

# District Information

For new families and residents of Independent School District No. 829



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### About Waseca Public Schools

#### It Takes a Village...

Waseca Public Schools is one of the best Districts in the state of Minnesota, with a K – 12 population of approximately 1900 students. Teachers, parents, and the community work hand in hand to offer the perfect combination of a world class education, in award winning schools, in a friendly, small town environment.

#### Opportunities for all ages!

Waseca Public Schools offers an excellent early childhood, kindergarten, elementary and secondary experience for all learners. Furthermore, we offer Community Education courses, preschool options, adult education classes, and a variety of activities for the community of Waseca.

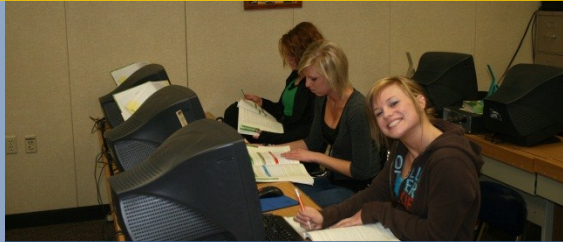
#### See for yourself, all are welcome!

To find out more information about Waseca Public Schools, please visit us at:

[www.waseca.k12.mn.us](http://www.waseca.k12.mn.us)

For a tour or additional information about our schools, please contact the District Office at (507) 835 – 2500.

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**Our Students** Students of Waseca public schools benefit from state leading and award winning instruction, along with model programs which realize the full potential of each student. Our students continue to be leaders in the South Central Conference in academics, athletics and the fine arts, are in the top 3-7% of Minnesota in standardize testing, and have a graduation rate of approximately 94%. Students have opportunities to be involved in numerous activities and clubs from Kindergarten through 12th grade, all leading towards a well-rounded education preparing students to be life-long learners.

### Elementary Programs

Your child’s elementary learning is the cornerstone of their future success in life. Hartley Elementary is a proud national **Blue Ribbon School**, with teachers who are consummate professionals working diligently to cultivate a nurturing environment of enthusiastic learning for all. We recognize the unique needs of each student and are committed to maximizing everyone’s potential through several research-based programs such as:

- Positive Behavior Interventional Strategies (P.B.I.S.) focusing on reinforcing positive behavior through respective activities which builds community.
- Stimulating Maturity through Accelerated Readiness Training (SMART Rooms) emphasizing physical movement which stimulates comprehension of standards based curriculum.
- Response to Intervention (R.T.I.) is a program identifying at-risk students and providing them prescriptive support in specific curriculum based interventions.
- All day-everyday kindergarten
- After School Programming assisting students to develop mastery in Reading and Math.
- A standards-based curriculum focusing on developing 21st Century learners

### Secondary Programs

Awarded the **Minnesota School of Character**, our secondary programs are a springboard to preparing students for life-long learning, and community caring. Through rigorous instruction and relevant experiences, students are college and career ready.

- Over 30 college credits available through Advanced Placement and College in the Schools courses
- Multiple foreign language offerings
- One of the Midwest’s top band and choral music programs
- A vibrant array of state qualifying extra and co-curricular activities
- A variety of electives, allowing students to pursue areas of interest and passion
- Over \$80,000 in annual scholarship awards
- Big world thinking, in a small environment
- Career Education and Service Learning

### College and Career Readiness, Success for ALL Students

In short, Waseca Public Schools will give your child an exceptional opportunity to a world class education, to be prepared for college and the workforce, and to be active members of their community.



# Community Information

For more information visit [www.discoverwaseca.com](http://www.discoverwaseca.com)



## Great Schools, Great Community!

Waseca Public Schools is only one hour south of the Twin Cities, nestled in a small, family-oriented community. With a population of 9,410, Waseca, MN offers vibrant cultural, educational, and economic opportunities which make it one of the best places to live and raise a family. Waseca is rich in community organizations which assist in providing an excellent quality of life for its residents and visitors. Of which, many of these organizations provide funding assistance and support for athletics, music, arts, charitable, business and special interest activities and community outreach, including proud service organizations. These special organizations make the Waseca community successful in providing positive relationships and opportunities for all ages and interests.



## Housing

Housing options in the Waseca Public School District range from rental units and townhomes to single-family homes, in all price ranges, in urban and rural locations.



## Quality of Life

Waseca is close to Interstate 35 which is the gateway to entertainment and cultural opportunities in the state of Minnesota. Along with a convenient location, amenities are abundant right in Waseca including two beautiful lakes, trails, a water park, public art gallery, community theatre, historic downtown, and a variety of retail, restaurants, night life, recreational activities, and festivals, just to name a few!



## Business and Opportunities

Waseca Public Schools is an active member of the Waseca Chamber of Commerce, building support and partnerships throughout the community. We have a thriving entrepreneurial business sector which includes Itron, Brown Printing, Emerson Network Power, Birdseye Foods, and a several smaller businesses.



## Convenient location

Waseca has access to the Mayo Clinic through a local Mayo sponsored hospital and clinic. Furthermore, Waseca is surrounded by several colleges and universities including Minnesota State-Mankato, South Central Community College, Riverland Technical College, Gustavus Adolphus, St. Olaf College, and home to the Southern Research and Outreach Center, a part of the University of Minnesota system.

