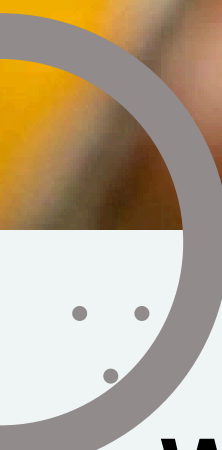
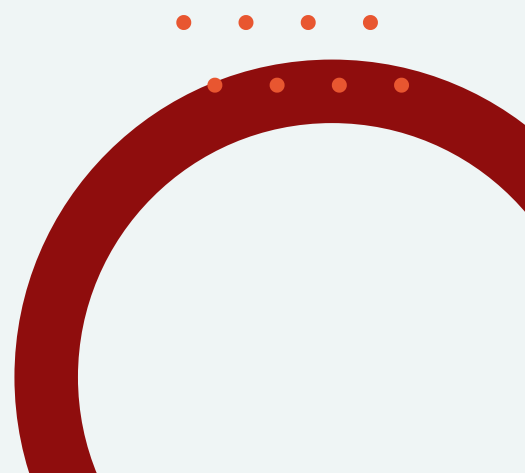


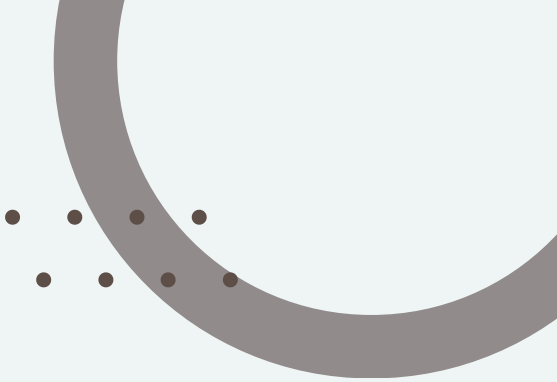
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WEST BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT

FALL/WINTER AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM GUIDE





FALL/WINTER 2026-27

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WELCOME

The West Bend School District is excited to announce we will be offering new afterschool programs, intramural opportunities, and special events for students of all ages beginning this fall/winter. These programs are being offered to give our youth additional opportunities to learn new skills, explore their creativity, nurture existing talent, or simply have fun.

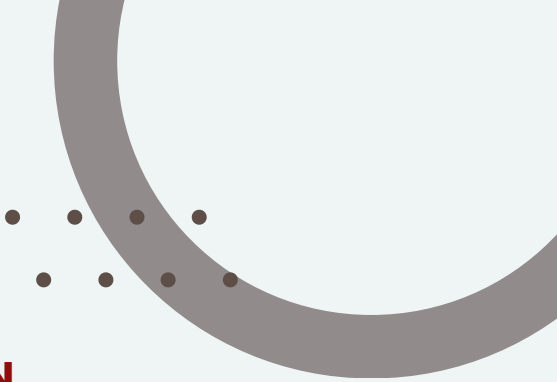
These new programs are not substitutes for the other club, co-curricular, and intramural programs we already offer in the district. Those programs are offered on the school level to students of that particular school. Look for information about these offerings in our schools newsletters or websites.

ALL students living in the West Bend School District attendance area, whether they attend the West Bend Schools or not, may participate. Registration opens August 10.

Please enjoy this guide!

Ralph A. Schlass
Director of Community Relationships and Engagement





GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration

Registration links are located next to the program description in this guide.

Credit and Refund Policy

There is a limited amount of spots available, so be sure to sign up early for classes. If a class is full, contact Ralph Schlass to go on a waiting list. If an opening becomes available, you will be notified and will be eligible to enroll.

If a class is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment, the district will reimburse the payee. Refunds will not otherwise be issued once registration has taken place, except in cases of extenuating circumstances beyond an individual's control.

Fee Structure

Fees are charged to cover some the expenses of offering these activities.

Reduced Program Fees

The West Bend School District will not exclude any student who may be unable to participate due to financial hardship. If a family is unable to pay the entire program fee, the parent/guardian should contact the district in writing and arrangements may be made so that the youth is able to participate at a reduced program fee. The district does not offer payment plan options for afterschool programs.

Cancellations and Weather Closures

There are times when activities will be cancelled due to facility conflicts, inclement weather, school closings, etc. When West Bend Schools are closed due to poor weather conditions, **ALL** after school activities will be cancelled. Parents are encouraged to use their own discretion when sending children if conditions are questionable. All efforts are made to inform participants of class cancellations. **Attempts will be made to hold a make-up class; however, if this cannot be done, there will be no refunds for cancellations.**

Photographs

Photographs may be taken to promote and highlight these activities in district brochures and online. If you do not wish to have your photograph taken, please inform us.

Hospital/Medical Insurance

The West Bend School District does not provide hospital/medical insurance for individuals participating in sponsored activities. Participants are encouraged to obtain their own insurance coverage prior to and for the duration of the activity.

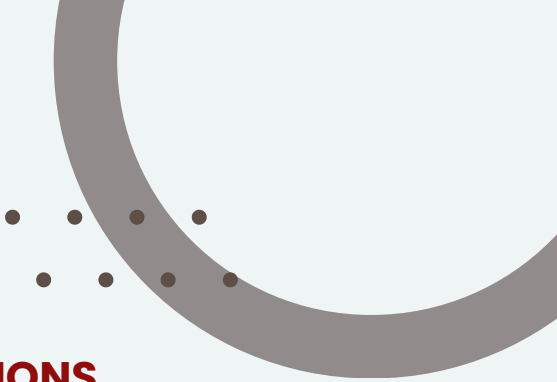
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Office Hours

Monday-Friday / 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Registration Opens August 10



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are programs offered all year?

Two program booklets will be shared with the public for program offerings occurring during the Fall/Winter (1st semester) and Winter/Spring (2nd semester). The Fall/Winter booklet will be published in August. The Winter/Spring booklet will be published in December.

How long are programs?

The length of programs vary. Typical programs run 6 or 8 weeks for 45 to 75 minutes in length.

Who can enroll in afterschool programs?

Any student-aged child residing in the West Bend School District attendance area. This includes children not attending our schools.

Who are the instructors of these programs?

We hire some of our own staff to be the instructors of the programs. However, in order to get a variety of offerings, the West Bend School District contracts with some outside organizations to offer these programs. These programs provide the instructors.

Are these afterschool programs the same programs currently offered in schools?

No. These new afterschool programs are managed by the West Bend School District's Education Service Center. Many of our schools have robust club, co-curricular, intramural, and interscholastic offerings at their sites. Look for information on these activities on your school's website.

Why are fees charged for these afterschool programs?

Fees are charged to cover some of the the costs of the program.

Will transportation be available for the afterschool programs?

Check with your school's office.

Where will I pick up my child?

The West Bend School District secures its buildings. No parent/guardian will have access to the building unless specified in the program's description. Your child will be brought to the school's main entrance and dropped off with a parent at the conclusion of an after-school program.

What is the process if I would like to suggest an after-school program?

Email Ralph Schlass, Director of Community Relationships and Engagement, rschlass@wbsd-schools.org.

Are employment possibilities available for afterschool programs?

Yes. Please go to the West Bend School District homepage or WECAN to see open positions.

YOUTH ENRICHMENT

Weather on the Wild Side

Grades K-5

Calling all future meteorologists! Discover why our weather changes through hands-on projects that explore the tools meteorologists use and the greenhouse effect. We will create our own tornadoes, make snow and learn about the three states of matter by making ice cream! Max: 25 students

Day: Thursday (6 sessions)
Dates: September 17 - October 22
Time: 3:35-4:35 PM
Decorah Elementary/Room 124
Cost: \$30



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Space Academy

Grades K-5

Calling all aspiring astronauts! Join us for a hands-on exploration of all that lies beyond planet earth. We'll learn the science of the solar system, build a telescope, launch rockets and explore the galaxy. Become an astronaut in training as we learn about the sun, moon, planets and life of an astronaut! Max: 25 students

Day: Tuesday (6 sessions)
Dates: September 15 - October 20
Time: 3:05-4:05 PM
Fair Park Elementary/Library
Cost: \$30



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Environmental Science & Sustainability

Grades 6-8

Students investigate today's most pressing environmental challenges while exploring topics such as renewable energy, ocean science, climate systems, conservation, and sustainability. Through hands-on experiments and engineering projects, students develop a deeper understanding of how science and innovation can be used to protect and improve our planet. Max: 25

Day: Tuesday (6 sessions)
Dates: November 3 - December 15 (Skip Nov. 24)
Time: 3:20-4:10 PM
Badger Middle/Room 201
Cost: \$30



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YOUTH ENRICHMENT

NASA Academy of Future Space Explorers

Grades K-5

NASA and Mad Science collaborate to educate the next generation! Students go on a voyage of discovery to space with unique hands-on activities and amazing demonstrations. They explore the sun and stars, space technology, rocket science, the atmosphere, planets and moons, supernovas and more! Max: 20

Day: Tuesday (6 sessions)
Dates: September 22 - October 27
Time: 3:35-4:35 PM
Location: McLane Elementary/Library
Cost: \$30



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Little Actors

Grades K-2

In this First Stage offering, students will find themselves in the story as they explore age-appropriate literacy topics through a variety of interactive and engaging drama games and activities! Students will build skills of empathy, leadership, confidence, and communication! Max: 25

Day: Thursday (6 sessions)
Dates: October 8 - November 12
Time: 3:30-4:15 PM
Location: McLane Elementary/Library
Cost: \$30



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Theater Skills - Acting

Grades 3-5

Keep the drama on the stage! In 45-minute sessions students will learn how to use their actor tools of voice, body, and imagination, along with their actor skills of concentration and cooperation to create characters and tell stories through participation in a variety of engaging and interactive theater games and activities. Students will build skills of empathy, leadership, confidence, and communication and explore topics such as ROOTS, stage directions, levels, proximity and planes, and more from the highly respected First Stage! Max: 25

Day: Tuesday (6 sessions)
Dates: October 6 - November 17 (Skip Oct. 27)
Time: 3:30-4:15 PM
Location: Jackson Elementary/Room 150
Cost: \$30



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YOUTH ENRICHMENT

Wild World – The Art of Conservation

Grades K–5

Kids explore the wonder and beauty of the animal kingdom, and discover nature in a way that inspires empathy, curiosity, and creativity. They learn about many different animals and how wildlife conservationists are working to protect species around the globe. They experiment with a variety of art techniques, and use Crayola art materials to create frog paintings, ink-diffusion jellyfish, and more! Max: 20

Day: Wednesday (6 sessions)

Dates: September 23 – October 28

Time: 3:35–4:35 PM

Location: Decorah Elementary/Room 119

Cost: \$30



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Where Spanish Comes Alive – Traditions and Celebrations

Grades K–5

Celebrate the seasons in Spanish with Vamos con las Tradiciones y Celebraciones (Let's go with Traditions and Celebrations!) Through songs, games, and festive cultural traditions, students build Spanish vocabulary and gain confidence using simple conversations. Fall lessons explore fall and winter themes, while spring introduces spring and summer topics. Along the way, students discover celebrations from Spanish-speaking cultures while practicing greetings, colors, weather, clothing, emotions, nature, and seasonal vocabulary. No prior Spanish experience required—just curiosity and a love of fun! Max: 15

Day: Wednesday (16 sessions)

Dates: October 7 – December 2 (Skip Nov. 25)

February 3 – March 31 (Skip Mar. 24)

Time: 3:30–4:30 PM

Location: Green Tree Elementary/Library

Cost: \$60



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Chess

Grades 2–5

Become a chess master! This class will provide chess instruction with specific practices and instruction for beginners and experienced players. Students will experience a balance of instruction and competitive play with a tournament at the end of the session. Max: 24

Day: Tuesday (8 sessions)

Dates: November 3 – December 22

Time: 3:05–4:20 PM

Location: Fair Park Elementary/Library

Cost: \$30



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YOUTH ENRICHMENT

Build It!

Design it. Build it. Test it. Improve it.

Grades 7-8

Get ready to think like an engineer in this hands-on after-school program packed with exciting, real-world design challenges. Students will explore the engineering design process as they brainstorm, build, test, and improve projects like catapults, bridges, and hydraulic or pneumatic systems. Along the way, they'll develop valuable STEM skills—including problem-solving, critical thinking, and teamwork—in a fun, creative environment that encourages experimentation and innovation. Whether you're a future inventor or just love to build things, Build it! offers the tools and inspiration to make ideas come to life. Max: 15

Day: Thursday (6 sessions)

Dates: October 15 - November 19

Time: 3:15-4:15 PM

Location: Badger Middle/Room 201

Cost: \$30



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Books for Cooks

Read it. Cook it. Taste it!

Grades K-5

Books for Cooks brings stories to life in the kitchen! This fun and engaging 4-H program blends reading and cooking to help young learners build literacy and culinary skills. Kids will read food-themed books, try new recipes, explore kitchen tools, and learn about nutrition and safety—all while practicing reading, writing, and speaking. Bonus: they might even become a little more adventurous with food! Max: 10

Day: Tuesday (6 sessions)

Dates: November 3 - December 8

Time: 3:30-4:30 PM

Location: Green Tree Elementary/Room 132

Cost: \$30



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Aerospace Adventures

Grade 6

In this hands-on 4-H program, youth will explore the science behind things that soar—from kites and balloons to gliders, helicopters, and rockets. Each session is packed with exciting activities where kids design, build, test, and tweak their flying creations. Along the way, they'll build teamwork and problem-solving skills while having a blast. Perfect for curious minds ready to take off into science and engineering! Max: 15

Day: Wednesday (6 sessions)

Dates: September 23 - October 28

Time: 3:05-4:05 PM

Location: Silverbrook Intermediate/Room 1247

Cost: \$30



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INTRAMURALS

High School Girls 7 on 7 Flag Football

Grades 9-12

Players will be assigned based on their grade. Teams will play five games with an additional playoff week to determine the champion. Players on the winning team will receive a West Bend High School Intramural Championship t-shirt. Game times will vary. All students participating in intramural leagues must have concussion baseline testing completed and on file with the high school athletic department prior to the first game. Max: 7-14 per team

Day: Saturday (6 games)

Dates: September 19 - October 24

Time: Games at 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00 AM

Location: Badger Middle/Field near Decorah Rd.

Cost: \$30



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More high school intramurals to look for later this year include: Co-ed volleyball, boys basketball, co-ed dodgeball, and MORE!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Safe at Home

Grades 4-6

Safe at Home prepares 4th to 6th graders to care for themselves while their parents are away for short periods of time. Students learn how to practice safe habits, how to prevent unsafe situations, and what to do when faced with dangers such as power failures or weather emergencies. Students are also introduced to the Safe Sitter First Aid Chart and learn a system to help them assess and respond to injuries or illnesses. The program is designed to prepare students for their first steps towards independence. Includes a hard copy textbook. Max: 18

Day: Thursday (1 session)

Date: October 22

Time: 3:45-5:15 PM

Location: Jackson Elementary/Room 150

Cost: \$18

Instructor: Jessica Heller



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Learn Magic with Glen Gerard

Grades 3-12

Professional Magician Glen Gerard, a favorite magician of the Milwaukee Bucks, will teach you stunning magic tricks that can be performed with items found around the home. Students will learn sleight of hand, misdirection, and showmanship. Fool your friends and family with magic and be a hit at any event. Max: None

Day: Saturday (1 session)

Date: November 14

Time: 11:00-12:00 PM

Location: Silverbrook/Library

Cost: \$12



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SPECIAL EVENTS

Holiday Drop and Shop

Ages 4-10

Do you need someone to watch the little ones while you shop? We've got you covered. Drop off your child so you can do your holiday shopping. We'll be playing games, making a holiday ornament, eating lunch (provided), and watching a movie. Bring tennis shoes to play in the gym. This event is open to all families in the community. Max. 30

Day: Saturday

Date: November 21

Time: 11:30-2:30 PM

Location: Green Tree Elementary

Cost: \$15 child



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"I absolutely loved this event. As a single mom, I don't have the opportunity to leave my child for a few hours to shop. This was the perfect time for me to shop for my family and also support the high school students/programs. Thank you to all the students and staff members for doing this!" - 2025 attendee

"Very well run event...I will continue to spread the word on events like this in the future. Thanks for organizing it!" - 2025 attendee

Breakfast with Santa

Ages 3-8 (Free for children under 3)

Children will enjoy holiday activities, eat a delicious breakfast, and revel in the magic of the season. A parent or guardian must accompany their child. This event is open to all families in the community. Max: 50

Day: Saturday

Date: December 5

Time: 9:00-11:00 AM

Location: West Bend East cafeteria

Cost: \$10 guest/Free for children under 3



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"Our whole family really enjoyed the event, great interaction with students at craft tables, loved the cookie decorating option as well. Thanks so much!" - 2025 attendee

"My grandson enjoyed sitting and coloring at a table where he could watch Santa. All the while he was singing along with the Madrigal singers and the orchestra. The menu was perfect, he actually ate his food- the sausages and potatoes were delicious." - 2025 attendee

Christmas Cooking Baking (NEW) *Look for details later this year*



We Are Hiring!

We are hiring basketball and volleyball officials, flag football referees, classroom support, and more. Job postings can be found on WECAN.

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