MADISON
METROPOLITAN
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lapham Elementary

Grades: **K - 2nd Grade** | Enrollment: **182** | Staff: **59**

Madison East Attendance Area: Marquette Elementary School ▶ O'Keeffe Middle School ▶ East High School

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

Learn.

Aligned with Common Core State Standards, our rigorous and challenging curriculum prepares every student for college, career and community.

At Lapham academic excellence is at the heart of everything we do, setting a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

Belong.

Lapham, families and staff feel a strong sense of connection, and engagement. According to the 2023-24 Climate Survey:

- **93%** of families report positive perceptions of student belonging
- **99%** of staff report that students are open and willing to seek help
- **96%** of staff report strong, positive relationships with families

Thrive.

Lapham Elementary is a dedicated school that proudly offers a comprehensive Full-Day 4K program.

Students and families connect and partner through a rich array of monthly activities that build strong community ties beyond the regular classroom.

Start: 7:35 a.m.
Monday Early Release Dismissal: 1:10 p.m.
Dismissal: 2:30 p.m.

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A Nurturing Start for Young Learners

As part of a unique partnership with Marquette Elementary, which serves grades 3–5, Lapham offers a focused and supportive environment designed specifically for early learners. This structure allows staff to specialize in foundational academic and social-emotional development, giving students the strong start they need to thrive in school and life. After 2nd grade, students transition seamlessly to Marquette Elementary, where they continue their learning journey in a familiar and caring community.

Enrichment Rooted in Curiosity and Care

At Lapham, students participate in engaging enrichment experiences like the school garden program, where they learn about sustainability and healthy eating through hands-on activities. After-school programming through Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR) offers additional opportunities for creative exploration and active play. With a low student-teacher ratio and a team dedicated to early childhood success, every child is known, supported and celebrated.

A Connected, Caring Community

Lapham's culture is built around strong relationships with families and the broader community. The school hosts a wide array of beloved events throughout the year, including the Literacy Night, Fine Arts Night, Read Your Heart Out, Earth Day Celebration and the Annual Family Brunch. Traditions like the Lapham Turkey Trot and Back to School Picnic bring joy and connection to students and families alike. Some of these events are made possible through the active support of the Lapham-Marquette Parent Teacher Group (PTG), which plays a vital role in shaping the school experience.

Support Through Strong Partnerships

Lapham's partnerships deepen its impact. The school collaborates with organizations like the PTG and Breathe for Change to support student well-being, teacher wellness and inclusive community-building. These connections help ensure that every scholar and every family feels welcome, valued and empowered.

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)