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# GUIDE TO KINDERGARTEN

CLASS OF 2037 | FALL 2024

# WELCOME CLASS OF 2037!



Greetings parents and guardians of future members of the Waconia Public Schools Class of 2037! We are excited for your student to join the Wildcat family in the Fall of 2024. Kindergarten is an exciting and important time in a student's life as they will develop and grow many academic, social, and emotional skills that will lay the foundation for their K-12 journey.

In Waconia Public Schools, we strive to form a partnership with parents and guardians to create a safe, caring, and cooperative environment. Our talented, caring, and dedicated teachers and staff will create developmentally appropriate activities throughout the day to meet the varying needs and to optimize learning for all students in the areas of cognitive development, gross and fine motor skills, and social and emotional development.

We have three outstanding elementary schools - Bayview, Laketown, and Southview - that serve students in grades K-5. I hope you will take the time to read through this informational brochure to learn more about our schools and the District as a whole.

If you have any questions regarding Kindergarten programming or the enrollment process, I encourage you to contact your elementary school and one of our principals or administrative support staff members will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

*Brian Gersich*  
Superintendent

## MISSION STATEMENT

### Our Core Purpose:

ISD 110 empowers students to explore their passions and create their success by providing opportunities for academic, social, and emotional growth.

## VISION STATEMENT

### What We Commit to Create

ISD110 students will:

- **Achieve academic success** through choice, rigor, and relevance
- **Be inspired** to explore who they are and who they will become
- **Feel they belong** in school and in the community

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## CORE VALUES

### Drivers of Our Words and Actions

#### **Respect**

We honor the perspectives of others and we own our individual actions.

#### **Collaboration**

We work and learn together.

#### **Inclusiveness**

We reach beyond ourselves to value and connect with others.

#### **Empathy**

We respond to others with authentic care.

#### **Resilience**

We work through challenges and setbacks with courage, persistence, and optimism.

# OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Waconia Public Schools has three elementary schools serving grades K-5.

## Bayview Elementary



**Principal:**  
**Ann Swanson**

24 S. Walnut Street  
Waconia, MN 55387  
Phone: (952) 442-0630  
Website: [isd110.org/bayview](http://isd110.org/bayview)



## Laketown Elementary



**Principal:**  
**Keith Baune**

960 Airport Road  
Waconia, MN 55387  
Phone: (952) 442-0690  
Website: [isd110.org/laketown](http://isd110.org/laketown)



## Southview Elementary

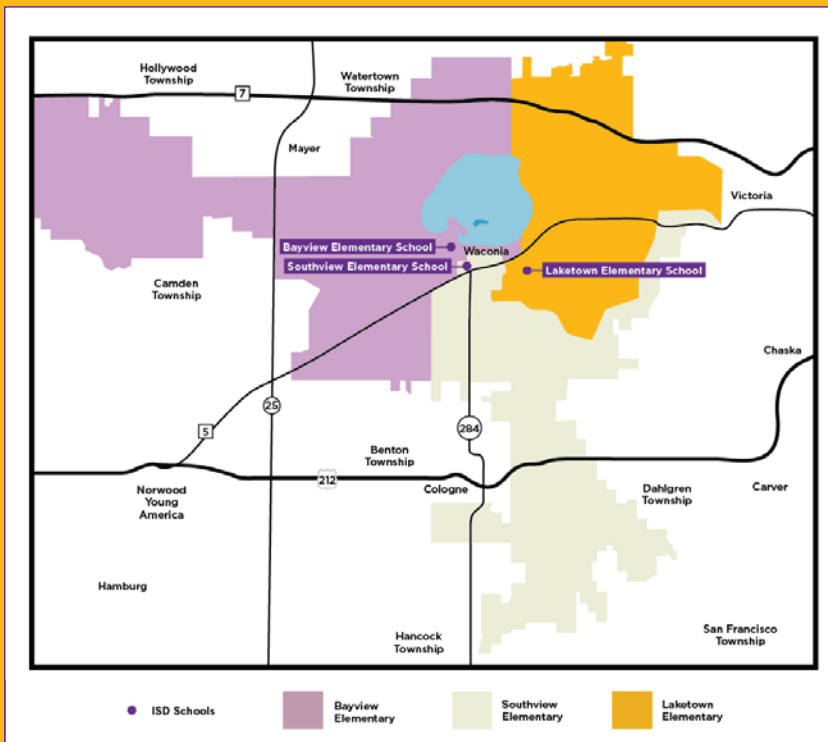


**Principal:**  
**Dr. Khuzana DeVaan**

225 West 4th Street  
Waconia, MN 55387  
Phone: (952) 442-0620  
Website: [isd110.org/southview](http://isd110.org/southview)



## Waconia Public Schools Elementary School Boundaries



### Which school do we attend?

**Bayview Elementary** generally serves residents to the north and west of Lake Waconia, including New Germany residents.

**Laketown Elementary** generally serves residents to the east of Lake Waconia, as well as Minnetrista and St. Bonifacius residents.

**Southview Elementary** generally serves residents to the south of Lake Waconia as well as several townships near Cologne.

Find out which elementary school your residence is assigned to by visiting <https://bit.ly/110myschool> or scanning the QR code to use the Interactive District Boundary Map tool.

*Find your school!*





# KINDERGARTEN IN WACONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## DOMAINS OF CHILDHOOD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

### Social and Emotional Development

We believe kindergarten students need daily opportunities to develop socially and emotionally.

Kindergarten students need a safe, nurturing environment in which they respect themselves and others.

Kindergarten students need daily choice time to interact with their peers and to foster the development of social skills such as problem solving, sharing, and appropriately expressing feelings.

### Cognitive Development

Kindergarten students need clear academic expectations that challenge their level of development.

Kindergarten students need opportunities for exploration and problem solving.

Kindergarten students need opportunities for hands-on activities.

### Fine Motor Development

Kindergarten students need opportunities to increase fine motor skills.

Fine motor development opportunities include tearing, assembling, cutting, writing, painting, drawing, and tracing.

### Gross Motor Development

Kindergarten students need daily opportunities for indoor or outdoor gross motor development.

Gross Motor opportunities include jumping, climbing, catching, hopping, throwing, and dancing.



## Example of a Kindergarten Schedule in Our Schools

7:55 - 8:00	Morning bell rings/students enter
8:00 - 8:30	Morning work
8:30 - 9:00	Morning meeting/social skill lessons
9:00 - 9:30	Phonics
9:30 - 9:45	Snack
9:45 - 9:50	Read aloud
9:50 - 11:00	Reading workshop: shared and guided reading, handwriting, literacy centers
11:00 - 11:40	Lunch/recess
11:40 - 11:55	Read aloud
11:55 - 12:45	Specials (gym, music, media technology/art)
12:45- 1:05	Read to self
1:05 - 1:30	Content (science/social studies) & writing
1:30 - 2:00	Math
2:00 - 2:20	Free choice
2:20 - 2:25	Prepare for dismissal and load buses
2:30	School day ends

# KINDERGARTEN IN WACONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Waconia Public Schools provides a standards-based curriculum in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health, Physical Education, Music, Art, and Media Skills to fully prepare all students to be successful life-long learners. Language Arts and Mathematics provide the core of the academic program for kindergarten students. Our Kindergarten program challenges students to develop academically, socially and emotionally. We emphasize the introductory skills of reading, writing, mathematics, and problem-solving. Our students are provided individualized support as they progress, at varying rates, through each developmental milestone.

### Kindergarten Language Arts

Children come to school with a variety of literacy experiences. Our Kindergarten program provides a comprehensive learning experience with support for mastering the Kindergarten Academic Standards. Most of all, we want our kindergarten students enthusiastic about reading and writing.

### Kindergarten Mathematics

Life's experiences are full of numbers, shapes, and patterns. In other words, math is all around us. Our kindergarten curriculum will focus on counting, measuring, discovering, and solving problems through comparisons and contrasts.

### Development of Character

Our Kindergarten program uses structured play and self-directed activities to develop strong character traits of persistence, self-control, flexibility, curiosity, conscientiousness, grit, and self-confidence.



### Our Kindergarten program also includes:

#### **Field Trips**

All students will have the opportunity to attend field trips.

#### **Specialist Curricula**

All students will have access to curriculum specialists, which will include music, physical education, media technology, and art.

#### **Staff**

All instructors are licensed kindergarten teachers who provide a safe, nurturing, and enriching learning environment for students.

#### **Breakfast**

Free breakfast is optional for all Kindergarten students daily.

#### **Snack Break**

Snack Break is part of the daily schedule.

#### **Lunch**

Students have a daily 40-minute Lunch/ Recess. Starting in 2023, school lunch is free for all students. Students also have the option to bring a lunch from home.

# KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW NIGHTS / KIDS' COMPANY

## Kindergarten Preview Night is January 11

Families are invited to attend Kindergarten Preview Night on Thursday, January 11, 2024. This is a great opportunity to get inside your child's school and learn about the exciting opportunities that await Kindergarten students in Waconia.

### Kindergarten Preview Night Objectives:

- Meet your principal and kindergarten teachers
- Explore your new school!
- Check out a kindergarten classroom
- Learn how to get involved in the PTO
- And more!

More details about this event, including timing will be sent to families in the near future.

## School Tours

Is your family still deciding where to enroll your children in school? Reach out to one of our administrative assistants to schedule a walking tour with a principal:

Bayview Elementary - Ann Bohanon  
952-442-0632  
abohanon@isd110.org

Laketown Elementary - Genell Siemens  
952-856-4528  
gsiemens@isd110.org

Southview Elementary- Tara Koosmann  
952-442-0622  
tkoosmann@isd110.org

## Kids' Company Childcare

Kids' Company is a program of Waconia Public Schools' Community Education that offers before and after school care, on most non-school/early release days, and during the summer. All three of the District's elementary schools serve as Kids' Company locations for students in grades K-5.

Kids' Company is a place where each child is a cherished and unique member of the team. Our focus is to offer a place where children will have fun, be challenged, build relationships, and feel a sense of belonging while fostering a sense of self. Our goal is to build a strong community through our children.

They are offered choices that promote their social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth through activities in art, music, science, recreation, language arts/reading, games, technology, creative dramatics, homework assistance, and quiet time. Every site provides daily reading time and homework assistance during the school year.

### How to Register for Kids' Company

Registering your child for Kids' Company childcare can be done through the Community Education registration website by visiting [isd110.org/community-education/kids-company](https://isd110.org/community-education/kids-company).

### Questions?

Please direct any Kids' Company questions to Waconia Community Education by calling 952-442-0610.



### Kids' Company 2023-24 School Year Rates\*

*Kindergarten through Grade 5*

		Daily Rate	Drop In
<b>Before School</b>	6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	\$12.00	\$17.00
<b>After School</b>	2:40 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	\$19.00	\$24.00
<b>School Closure Day</b>	6:00 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.	\$45.00	\$50.00
<b>Scheduled Early Release Day</b>		\$23.00	\$28.00

\*Subject to change.



# ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTIONS

## Online Enrollment Opens December 5

Online kindergarten enrollment will open on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

Here are the things you need to be prepared to enroll your child for Kindergarten.

- ✓ Your child must turn five years old on or before September 1, 2024
- ✓ Birth Certificate
- ✓ Proof of Residency (Utility bill, driver's license, rental contract, purchase agreement, etc.)
- ✓ Early childhood screening documentation
- ✓ Immunization records

## Schedule Your Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is a free service offered by District 110 that will check your child's overall development and health. The screening is required before kindergarten entrance in all Minnesota public schools. The preferred age to screen is between the ages of 3 and 4 years old. The screening will take approximately 1 hour.

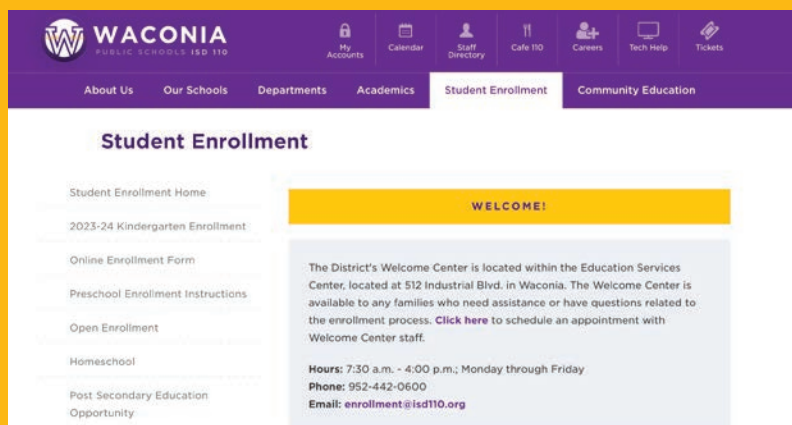


Schedule an Early Childhood Screening appointment at <https://bit.ly/ECS110> or scan this QR code.



## Did You Know...

The District's 12 Kindergarten teachers have more than 200 years of combined experience teaching in public schools!



## Ready to Enroll?

Visit [www.isd110.org/enrollment](https://www.isd110.org/enrollment) to access the online enrollment form on or after December 5.

The online enrollment form can be completed on a variety of devices including a computer, tablet or smartphone. Parents can also call 952-442-0600 or email [enrollment@isd110.org](mailto:enrollment@isd110.org) to make an appointment with Enrollment Center staff if they need help completing the enrollment form.



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# Why Waconia?



**Average Kindergarten Class Size of 22**



**Elite Fine Arts Programs**



**97% Graduation Rate**



**26 Varsity Athletic Teams**



**65% of Educators with Advanced Degrees**



**Top 20 Ranked Public School District in MN**