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GUIDE TO KINDERGARTEN

CLASS OF 2039 | FALL 2026

WELCOME CLASS OF 2039!



Greetings parents and guardians of future members of the Waconia Public Schools Class of 2039! We are excited for your student to join the Wildcat family in the Fall of 2026. Kindergarten is an exciting and important time in a student's life as they develop and grow many academic, social, and emotional skills that lay the foundation for their K-12 journey.

In Waconia Public Schools, we strive to build strong partnerships with parents and guardians to create a safe, caring, and cooperative environment. We are fortunate to be part of a tight-knit community that continually shows its support for our schools. The recent passage of our operating levy this November is a testament to that commitment and will help us maintain elementary homeroom class sizes that foster the best environment for student achievement.

Our talented and dedicated teachers and staff create developmentally appropriate learning experiences throughout the day to meet students' varying needs and to nurture growth in cognitive development, gross and fine motor skills, and social and emotional learning. We are proud to 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,

Dr. Brian Gersich
Superintendent

OUR MISSION

ISD 110 maximizes opportunities for all students to explore their passions and create their success by committing to a community that includes academic rigor, social growth, and emotional wellbeing.

OUR VISION

- Inspiring students to explore a variety of pathways including academic offerings and extracurricular activities that will allow them to recognize who they are and who they will become.
- Fostering a community with a collective sense of belonging and wellbeing.
- Establishing efficient systems and structures as part of a world-class school district that will create opportunities for staff to engage in innovative teaching and students to experience academic success.

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OUR CORE VALUES

Respect

We honor and listen to all voices to ensure everyone feels valued.

Collaboration

We achieve our common goals through trust, teamwork, and partnership.

Inclusiveness

We welcome all and seek multiple perspectives to create one connected community.

Empathy

We listen and act with genuine care.

Resilience

We empower one another and persevere with courage, determination, 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



Laketown Elementary



Principal:
Keith Baune

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



Southview Elementary

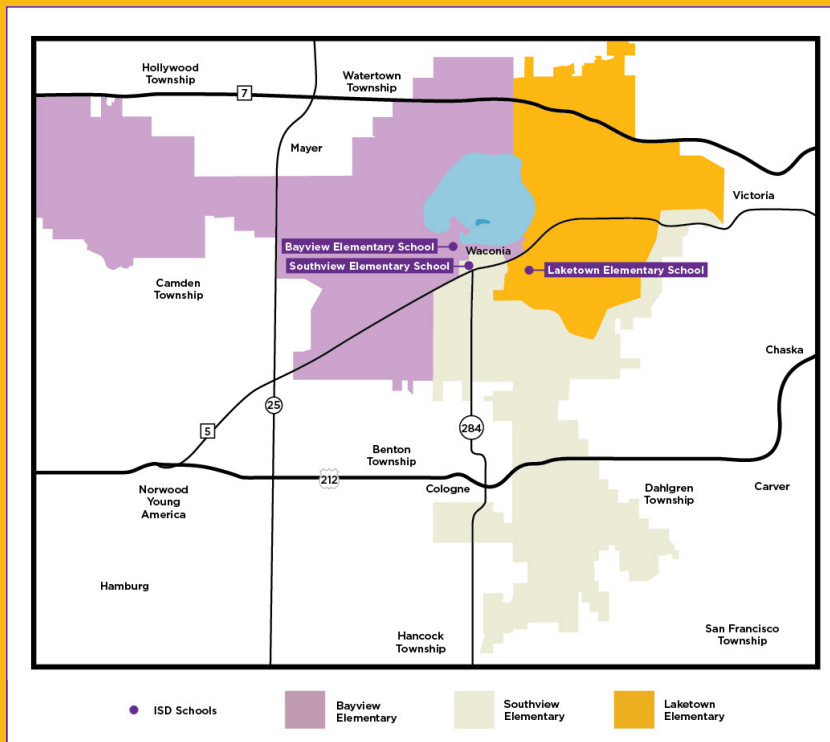


Principal:
Dr. Khuzana DeVaan

225 West 4th Street
Waconia, MN 55387
Phone: (952) 442-0620
Website: 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 meeting / social skills lesson
8:30 - 9:00	Foundational literacy skills (phonemic awareness, phonics)
9:00 - 9:30	WIN (What I Need) / reading with decodable books
9:30 - 9:45	Snack
9:45 - 11:00	Literacy / reading and writing instruction
11:00 - 11:40	Lunch / recess
11:40 - 12:30	Specials (gym, music, art/media)
12:30 - 1:15	Math
1:15 - 1:45	Social studies / Science
1:45 - 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 English 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. Our instruction focuses on building a strong foundation in the five pillars of reading: Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension. 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. School lunch is free for all students. Students also have the option to bring a lunch from home.

Watch our
Kindergarten Video:
bit.ly/110KinderVideo



KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW NIGHTS / KIDSPACE CHILDCARE

Kindergarten Preview Nights

Families are invited to attend their elementary school's Kindergarten Preview Night later this winter. This is a great opportunity to get inside your child's school and learn about the exciting opportunities that await Kindergarten students in Waconia. See information on page 3 if you are unsure of what elementary school your child will attend.

Save the Date:

- **Bayview Elementary:** Monday, January 12, 2026
- **Laketown Elementary:** Thursday, January 15, 2026
- **Southview Elementary:** Thursday, February 12, 2026

More details about these events, including the opportunity to sign up for one of two sessions (4:00-5:00 p.m. / 5:30-6:30 p.m.) 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 - Kristen Glander
952-442-0622
kglander@isd110.org



KidSpace Childcare

KidSpace 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 KidSpace locations for students in grades K-5.

KidSpace 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 KidSpace

Registering your child for KidSpace childcare can be done through the Community Education registration website at: <https://isd110.org/community-education/kidspace>

Questions?

Please direct any KidSpace questions to Waconia Community Education by calling 952-442-0618.



KidSpace 2025-26 School Year Rates*

Kindergarten through Grade 5

		Daily Rate	Drop In
Before School	6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	\$13.00	\$18.00
After School	2:40 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	\$20.00	\$25.00
School Closure Day	6:00 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.	\$50.00	\$55.00
Scheduled Early Release Day		\$25.00	\$30.00

Current families can register Jan. 5-11
New families can register Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.

*Subject to change.

IMPORTANT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Online Enrollment Opens December 9

Online kindergarten enrollment will open on Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

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, 2026
- ☑ 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.



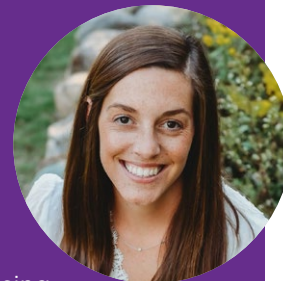
Schedule an Early Childhood Screening appointment at <https://bit.ly/ECS110> or scan this QR code.

Ready to Enroll?

Visit www.isd110.org/enrollment to access the online enrollment form on or after December 10.

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 to make an appointment with Enrollment Center staff if they need help completing the enrollment form.

What do parents say about Waconia Public Schools?



As a former Kindergarten teacher and parent, Waconia has everything I was looking for in a school. They focus on cultivating well-rounded students by addressing their academic, emotional, and social growth. They exceeded my expectations by inspiring a sense of responsibility and community connection. My daughter felt confident and comfortable from the beginning and many of the staff knew her name within the first few weeks. We couldn't be happier!

- Hannah Penning, Chaska

- 99%** of elementary parents say their child is safe and supported at school
- 99%** of elementary parents say their child feels welcomed, respected and heard at school
- 96%** of elementary parents say school staff work to ensure an inclusive learning environment and a sense of belonging for their child
- 97%** of elementary parents say their child is receiving a high quality education

5th Grade MCA Score Comparisons

READING PROFICIENCY:

Waconia	76.8%
Westonka	73.4%
Eastern Carver	71.1%
Watertown-Mayer	69.0%
Central	65.2%
State Average	57.1%

MATH PROFICIENCY:

Minnetonka w	71.7%
Waconia	71.0%
Westonka	67.6%
Eastern Carver	60.5%
Central	52.2%
State Average	42.9%

Source: Minnesota Department of Education



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Why Waconia?



Average Kindergarten Class Size of 21



Elite Fine Arts Programs



Small Town Feel, Big Opportunities



30 MSHSL Sponsored Activities



Trusted and Caring Teachers



An Advanced Placement Honor Roll School