

Academic Standards, Educational Options, Accountability Reports, and Special Needs Scholarship Program

Academic Standards

The School District of Waukesha (SDW) is committed to using benchmarked and rigorous standards that set the highest expectations for student performance and to prepare students in the district for success in college, career, and community development. In order to align expectations for students with key external assessments used for entrance into college and preparation for viable career pathways (examples include SAT and ACT), the SDW is committed to supporting the College and Career Readiness (CCR) Standards for reading, math, science, and language arts and corresponding standards in other content areas that align skills and concepts with the deep understanding required through the CCR Standards developed by ACT (<http://www.act.org/standard/>).

The SDW realizes the importance of community values and positioning students competitively for the global employment market. The Board of Education (BOE) approves and reviews instructional materials and standards in various areas with the goal of setting high expectations that leverage students for success beyond high school.

In setting standards for students in the SDW, the BOE looks for the following characteristics:

- Clarity in purpose and measurable outcomes at each grade level
- Collaborative teacher design of expected outcomes and delivery of skills and content
- Focus on college, community, and workforce preparation
- Benchmarking with other schools across the country
- Flexible and accessible learning so that all students can reach rigorous expectations

Students, parents, and community members are able to find the District-adopted Student Academic Standards on the SDW website at <https://sdw.waukesha.k12.wi.us/Page/343>.

Throughout the SDW's curriculum development process, standards endorsed by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/standards>. It is the goal of the SDW to exceed these standards through the implementation of a rigorous curriculum. To this end, the SDW utilizes a variety of additional resources from state, federal, and even global agencies to inform best practice, and ensure required standards are exceeded through the curriculum development and implementation processes.

Educational Options

The educational options available to all children who reside in the SDW are listed in our Enrollment Publication found at:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1V5eQPc-KGzhz2mF4Ib7JEObPZEIXhDke>. More information on all Educational Options can be found on the DPI website at <https://dpi.wi.gov/ed-options>.

Accountability Reports

As part of the state accountability system, each year the DPI has produced report cards for every public school and district in Wisconsin. These accountability report cards include data on multiple indicators for multiple years across four Priority Areas (Student Achievement, Growth, Closing Gaps, and On-track and Post-secondary Success). The SDW and all Waukesha schools have a Report Card and all can be found at <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/>. Special Education and other State/Federal reports can be found on the WISEdash Public Portal at <https://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/portalHome.jsp>. WISEdash is the way for parents and community members to discover all types of data about Wisconsin public schools and districts.

School	2018-19 Accountability Rating
Banting Elementary	88.6
Bethesda Elementary	75.7
Blair Elementary	80.8
Butler Middle School	73.5
eAchieve Academy	59.9
eAchieve Elementary	55
Hadfield Elementary	66.5
Hawthorne Elementary	75.8
Heyer Elementary	79.4
Hillcrest Elementary	80.8
Horning Middle School	67.1
Les Paul Middle School	68.7
Lowell Elementary	87.4
Meadowbrook Elementary	85.6
North High School	61.4
Prairie Elementary	74.7
Rose Glen Elementary	89.9
South High School	61.4
Summit View INC	74.9
Waukesha Academy of Health	70.4
Waukesha Engineering Prep	88.4
Waukesha STEM Academy	84.1
West High School	83.4
Whittier Elementary	69.2

Special Needs Scholarship Program

This notice serves to inform parents and guardians of students with disabilities that the State of Wisconsin has established the Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP). The SNSP allows a student with a disability, who meets certain eligibility requirements, to receive a state-funded scholarship to attend a participating private school.

A student with a disability may be eligible to participate in the SNSP if all of the following apply:

- (1) Individualized Education Program (IEP) or services plan: The student has an IEP or services plan that is currently being implemented.
- (2) Wisconsin Resident: The student resides in Wisconsin.

Students may apply for the SNSP for the 2019-20 school year from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Applications and related resources for the 2020-21 school year will be available in June 2020. Parents/guardians should direct any questions regarding the application requirements to the private school their child is applying to. Additional information can be found on the DPI's website under the Special Needs Scholarship Program found at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/special-needs-scholarship>.