CLASS OF 2034
Welcome
TO WAUKEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021-2022
Kindergarten

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Waukee Community School District (WCSD) is an exciting place. Opportunities are numerous for the more than 11,800 students that make up our district.

WCSD is currently the seventh largest school district in Iowa serving students from Clive, Urbandale, Waukee and West Des Moines as well as open enrolled students from other communities outside the 55 square miles of our district boundaries.

Waukee Community School District is committed to delivering curriculum that is rigorous, relevant and promotes high levels of engagement. Collectively, staff members work to remove any barriers that may impact student progress and achievement, providing increasingly advanced coursework and instruction at all grade levels.

Every employee, volunteer and community partner associated with our district works to deliver our mission and vision each day. Specifically, we want to partner with families to prepare every child for success after high school. Learning and doing what’s best for our students will ALWAYS be our primary focus.

We invite you to get involved with our schools. Be informed, be a part of the excitement, and be our partner!

Dr. Brad Buck
Superintendent

Our elementary schools operate on a neighborhood school concept. Students are assigned to schools based on where they live within a neighborhood elementary boundary.
OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Brookview Elementary School
Stephanie Angelino | Principal
8000 EP True Pkwy
West Des Moines, IA 50266
☎ 515.987.5166 ✉ 515.225.4578
brookview@waukeeschools.org
@BVelementary

Eason Elementary School
Clint Prohaska | Principal
605 SE Boone Dr
Waukee, IA 50263
☎ 515.987.5200 ✉ 515.987.2707
eason@waukeeschools.org
@EasonElem

Grant Ragan Elementary School
Matt Robie | Principal
645 NE Dartmoor Dr
Waukee, IA 50263
☎ 515.987.0435 ✉ 515.987.9566
grantragane@waukeeschools.org
@GrantRaganEl

Maple Grove Elementary School
Kim Tierney | Principal
1455 98th St
West Des Moines, IA 50266
☎ 515.987.3363 ✉ 515.987.3903
maplegrove@waukeeschools.org
@MGEWaukee

Radiant Elementary School
Allison Salow | Principal
5050 170th St
Urbandale, IA 50323
☎ 515.987.2210 ✉ 515.987.2109
radiant@waukeeschools.org
@RadiantElem9

Shuler Elementary School
Joel Fey | Principal
16400 Douglas Pkwy
Clive, IA 50325
☎ 515.987.8597 ✉ 515.987.1536
shuler@waukeeschools.org
@ShulerElem

Walnut Hills Elementary School
Dr. Gregory Carenza | Principal
4240 NW 156th St
Urbandale, IA 50323
☎ 515.987.3585 ✉ 515.987.9784
walnuthills@waukeeschools.org
@WalnutHillsEl

Waukee Elementary School
Nicole Johnson | Principal
850 6th St
Waukee, IA 50263
☎ 515.987.5193 ✉ 515.987.5194
waukee@waukeeschools.org
@WaukeeElem

Woodland Hills Elementary School
Scott Shumaker | Principal
1120 S 95th St
West Des Moines, IA 50266
☎ 515.987.5196 ✉ 515.987.7560
woodlandhills@waukeeschools.org
@WoodlandHillsEl

The boundary map can be found on the Waukee Community School District's website. If you are unsure which boundary you live in, please call 987.2706.

Transportation: Durham School Services
School Busing
605 University Avenue
Waukee, IA 50263
☎ 515.987.2788 ✉ 515.987.2701
If you have the following items when registering your child, feel free to turn them in with the other documents. If required forms are not turned in at the time of registration, please turn them in directly to your child’s school.

- Kindergarten students are required to submit a **Certificate of Health** from a licensed physician.
- Kindergarten students are required to submit a **Completed Certificate of Immunization**, which is in compliance with the Iowa School Immunization law.
- Kindergarten students are required by Iowa law to have a **Blood Lead Test**.
- Kindergarten students are required by Iowa law to have a **Dental Screening**.
- Kindergarten students are required by Iowa law to have a **Vision Screening**.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT TIMELINE**

**January 4**

**Start Paperwork**

Students who live within district boundaries can begin submitting required paperwork to the District Administration Office.

**March 22**

**Online Portal Opens**

An email with directions on how to complete the online enrollment process will be sent.

**May**

**Information Meetings**

Kindergarten information meetings will be held at all elementary schools. The dates and times for these meetings are yet to be determined.

**July 17**

**Enrollment Reminders**

A reminder email is sent to pay fees or complete a free/reduced application and fee waiver.

**August 4**

**Back to School Resource Fair**

**August**

**Welcome Letters**

A welcome letter from your student’s classroom teacher will be sent in the month of August.

**Open House (Aug 19)**

Open House for all elementary students and parents will happen from 4-6 p.m. for all buildings.

**REQUIRED INFORMATION** within 60 days of the first day of school

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**August 24-25**

**Kindergarten Transition Days**

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**August 26**

**First Full Day of School for Kindergarten**

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**September 1**

**Open Enrollment Deadline**

This is the final day open enrollment requests will be accepted for students entering kindergarten.

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**KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST**

- 3 boxes of 24 count standard crayons
- 8 glue sticks
- Scissors (children’s)
- 10 sharpened pencils (yellow #2)
- 1 yellow highlighter
- 4 three-prong, bottom-pocket folders (plain colored)
- 1 sturdy plastic pocket folder (pockets at bottom)
- 1 black three-ring binder (1 1/2”)
- 2 boxes of wide-tip, 8 count washable markers
- 1 box of thin-tip, 8 count washable markers
- 2 wide-tip dry erase markers
- 2 spiral notebooks (70 page, wide-ruled, solid color)
- 1 large beach towel
- Book bag or backpack (standard size, no wheels)
- Tennis shoes (wear on P.E. days)
- Tissue box donations are needed at all grade levels.
Our classrooms are designed to nurture curiosity and encourage problem-solving and discovery. Your child will spend their days engaged in meaningful experiences, practice and play with support from the teacher.

**Areas of Development**
- Literacy
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science
- Physical Education
- Art
- Music
- Guidance

The Waukee kindergarten curriculum is aligned to the Iowa Core Curriculum. Instruction is designed around essential standards and fueled by students’ natural curiosity, creativity and enjoyment of learning. We are committed to the academic, physical and social-emotional health of every individual student.

**Literacy**
Unlocking the world of language will be a core component of your child’s kindergarten experience. Literacy instruction and practice develops students’ reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Pronunciation, vocabulary and comprehension of everyday speech will be taught through fiction and nonfiction literature. Foundational skills and word work will play a vital part of reading and writing success for your child.

**Math**
Number sense and geometric shapes will be the foundation for math exploration and learning in kindergarten. Children will explore the concepts of numbers through a variety of experiences such as sorting, counting, comparing, making models and working with simple equations. Students will explore their physical world through shapes and spatial relationships. Students will work on flexible thinking and problem solving related to both number and shape.

**Science**
Exploring the world is exciting! Your child will be encouraged to wonder and investigate patterns and the concept of cause and effect as they learn about seasons, motion and living things. Lots of hands-on activities and collaboration with support student’s learning. They will question, predict, observe and experiment their way to understanding of key ideas.

**Social Studies**
Children will learn about themselves, others and the community around them through an inquiry and investigative approach. Children will explore what it means to belong to a community, how to identify basic needs and wants and why rules, fairness and responsibility are important as they become independent with classroom and playground procedures.

**Related Arts**
6 Day Cycle

- **Physical Education**
  - 2 x 30 min.
- **Art**
  - 1 x 45 min.
- **Music**
  - 2 x 30 min.
- **Library**
  - 1 x 40 min.
- **Guidance**
  - 1 x 30 min.
- **Computers**
  - 1 x 30 min.
- **All Waukee Elementary Schools operate on a 6 day cycle. Students will receive each of the following related arts classes within the 6 day rotation.**
TIPS TO GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

Our partnerships with parents and families can help all students be successful in kindergarten. Wondering what you can do with your child to help prepare for their kindergarten experience? The following ideas can support their transition into a full day kindergarten program. Enjoy learning and growing together!

Play

Social Skills
Offer opportunities for your child to share, compromise, take turns and problem solve. Model how this looks and sounds for your child. Celebrate when they demonstrate positive social interactions with their peers and adults.

Fine Motor
Encourage your child to cut, color, paste and hold pencils and crayons. Have your child move and sort small objects like cheerios or marbles. These experiences can strengthen their hand muscles and prepare them for the writing experiences they will have in kindergarten.

Independence
Children love to master new skills and gain independence. Give your child space to figure things out. Routines like getting dressed, zipping up a coat and putting away toys on their own can be great steps toward gaining the self-help skills they will need in kindergarten.

Curiosity
Pay attention and get curious about the world around you. Talk about what you see happening. Ask questions about animals at the zoo or items at the grocery store. Engage in conversation and fuel a sense of investigation in your child. Not only will this develop a curious mindset, it will also build a flourishing vocabulary for your child.
The mission of the Waukee Nutrition Services is to provide a variety of delicious, nutritious and safe meals. Breakfast and lunch are served daily at every school.

**Elementary Lunch Options**
Each day, students have four lunch options to choose from:

- **Hot Lunch Bar**
  New options and old favorites with a new twist.

- **Kydz-able Bar**
  A protein option (meat, cheese, and/or yogurt) offered with a fruit, vegetable, dinner roll or vanilla graham cracker and a milk.

- **Sandwich Option**
  A deli or Sunbutter® and jelly sandwich served with fruits, vegetables, and milk.

- **Boxed Lunch Salad**
  Romaine lettuce with a protein option, cheese, vegetables, a dinner roll, fruit, and milk.

**Special Diet Accommodations/Allergy Policy**
Each of our schools are peanut/tree nut aware, which means we do not prepare food items containing peanuts/tree nuts. Students are encouraged to not bring peanut/tree nut items in their cold lunch. Please see our Elementary Handbook on our website for further information on our allergy policy.

We currently offer the following special diets, but are able to accommodate other special diets as is medically necessary.

- Gluten-Free
- Dairy-Free
- Egg-Free
- Gluten and Dairy-Free
- Egg and Dairy-Free

**Elementary Meal Prices 2020-21**
Breakfast: $1.85
Lunch: $2.80

Nutrition deposits can be made online. The district has contracted with RevTrak, a national credit card payment processor, to provide a secure site for making payments: waukee.revtrak.net

*Prices for the 2021-22 school year were not determined at the time of printing.

**School Café**
Want to check your student’s lunch balance or transaction history? Want to see what’s cooking for next week? Check out School Café! schoolcafe.com/WCSDNutrition

**Free or Reduced-Priced Meals**
Apply online anytime using an internet-enabled computer at schoolcafe.com

**Order Classroom Treats Online**
Just a few clicks and your child can have treats delivered to their school for birthdays, classroom parties, or any occasion. Just visit the Classroom Treats section on RevTrak, waukee.revtrak.net
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Counselors & Student Services Staff

Every school building has a counselor and student services support you can reach for community resources. You can connect with them by visiting the WCSD website at www.waukeeschools.org and selecting your child’s school building.

Dallas County Closet

43 NE Carefree Lane
Waukee IA 50263
waukeecommunitycloset@gmail.com

Dallas County Closet (DCC) is a community run, non-profit that accepts clothing donations in order to provide clothing to those in need.

Dallas County General Relief

Dallas County General Relief may be able to help with emergency food assistance, shelter, utilities, medical services, and burial costs. Complete the online application to see if you are eligible and if funding is available.

You can access the online application on their website at www.dallascountyiowa.gov/services

Dallas County Health Navigators

25747 N Avenue, Suite C
Adel, IA 50003
515.993.3750

Dallas County Health Navigators connect clients with resources to meet their needs. This may include assistance filling out paperwork, completing phone calls, and learning how to navigate the healthcare system. Navigators meet in-home or at a location convenient to the client.

Waukee Area Christian Services

1155 SE Boone Drive
Waukee, IA 50263
515.987.5523

Waukee Area Christian Services (WACS) provides support for families including a free medical clinic, food pantry, holiday support, community garden, and family advocate services. For hours and contact information, please visit their website at waukeechristianservices.org/

Employee Family Resources

515.244.6090
877.542.6488

Employee Family Resources (EFR) offers a Student Assistance Program (SAP) to help families with a wide variety of personal and family issues that can impact student behavior and achievement. SAP provides support to families through in-person counseling, telephone counseling, as well as written and online resources.

The EFR Student Assistance Program is confidential and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Beyond the Bell

Beyond the Bell programs are offered for students currently enrolled at these six school sites:

- Maple Grove
- Grant Ragan
- Shuler
- Radiant
- Walnut Hills
- Woodland Hills

Our programs provide a safe, fun, and positive environment for children. We provide open communication between the staff, parents, and schools to ensure that each child’s needs are met on a daily basis.

Staff will be positive role models who will help each child benefit and grow through social interaction. We believe children have positive attitudes when they are in a positive environment. This is achieved through games, activities, crafts and opportunities to socialize.

Fees and Payment Options 2020-21*

Beyond the Bell continues to care for your children throughout the year, including winter and spring breaks. Payment is owed for every week, whether your child attends or not.

Registration Fee: $25, per child

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Summer Weekly Fees
$150/week per child

Weather Emergencies

When winter weather becomes dangerous, the safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Our inclement weather procedures help keep everyone safe.

Weather Late Start

Care is only open for children registered for A.M. care. Opening time will be delayed two hours as well. We will open at 8:30 a.m. If school is canceled after students have arrived, parents will be asked to pick up their child(ren) within one hour of the cancellation announcement.

Weather Early Dismissal

The program will begin at the time of dismissal. Parents are required to pick up their child(ren) within one hour of dismissal time to ensure the safety of everyone traveling home.

Weather Cancellation

If school is canceled due to snow or ice, the program will also be closed. If school is canceled due to extremely low temperatures, the program will be open at its regular time, 6:30 a.m.

Beyond the Bell Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2021-22 school year will begin for all new and current families in April 2021.

Contact

Andrea Wilmes
Associate Director of Child Care Services
awilmes@waukeeschools.org | 515.987.5161 x4550

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Childcare Program Manager
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YMCA

YMCA Before and After School Programs are offered for students currently enrolled at these three elementary school sites:

• Brookview • Eason • Waukee

YMCA Before and Afterschool Programs foster each child’s cognitive, social-emotional, and physical development through opportunities and experiences which focus on achievement, relationships, and belonging. Each child is encouraged to develop at his or her own unique rate by encouraging skill development and frequent leadership opportunities. Families are seen as partners in their child’s development and provided opportunities to strengthen the family unit and give the family and the YMCA the opportunity to work, play, learn and thrive together. The YMCA collaborates with other organizations that are committed to serving the needs of all children and families. It’s through these collaborations and a strong youth development focus and assessment that the YMCA delivers consistent quality programs.

Fees and Payment Options 2020-21*

The YMCA offers two payment options: monthly or semi-monthly by debit or credit card. Sites accept Child Care Assistance vouchers. Call 515.868.0508 for more details and questions about payments.

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