

About Waseca Public Schools

It Takes A Village ...

Waseca Public Schools is one of the best Districts in the state of Minnesota, with a K-12 population of approximately **1,900** students. Teachers, parents, and the community work **hand in hand** to offer the perfect combination of a **world class education**, in award winning schools and in a **friendly**, small-town environment. Waseca Public Schools enjoy state-leading community support. The Junior/Senior High School is completely **remodeled** to meet the learning needs of today's students. All schools have newly secure entrances to ensure our students are safe in their buildings.

Opportunities For All Ages!

Waseca Public Schools offers excellent early childhood, kindergarten, elementary and secondary experiences for all learners. Furthermore, we offer enrichment courses, preschool options, adult education classes, and a variety of activities through our Community Education programs.

See For Yourself, All Are Welcome!

To find out more information about Waseca Public Schools, please visit us on our website at: www.waseca.k12.mn.us.

For a tour or additional information about our schools, please contact the District Office at (507) 835-2500.



Our Students

Students of Waseca Public Schools benefit from **outstanding** instruction, along with model programs which realize the full potential of each student. Our students continue to be **leaders** in the Big South Conference in academics, athletics and the fine arts. They are in the top 10% of Minnesota in standardized testing, and have a graduation rate consistently

in the top 10% in the state. Students have opportunities to be involved in numerous activities and clubs from Kindergarten through 12th grade. These well-rounded experiences help **prepare** students to be **life-long learners**.

Elementary Programs

Your child's elementary learning is the cornerstone of their future success in life. Hartley Elementary (K-3rd) is a proud former **Blue Ribbon School**, with teachers who are consummate professionals working diligently to **cultivate** a nurturing environment of enthusiastic learning for all. Waseca Intermediate School (WIS, 4th-6th) is a 2014 School of Excellence. Both schools teach the **Bluejay Way**, incorporating choice-making and behavior expectations to develop a well-rounded student. We recognize the unique needs of each student and are committed to maximizing everyone's **potential** through several research-based programs such as:



- Positive Behavior Interventional Strategies (P.B.I.S.) focusing on reinforcing **positive behavior** through respective activities, which builds community.
- Response to Intervention (R.T.I.) is a program identifying at-risk students and providing them **prescriptive support** in specific curriculum-based interventions.
- After School Programming **assisting** students to develop **mastery** in Reading and Math.
- Technology-rich learning, utilizing personal laptops, iPads, touch-screen **technology**, updated computers and software all students use daily
- A standards-based curriculum focusing on **developing** 21st Century learners
- **What I Need (WIN)**, time each week allowing for increased personalized learning (Preschool and Hartley Elementary)
- Stimulating Maturity through **Accelerated Readiness** Training (SMART Rooms) emphasizing physical movement which stimulates comprehension of standards-based curriculum.



Secondary Programs

Awarded the **Minnesota and National School of Character**, our secondary programs are a springboard to preparing students for life-long learning, and community **caring**. Through rigorous instruction and relevant experiences, students are college and career ready.

- Offer 19 **Advanced Placement and College in the Schools** courses that give students the potential to earn college credit
- One of the Midwest's **top** band and choral music programs
- A **vibrant** array of state qualifying extra and co-curricular activities
- A **variety of electives**, allowing students to pursue areas of interest and passion
- Over \$90,000 in annual scholarship awards
- Big world thinking, in a smaller, **personalized** environment
- Career Education and Service Learning



Excelling at Academics, Arts and Athletics

Waseca Public Schools offers an extensive list of choices for students to consider as they grow through their education, at school and in Community Education offerings. We have an

award winning marching band, the Waseca Marching Jays, which performs year round. Students can focus on a **great variety of arts media** to study and participate in shows in the community. Waseca's music concerts and **theater** productions are always extremely well attended in our community and win accolades in competitions they're in. Our arts students work hard at their crafts and enjoy the **top-notch instruction** they're given in classes both in school and as extra-curricular options. Students who enjoy singing are given several opportunities with our winning **choir groups** that perform and win competitions, and our performing arts students get to choose from a number of performance options throughout the year with **Community Education** as well. There are many courses available for drawing, painting, sculpting and digital art by both our **excellent teaching staff** at our schools.