

# Watertown

Unified School District



**Flourish.**

**Develop.**

**Discover.**



*Education Investment in the Future.*

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## Mission

The Watertown Unified School District's mission is to provide students with a safe, caring environment where they will receive an outstanding education that will provide them with the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to succeed in life.



## About Us

Watertown Unified School District (WUSD) provides a high quality, well-rounded education designed to help every student discover, develop, and flourish. Core classes focus on learning in reading, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies, while opportunities in technical education, art, music, and physical education support a comprehensive educational program. Students find enrichment in self-directed activities, as well as in a variety of athletic and club activities. Co-curricular activities throughout the grades are available to enhance academic goals.

Students in the WUSD thrive in a safe and orderly school environment. This environment allows students to learn, grow, and succeed. WUSD minimizes destructive forces by offering anti-bullying groups and holding all students accountable for their actions.

Upon graduation, students leave WUSD with the skills and knowledge necessary in work and life.

## Community

WUSD is home to more than 3,700 students in seven schools. This attractive, growing community and the surrounding area are located between Milwaukee and Madison, and has a population of over 22,000 residents. Kids of all ages are offered a variety of opportunities to explore their interests through Watertown's excellent Park and Recreation Program and independent organizations specializing in such things as gymnastics, karate, and fitness.



## Elementary Schools

An environment that stimulates a curiosity and eagerness for learning exists in each of the five elementary schools. Staff members help each student reach their potential in a caring, structured environment. An emphasis on reading, writing, and mathematics helps students develop the skills necessary to succeed in other subjects and in future grades. Teaching specialists in art, music, physical education, and special education provide for a complete educational experience. The use of advanced technology supports new and exciting learning opportunities for all children.

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Douglas Elementary  
1120 Center Street  
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Lebanon Elementary  
W4712 County Road O  
Watertown, WI 53098  
Phone: 920-925-9712

Lincoln Elementary  
210 N. Montgomery Street  
Watertown, WI 53094  
Phone: 920-262-1465

Schurz Elementary  
1508 Neenah Street  
Watertown, WI 53094  
Phone: 920-262-1485

Webster Elementary  
634 S. Twelfth Street  
Watertown, WI 53094  
Phone: 920-262-1490

Riverside Middle School  
131 Hall Street  
Watertown, WI 53094  
Phone: 920-262-1480

Watertown High School  
825 Endeavour Drive  
Watertown, WI 53098  
Phone: 920-262-7500

Alternative Learning Center  
806 N. Church Street  
Watertown, WI 53098  
Phone: 920-206-3769

## Middle School

Riverside Middle School (RMS) provides a comprehensive education program for students in grades 6-8. Students participate in challenging classroom activities focusing on academic achievement. As students mature from the elementary level and prepare for high school, the transition is guided via interdisciplinary instruction, exploratory courses, and positive student-teacher interactions. Students at RMS have numerous opportunities to participate in drama, student government, sports, art, music, and social groups.

## High School

Watertown High School (WHS) provides a well-rounded educational program that serves students wishing to attend college, technical school, the military, and those who will immediately enter the workforce after graduation. WHS has a number of advanced placement courses for students to achieve college credit while in high school, and a comprehensive career education program that gives students hands-on experience in their chosen field. State-of-the-art technology is integrated throughout the school, providing students with the latest in access to information. Along with an exceptional fine arts program and foreign language offering, WHS provides co-curricular opportunities for many interests.

## Alternative School

WUSD offers a unique learning environment for "at-risk" students with its' Alternative Learning Center (ALC). The ALC utilizes non-traditional teaching methods to complement a student's unique learning style. The one-on-one, self-paced curriculum tailors learning to each student.

## Why WUSD?

### Committed Faculty

Watertown's dedicated, hard working faculty and staff demonstrate their commitment to students and subject matter through positive student-teacher communication and challenging, thought-provoking class work. Putting students first, the staff sees that student needs are met in a caring, orderly environment.

### Emphasis on Literacy

WUSD believes reading and writing are the fundamental skills all children must master to succeed. WUSD uses a balanced literacy approach which includes an emphasis on reading and writing, including carefully selected reading materials, and a receptive teacher who knows how to utilize instructional strategies that match the needs of the learner. Mastering reading comprehension skills at a young age helps students in all areas of school.

### Technology In Education

WUSD believes that technology offers unique and powerful learning opportunities for students in grades K-12. Technology has revolutionized the art and science of education by promoting higher level thinking skills, personal creativity, communications, enhancing learning, and independent decision-making. WUSD works to develop competencies in the use, application and employment of technology to support learning.

### Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement classes are offered at the high school in English, Calculus, Psychology, US History, and European History. In addition, advanced level courses are offered in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and foreign language. Upon successful completion, students improve their academic standing and enter college with credits earned toward their degree.

### Career and Technical Education

The career and technical education program at WUSD teaches students the skills needed to perform in their chosen profession. Many area businesses provide students with work-based experience that furthers their education. The career and technical education program offers nearly 20 work-based programs and several professional certifications, as well as college level courses.



## Faculty & Staff

The average teacher has 12 years of experience in Watertown and over half possess a Master's degree in their field. Teachers continuously pursue their own education to improve teaching and learning. In addition to its 272 teachers and 84 paraprofessionals, almost 40 clerical staff and 30 maintenance professionals and 15 administrators help manage the district.

## Curriculum and Instruction

The elementary curriculum provides students with the basic skills necessary to achieve success in following years. Students receive instruction in language arts, math, science, social studies, art, music, health, and physical education with an emphasis on reading and writing skill development. Computer technology is integrated throughout all areas of instruction.

The secondary curriculum offers middle school and high school students a range of courses and alternative learning experiences to suit their needs and interests. Watertown's expectations are designed to ensure that all graduates have not only attained basic skills, but are well prepared for post-secondary opportunities.

Alternative learning experiences are courses and programs that differ in instruction from traditional courses. Experiences may occur away from the school, some involve part-time employment, and some are opportunities to provide service to others. Courses and programs include: performing arts, student council, yearbook, student newspaper, gifted/talented study, English as a Second Language, Alternative Learning Center, and special education services.

## Excellence

WUSD awards more than 40 scholarships annually resulting in grants totaling over \$350,000 for students to further their education. Twenty of these scholarships renew over a four-year time period.

## Watertown Board of Education

The Board of Education is committed to providing an exceptional education to every student. Nine Watertown School Board members are elected at large to serve three-year terms. Meetings are open to the public and held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Educational Service Center, 111 Dodge Street, Watertown, WI 53094.

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## Safety

Student safety is a high priority throughout the district. The comprehensive school safety plan includes a general communications plan, separate building communication plans, a preventative measures plan and intervention procedures. The plans outline staff roles, evacuation routes, and emergency codes. Staff and students practice emergency drills annually.

Policies prohibit unauthorized individuals from entering schools. Visitors sign-in and wear identification badges. A full-time police liaison officer works with students, investigates crimes, and works to create a trusting atmosphere between the police department and students. Cameras monitor school hallways and buses, and criminal background checks are performed on all employees and volunteers.

## Parent Involvement

WUSD encourages parents to become involved with their child's education. Parent volunteers at all levels are welcome – whether it's in a classroom, chaperoning an event, or selling concessions at sporting events. Parents can take an active role in their child's education by learning about school and student issues, volunteering, providing guidance and assistance with school work, and serving on committees.

Parent/teacher conferences are held twice a year at each level, but interaction and communication among parents and teachers is encouraged all year long.

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