

VAN WERT CITY SCHOOLS

2026





OUR VISION

In partnership with our community, Van Wert City Schools will ensure that all students develop the knowledge, skills, and attributes they need to thrive in post-secondary education, careers, and civic life.

OUR MISSION

Van Wert City Schools will continue to be a source of Cougar Pride while providing each student a quality education through innovative instructional methods and technology.

OUR COMMUNITY

The Van Wert City School District is made up of two communities: the city of Van Wert (approximately 11,040 people) and the village of Ohio City (approximately 634 people) located in Van Wert County, Ohio. These communities are surrounded by farm ground with agriculture being a major industry in Van Wert County. A variety of industries and businesses offer employment for business, professional, skilled, and unskilled workers.

OUR DISTRICT

VAN WERT
EARLY
CHILDHOOD
CENTER

Pre K - K

VAN WERT
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

Grades 1 - 5

VAN WERT
MIDDLE
SCHOOL

Grades 6 - 8

VAN WERT
HIGH
SCHOOL

Grades 9 - 12

VAN WERT
SCHOOL
at the
GOEDDE

Alternative
Grades 6 - 12

VAN WERT EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Van Wert Early Childhood Center offers all-day preschool (with 2 or 3-day options based on age) from 8:10 AM to 2:40 PM, as well as all-day, every-day kindergarten from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The preschool program is rated “Gold” by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. As a play-based center, instruction is guided by required curricula including Grade Level Standards, Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, and the Literacy Collaborative Framework. Preschool also uses Creative Curriculum, while kindergarten incorporates UFLI phonics, Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, Big Ideas Math, Number Talks, and Being a Reader. All literacy programs align with the Science of Reading.



LC
Literacy
Collaborative
Framework



PBL
Play-Based
Learning



**ALL
DAY**
Preschool &
Kindergarten



PTO
Parent-Teacher
Organization



**GOLD-
RATED**
Step-Up to
Quality since
2016

VAN WERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Van Wert Elementary School serves students in grades 1–5 and offers a range of academic, health, and wellness programs, including the 100 Mile Club, Road Runners, WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students), and Jumpin' Jammers. With a strong focus on literacy through the Literacy Collaborative initiative, the school promotes academic growth and a love for learning. Van Wert Elementary School has earned the OAESA's Hall of Fame Award twice since 2017, and in 2023, Assistant Principal Tracy Wehner was named OAESA's Assistant Principal of the Year.



**CONNECTED
TO OUR
COMMUNITY**



**ROLE MODEL
READING
PROGRAM**



**STUDENT
HEALTH &
WELLNESS
INITIATIVES**



PTO
Parent-Teacher
Organization



PBL
Project-Based
Learning

VAN WERT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Van Wert Middle School serves students in grades 6–8 and has been designated an Ohio School to Watch since 2006. As a Project Lead the Way Distinguished School, VWMS integrates STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) into the daily schedule, providing students with hands-on, realworld learning experiences. Students can explore their interests through more than 10 Discovery classes, including art, music, engineering, fitness, technology, and consumer sciences. VWMS also offers a wide range of extracurricular opportunities, such as athletics, Cougar Leaders, 4-H, History Club, Quiz Bowl, and Robotics Club, giving every student a place to lead, learn, and belong.



**EXTRA-
CURRICULAR
CLUBS &
ATHLETICS**



**COUGAR
LEADERS**



**AWARD-
WINNING
MUSIC
EDUCATION**



**PBIS
DENS**



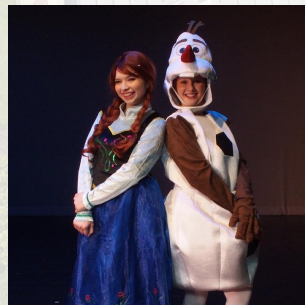
**PBL
Project-Based
Learning**

VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL

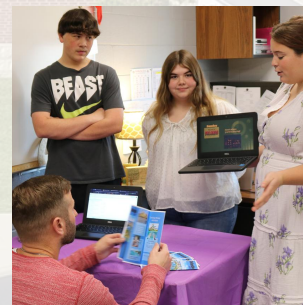
Van Wert High School is a leader in educational innovation, offering a diverse range of electives focused on career readiness and academic achievement. Students have access to eight AP courses, College Credit Plus opportunities for grades 9–12, and unique programs like the CEO Program for seniors, along with strong offerings in the arts. Beyond the classroom, students can get involved in 11 clubs and 22 athletic programs, helping them stay connected and engaged. VWHS has also been recognized for its strong female representation in AP Computer Science and has earned a place on *U.S. News & World Report's* “Best High Schools” list every year since 2018.



**CEO
PROGRAM**
(Career,
Education,
Opportunity)



**STRENGTH &
CONDITIONING
COACH**
(Sessions offered
to our student-
athletes)



**EXTRA-
CURRICULAR
CLUBS &
ATHLETICS**



**THEATRE
ARTS**
Successful Choir,
Band, Theatre
Programs



PBL
Project-Based
Learning

VAN WERT SCHOOL AT THE GOEDDE

Van Wert School at the Goedde provides a supportive and personalized learning environment for students in grades 6–12 who need extra support or a new beginning. By focusing on each student's strengths and challenges, the school helps them succeed both academically and personally. High school students build job skills and community pride through a daily work-study program, while middle schoolers develop responsibility and teamwork through hands-on service projects. With a strong emphasis on emotional growth and coping strategies, students work to overcome past obstacles, recover credits, and move confidently toward graduation and a future full of promise.



LEARNING LIFE SKILLS



WORK- STUDY PROGRAM



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



COMMUNITY EVENTS



CREDIT RECOVERY