



Cottage Grove Middle School

Grades 6 – 8

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School Hours: 7:50 a.m. – 2:26 p.m.

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About Cottage Grove Middle School

Cottage Grove Middle School (CGMS) serves students in sixth through eighth grades and is part of South Washington County Schools. At CGMS, each grade is divided into “houses” with one group of students working with one group of teachers throughout the school year.

- CGMS fosters an inclusive community through Cougar PRIDE values—Positive, Responsible, Inclusive, Determined, and Empathetic—creating a supportive environment where all feel valued.
- Students benefit from personalized support through Special Education, EL programs, Talent Development, and intervention plans tailored to their needs.
- Advisory periods focus on building community, teaching AVID strategies, and developing social-emotional skills for student growth.
- Recognized as an AVID National Demonstration School, CGMS integrates AVID, Conscious Discipline, and MTSS to promote academic, social, and emotional success.
- Excellence and achievements are celebrated through initiatives like Student of Excellence, Staff of Excellence, and Student of the Month programs.

Enrollment and Staffing

950 + students are enrolled at Cottage Grove Middle School.



110+ caring staff members work at Cottage Grove Middle School who encourage and personalize learning for each student.

CGMS Pathways



Cottage Grove Middle School



Park High School

East Ridge High School

Pathways are determined by address boundaries, visit sowashco.org/enroll#maps to see your pathway.





Tools For Families

sowashco.org/tools



Calendar: The district and family calendar can be found at sowashco.org/calendar. Calendars specific to your child's school can be found on the school's website under the families tab.



Campus Parent Portal: Campus Parent Portal allows families to view online information about student class schedules, report and view attendance, view school bus route assignments, and more. Families are required to update their accounts annually before the school year. For help, please email ICSupport@sowashco.org.



School Café: Student school meal accounts are managed through School Café. School Café has a free mobile app available on any mobile device. You can set up an account at schoolcafe.com/sowashco.



Edutrak (Pay Fees): Edutrak is used for processing payments for school fees such as parking, transcripts, clubs, competitive activities and more. You can set up an account at sowashco.org/fees.



Seesaw: Seesaw is a digital portfolio that students use in grades K-5. For more information visit sowashco.org/families/seesaw. For help with Seesaw, please email seesawHelp@sowashco.org.



Schoolology: Schoolology is an online learning platform for grades 5-12. For more information visit sowashco.org/families/schoolology. For help with Schoolology, please email schoolologyhelp@sowashco.org.

Apply For Educational Benefits

Educational Benefits provide a variety of discounted or free benefits to eligible students. Including:



Field Trips



Athletics



Student Fees



Kids Club



Instrument
Rentals



Community Education
Programs



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Learn more and apply at sowashco.org/edbenefits