 5th Grade** | Enrollment: **457** | Staff: **115**

Madison La Follette Attendance Area: Sennett Middle School ► La Follette High School

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



Learn.

Dr. Virginia Henderson Elementary proudly earned 3 stars – Meeting Expectations on the State Report Card!

Our students are making steady academic progress, especially in English Language Arts and Mathematics. With a growth score of **76.5**, Henderson ranks higher than over 72% of K-5 schools across Wisconsin, exceeding the state average.



Belong.

Families and students at Henderson Elementary feel supported and connected. According to the 2023–24 Climate Survey:

- **91%** of students report strong relationships with teachers
- **87%** student sense of belonging
- **89%** student engagement
- **88%** positive student experience



Thrive.

At Henderson Elementary, students don't just attend school—they grow, create, connect and thrive.

From their very first day in 4K through fifth grade, our students are supported by a passionate and collaborative team of educators, families and community partners. In a nurturing environment that emphasizes equity, engagement, and rigor, every child is seen, valued and empowered to reach their full potential.

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

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A Neighborhood School with Natural Connections

Our school serves a vibrant and diverse community across the Glendale, Bridge-Lakepoint-Waunona, Twin Oaks, Liberty Place and Secret Places neighborhoods. With one of the largest attendance areas in the district, we also serve students in the Kennedy and Elvehjem attendance areas through our Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program.

Henderson is uniquely located next to Edna Taylor Nature Park and the Aldo Leopold Nature Center—giving our students frequent opportunities to explore, learn and grow in the natural world right outside our doors.

Programs That Empower Every Learner

We offer exceptional programs that meet the needs of all learners, including a robust DLI program in English and Spanish, and the district's elementary program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. Every student from kindergarten through fifth grade participates in weekly STEAM makerspace sessions in our innovative FAB Lab.

Our Theater Club, in partnership with the Overture Center for the Arts, gives 3rd–5th grade students the chance to shine in a full school musical each spring. These unique offerings inspire creativity, confidence and collaboration.

Community, Collaboration and Tiger Pride

Topper the Tiger, our beloved mascot, represents the strength, kindness and curiosity of our students. Wearing our school colors—purple, white and orange—Henderson students show their pride in a school where relationships matter, diversity is celebrated and everyone belongs.

Supported by strong partnerships with local organizations like the Glendale Neighborhood Association, Bridge-Lakepoint-Waunona Community Center and Jung Garden Center, we connect learning with community. Our Parent Leadership Team and dedicated volunteers also help create a supportive and joyful school culture.



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)

