

Van Hise Elementary

Grades: **K - 5th Grade** | Enrollment: **396** | Staff: **58**

Madison West Attendance Area: Hamilton Middle Schools ► West High School

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



Learn.

Van Hise Elementary proudly earned **5 stars – Significantly Exceeds Expectations** on the State Report Card!

Our school achieved an outstanding Achievement score of **92.7**. **This score was the same or higher than 94.4% of K-5 schools in the state.**

We also earned a **growth score of 91.7**, demonstrating substantial year-over-year academic progress among our students.



Belong.

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

- **94%** of students report feeling safe and comfortable with teachers
- **93%** feel that teachers and staff are willing to help them
- **91%** are proud to be students at this school
- **90%** report being included in many school activities



Thrive.

Van Hise Elementary nurtures leadership skills through a unique program called PrinciPALS, which is led by the Principal and school psychologist. This initiative gives students creative freedom and real responsibility, allowing them to lead and contribute meaningfully to their school community.

With community-building events like park picnics and local restaurant fundraisers, students experience a supportive, inclusive environment that extends beyond the classroom.

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

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“Our students and their families are engaged, happy and surrounded by excellent, caring educators.”

– Becca Stein, Principal

A Community That Learns and Listens

Van Hise Elementary is more than a school; it's a responsive community that evolves to meet student needs. By actively listening to student voices, the staff tailors support to individual goals and challenges, reinforcing a sense of belonging and growth for every child.

A Commitment to Equity and Inclusive Practices

With a clear focus on equity, diversity and inclusion, Van Hise is intentional about dismantling barriers to student success. Our school engages in ongoing work to help ensure every student is seen, valued and given the tools they need to thrive.

A Neighborhood School with Big Opportunities

Serving the Hill Farms and Midvale Heights neighborhoods, Van Hise benefits from its proximity to parks, pools and the Hilldale shopping center. These amenities, combined with summer pool memberships and local outings, help foster a rich, connected student experience that extends well beyond the classroom walls.

A Strong PTO

Van Hise Elementary thrives with the support of a highly engaged Parent-Teacher Organization that plays a key role in enriching the student experience. From organizing events and community fundraisers to facilitating partnerships and extended learning opportunities, the PTO works hand-in-hand with staff to respond to student and teacher needs. Their involvement strengthens the connection between home and school, creating a united, well-resourced learning environment.



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)

