

Vel Phillips Memorial High School

Grades: **9 - 12th Grade** | Enrollment: **1,943** | Staff: **350**

At Vel Phillips Memorial High School, learning is rooted in academic rigor, relevance and real-world application. Helping to earn its ranking as one of the **Best Public High School in Wisconsin for College Prep** according to Niche. With 25 AP courses, 12 Honors options and a broad range of dual credit opportunities, Memorial students experience a dynamic curriculum that challenges them to grow academically while preparing for life beyond high school.



Learn.

Vel Phillips Memorial High School proudly earned **4 stars – Exceeds Expectations** on the State Report Card!

Memorial students continue to thrive academically, **earning growth scores of 92.6 in English Language Arts and 94.5 Mathematics**. These scores were the same or higher than 97.5% of 9-12 schools in the state.



Belong.

Memorial High provides a welcoming and engaging school environment. According to the 2023–24 Climate Survey:

- **89%** of students report strong relationships with teachers
- **83%** student sense of belonging
- **80%** student engagement
- **82%** positive student experience



Thrive.

Students at Memorial thrive as leaders, learners and changemakers. From the arts and athletics to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and service, students are supported to explore their interests and unlock their full potential. With **70% of the class of 2023 pursuing postsecondary education and 11 National Merit Semifinalists**, Memorial students are college, career and community ready.

Start: 8:15 a.m.
Dismissal: 3:37 p.m.

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memorial.madison.k12.wi.us

Pathways to College Credit

Memorial offers 8 dual enrollment courses in areas like Medical Terminology, Engineering Design and Business Technologies. Programs such as the Early College STEM and Biomedical Academies connect students with real-world experience and college credit.

Inclusive Learning

34% of Memorial students are identified English Learners, and 25% are Hispanic/Latino. Inclusive instruction a cornerstone of the school's approach. Seal of Biliteracy achievements and DLI (Dual Language Immersion) further enrich students' multilingual and multicultural learning.

Postsecondary Readiness

From UW–Madison and Marquette to the University of California–Berkeley, Memorial grads are prepared for success at top colleges. Personalized Academies and Start College Now give students a jump-start on college and career goals.

Success Outside the Classroom

Memorial students thrive in a school culture rich with extracurriculars, including championship athletics, vibrant performing arts and award-winning Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

Discover your spotlight at Madison Memorial High School, where students shine in dynamic music and theater programs, with multiple concerts, musicals and plays throughout the year—often earning recognition in the prestigious Jerry Awards!

As a Big Eight competitor, Memorial's athletic teams compete at the state level, offering 28 sports recognized by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.

In 2025, Memorial students excelled in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), with four students qualifying for nationals in areas like Business Communications and Public Service. The school also earned recognition in SkillsUSA and HOSA, with national qualifiers in health and leadership categories. Memorial offers students a comprehensive experience that supports academic and personal growth.



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
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)



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

