MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ezekiel Gillespie Middle

Grades: **6-8th Grade** | Enrollment: **580** | Staff: **80** | **DLI**

Madison Memorial Attendance Area: Vel Phillips Memorial High School

Join Ezekiel Gillespie Middle School and become part of a thriving, supportive community dedicated to the success of every student!

Learn.

Randall Elementary proudly earned **3 stars – Meets Expectations** on the State Report Card!

Gillespie scholars recently earned a growth score of 57.1 on the State Report Card, reflecting their strong academic commitment and continued progress.

Belong.

At Gillespie, students feel a strong sense of belonging at school and engagement in their learning. According to the 2023-24 Climate Survey:

- **92%** of students want to learn as much as they can at school
- **88%** of students feel the school's facilities and maintenance support learning
- **85%** of students feel connected to their classmates

Thrive.

In 2023, our school was renamed to Ezekiel Gillespie Middle School this fall in honor of the man who won Black men the right to vote in Wisconsin in the 1860s. Our students embody our namesake's committment to courage, perseverance and equality.

Gillespie offers Dual Language Immersion (DLI), English Language Instruction and enriching Career and Technical Education (CTE) and music courses at its neighboring Memorial High School.

Start: 9 a.m.
Monday Early Release Dismissal: 2:45 p.m.
Dismissal: 4:25p.m.

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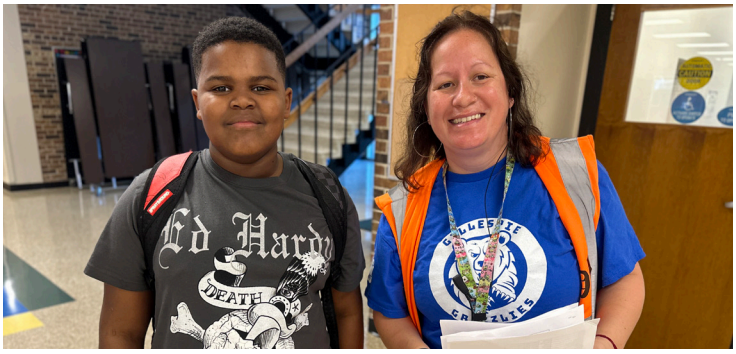
“We provide a high-quality education that fosters academic excellence, nurtures social and emotional well-being and prepares students for a successful future.”

– Melanie Thiel, Principal

Rooted in Community, Growing Future Leaders
Ezekiel Gillespie Middle School is a vibrant and inclusive learning community on Madison’s west side, serving grades 6–8. Guided by a mission to foster high expectations, empathy and perseverance, Gillespie helps scholars embrace their unique identities while striving for academic excellence. The school provides a strong foundation in academics and social-emotional learning, preparing students to be responsible learners and compassionate global community members.

Dynamic Learning and Enrichment Opportunities
At Gillespie, scholars grow through engaging instruction, culturally responsive teaching and hands-on experiences that connect learning to the real world. Beyond the classroom, students participate in enriching programs like Cooking Club, Drama Club, Grizzly Dancers, Intramural Sports and the Principal Advisory Council. Partnerships with Madison Schools and Community Recreation (MSCR), the Lussier Community Education Center and Schools of Hope provide robust after-school support, tutoring and leadership development.

Strong Connections, Lasting Impact
Community events like the Black History Month Dinner, Family academic excellence recognition, STEAM Fair and Spring Dance build a culture of pride and belonging. The active PTO and family partnerships help sustain a supportive school climate where every scholar is seen, heard and celebrated. Gillespie Middle School is a place where students thrive—academically, socially and personally.



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)