



THE WEST BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN WHO RESIDE IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The West Bend School District offers a variety of educational options to children who reside in the District. The District's primary educational pathway and instructional program for students involves a progression from 4-year-old kindergarten (early learning) through 12th grade, leading to a high school diploma.

To access the most recent accountability reports for each District school, as issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction under section 115.385 of the state statutes, please go to the district's website: [www-west-bend.k12.wi.us/About Us/Public & Annual Notices/Class 1 Notice](http://www-west-bend.k12.wi.us/About%20Us/Public%20&%20Annual%20Notices/Class%201%20Notice).

West Bend School District Schools	Grades Served	Accountability Rating
West Bend School District	PK-12	Meets Expectations
Decorah Elementary	K5-4	Exceeds Expectations
Fair Park Elementary	K5-4	Exceeds Expectations
Green Tree Elementary	K5-4	Exceeds Expectations
Jackson Elementary	K5-4	Significantly Exceeds
McLane Elementary	K5-4	Significantly Exceeds
Silverbrook Intermediate	5-6	Exceeds Expectations
Badger Middle	7-8	Exceeds Expectations
East High	9-12	Meets Expectations
West High	9-12	Meets Expectations

The West Bend School District also offers a wide range of educational options for students beginning in preschool and continuing through high school completion. A summary of the educational options available is below:

- Early childhood programming for students who are at least three years old, but not school age
 - District and community based
- Washington County Head Start Program
 - West Bend School District-multiple programs at the Rolfs Early Learning Center
 - Jackson Community Center-morning program
 - Washington County YMCA-one full-day program for four-year-olds
- District run Community based 4-year-old Kindergarten
 - Washington County YMCA
 - Washington County YMCA satellite program at Savior's Church
 - Washington County YMCA satellite program at Holy Trinity Church/Riveredge Nature Center -Newburg
 - Washington County YMCA satellite program at Trinity Lutheran Church
 - Living Word Child Development Center
 - Jackson Community Center
 - Montessori Children's House

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact the District at 262-335-5435 or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

- Special Education for students with disabilities
 - Special Education services at every district school
 - Full-Time District teacher for the Visually Impaired and Brailist
 - Full-Time District teacher for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 - Full-Time contracted Physical and Occupational Therapy service
 - Project Search program at:
 - West Bend Mutual Insurance Company
 - Delta Defense
 - West Bend School District Technology Services Department
- English Language Learner support at every school
- Gifted and Talented enrichment and support
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
- At-risk programs for students in jeopardy of not graduating high school
- Certified nurse at every school
- A Full-Time School Counselor at every school
- Summer School

Educational options for students who are enrolled in the West Bend School District that involve part-time attendance at an educational institution other than a school of the West Bend School District include the following:

- Early College Credit Program - This statute ([118.55](#)) allows Wisconsin public and private high school students to take one or more courses at an institution of higher education for high school and/or college credit. Under this section, "institution of higher education" means an institution within the University of Wisconsin System, a tribally controlled college, or a private, nonprofit institution of higher education located in the state. Students must notify district of intent to enroll in Early College Credit Program courses by **March 1st** (for fall courses) and **October 1st** (for spring courses). No specification for summer course application deadline.
- Start College Now - This program allows high school students the opportunity to take college courses at Wisconsin Technical Colleges. Statute [38.12 \(14\)\(d\)](#) will lay out all the aspects of the program. In addition, feel free to review and download the **application**. Students looking to take courses in the fall semester must turn in the application by **March 1st**. For spring semester courses the same application is used, however the due date is **October 1st**.
- Part-Time Open Enrollment - Any student enrolled full-time in the high school grades in the District may attend public school in a nonresident school district for the purpose of taking a course offered by the nonresident school district. A pupil may attend no more than two courses at any time in nonresident school districts. [Wis. Stat. 118.52](#)

Additional educational options for children who reside in the District that involve full time enrollment/attendance at a school, program or other educational institution that is not a school or instrumentality of the West Bend School District include the following:

- Virtual educational opportunities through West Bend Virtual Academy (Now WBVA formerly WBOLA) new for the 2020-21 school year, K-12 students will be able to take courses in a virtual environment.
- High school students meeting certain age and other eligibility requirements may be permitted to attend a technical college or certain other programs for the purpose of completing a program leading to the student's high school graduation or to a high school equivalency diploma.
- Full time Open Enrollment permits a student who is a resident of another district to attend school in a district they do not reside in. Full Time Open Enrollment students can attend a traditional or virtual school.
- Students who have been identified as a child with a school based disability who also meet the program's specific eligibility requirements may apply to attend an eligible, participating private school under a scholarship awarded through the state's "Special Needs Scholarship Program," as established under section 115.7915 of the state statutes.
- Enrollment in a private school participating in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

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- Enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost, as applicable)
- Enrollment in a home-based private educational program as provided under state law.

Educational options for children who reside in the West Bend School District, but who are enrolled in and attending a private school, or home-based private educational program include the following:

- Such students have the opportunity to attend summer school classes/programs offered in the District.
- Private school students in the high school grades have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in a District school, pursuant to section 118.145(4) of the state statutes.
- Students who are enrolled in a home-based private educational program have the opportunity to:
 - 1) Apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in public schools as provided under section 118.53.
 - 2) Participate in District interscholastic athletics and other District extracurricular activities as provided under section 118.133.

As of December 2019, there are six private schools participating in the [Private School Choice Program](#) through the Department of Public Instruction within the West Bend Joint School District #1 boundaries. They include: Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran School (West Bend), Living Word Lutheran High School (Jackson), Morning Star Lutheran School (Jackson), Saint John's Lutheran School (Newburg) Saint John's Lutheran School (West Bend), and Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School (Jackson).

Private School Choice Program is an option for students who meet residency, income, and attendance requirements including students with disabilities, English Language Learners, and those identified as gifted and talented in the State of Wisconsin.

Education of Homeless Children and Youth

Children of homeless individuals and unaccompanied homeless youth (youth not in physical custody of parent/guardian) residing in the West Bend School District shall have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children and youths that reside in the West Bend School District. They shall be provided services comparable to services offered other children attending West Bend Public Schools, including transportation services, educational services for which the children/youths meet eligibility criteria (e.g., special education, Title I programming, gifted and talented programming), vocational and technical education programs, and school nutrition programs. No homeless child or youth shall be required to attend a separate school or program for homeless children and shall not be stigmatized by school personnel. Please contact West Bend School District's Homeless Liaison at 262-335-5409 if you have any questions or are in need of services.