

OUR SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS

4K & Early Childhood Programs

The heart of the Wausau School District Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Program is its strong developmentally appropriate curriculum delivered by caring, talented teachers specifically trained to teach young children. The experiential instruction prepares children for the opportunities and challenges of kindergarten and beyond. Our Early Childhood Program serves children between the ages of three and five years who exhibit developmental delays. The District's Four-Year-Old Kindergarten Program and associated 4K Collaboration Program provide integrated language, problem solving and decision making, and literacy instruction to four-year-olds throughout our community. Children are able to participate in these programs at the District's 4K Learning Academies located at Hawthorn Hills, G.D. Jones, Riverview, and Thomas Jefferson elementary schools, or at a variety of community partner childcare sites across the District.



Elementary Schools (through Grade 5)

The Wausau School District offers elementary students the opportunity to advance their learning and experience success through a multitude of opportunities at 13 neighborhood elementary schools. Each school offers a guaranteed and viable curriculum, which includes resources aligned with the Common Core State Standards. In addition, a block, rotational schedule offers every child an opportunity to participate in music, art, physical education, science, library, and guidance. The learning offered during the school day is complemented by multiple before and after school learning options, including intramural sports and school clubs.

Wausau Area Montessori Charter School (Kindergarten through Grade 6)

The Wausau Area Montessori Charter School provides a learning environment in alignment with Maria Montessori philosophy. The curriculum includes Montessori resources, a focus on the intentional teaching of life skills using the Virtues project, along with opportunities for art, music, and physical education. The Montessori Charter School is located at Horace Mann Middle School.

Middle Schools (Grades 6-8): Horace Mann Middle School and John Muir Middle School

Middle school students find themselves in a time of personal and educational exploration. Students at both Horace Mann and John Muir have the opportunity to sample a full range of academic and after-school experiences. All the while, our middle schools provide students with a sense of belonging as a member of a grade level team. Programs for Wausau's young adolescents include team teaching, counseling services, enrichment and accelerated classes, literacy interventions, foreign language exploration in Chinese, Arabic, and Hmong cultures, manufacturing, technology and engineering education, and business as well as a wide variety of co-curricular and extracurricular activities.



High Schools (Grades 9-12): Wausau East High School and Wausau West High School

Wausau School District high schools create numerous opportunities for our students to achieve success. Both Wausau East and Wausau West offer comprehensive instructional programs that meet the diverse educational needs of young adults. Offering the prestigious International Baccalaureate program at Wausau East High School and an outstanding array of Advanced Placement courses at Wausau West High School, the District challenges students to pursue academic excellence. Students at both high schools have access to career centers that help them explore and determine their path to the future. Access to a full range of technologies, apprenticeships, and community business partnerships keeps our high school programs a dynamic learning environment. This includes robust career and technology education offerings in automotive/diesel instruction, metals, manufacturing, woods, graphics, robotics, broadcast areas, and agriculture. A wide choice of athletic and extra-curricular offerings provides our students an arena in which they can build upon the values of teamwork, self-esteem, and perseverance.

Enrich, Excel, Achieve (EEA) Learning Academy (Grades 6-12)

The EEA Learning Academy, housed at Wausau East High School, provides middle and high school youth an alternative to the traditional school setting and an opportunity to succeed academically. The charter school's small class sizes and exceptional staff mean these non-traditional learners have the direct support needed to become successful life-long learners. Students who meet enrollment criteria are eligible for this focused, exciting, and challenging learning opportunity.



Wausau Area Virtual Education (WAVE) (Grades 6-12)

WAVE is a virtual charter school that offers full and part-time enrollment opportunities to students living within the state of Wisconsin. WAVE delivers a high-quality, tuition-free anytime, anywhere education, allowing students to take full ownership of their learning. Full-time students have the added benefit of being able to participate in WIAA sports, clubs, and activities at one of the campuses in the District, if they choose. WAVE offers National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) approved coursework for student athletes. Students may also opt for a blended online/brick-and-mortar schedule with up to two classes at one of the campuses in the District. Part-time students, including those who are primarily home-schooled, can take up to two classes at WAVE. In this regard, students living in rural areas who may not have access to Advanced Placement courses, world languages, and a plethora of elective opportunities can take advantage of these opportunities at WAVE while staying enrolled at their resident school. WAVE teachers endeavor to make sure each student feels connected to the school community; there are opportunities for students to work directly with their teachers in a face-to-face environment or connect in virtual classrooms. WAVE is committed to offering students a unique pathway for learning while embracing digital and multimedia tools to prepare them to be college and career ready for today, tomorrow, and the future.

Wausau School Forest

The Wausau School Forest provides a special learning experience for students in the Wausau School District. Located 11 miles southwest of the city on the banks of the Wisconsin River, the School Forest has been a part of the District's curriculum since 1942. The Forest of pine and hardwoods covering over 400 acres becomes a classroom unlike any other. Here students learn about nature, about working together, and they learn there is a little more inside of themselves than they thought possible.

Wausau School District Planetarium

The best Planetarium in the Midwest can be found at Wausau West High School! The renovated all new state-of-the-art, tilted digital theater was made possible thanks to the generosity of the Walter Alexander Foundation. Programming is offered for all grade levels during the school day and to the public on nights and weekends. The Planetarium can also be rented for private groups.

Strong Instructional Technology Program

All elementary students (Grades K-5) have an iPad and all secondary students (Grades 6-12) have a Chromebook. Professional learning is provided to faculty and staff.

