

from the superintendent

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for your interest in Westonka Public Schools! We would love for you to visit us and learn more about our small schools with big opportunities for you and your children.

In Westonka Schools, we give our students the edge they need to succeed in higher education by offering personalized learning experiences and competitive class sizes, along with the same advanced courses and extracurricular opportunities seen in larger districts. In a district the size of Westonka, your child won't have to compete with 600 others just to experience the thrill of performing on stage, competing in DECA or playing hockey. Every child has a chance to shine.

Westonka students—from the primary schools to the high school—consistently rank among the best in the state on MCA tests. We are home to two National Blue Ribbon primary schools, an award-winning middle school and a high school ranked among the top in the state by national publications, including U.S. News & World Report. We also offer a four-star rated early childhood program and a vibrant community education program.

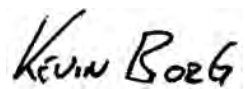
We have many initiatives that are changing the way our teachers teach and our students learn. Our Edge21 technology plan includes 1:1 mobile devices for grades K–12 and increased technology integration at all levels. We have also expanded our engineering curriculum to offer students career readiness in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Thanks to the generous support of our community, two community facilities opened on the high school campus in 2018, the Westonka Performing Arts Center and the Westonka Activity Center. These new facilities have expanded opportunities for students and community members alike. Additionally, we opened a new early learning center in 2017 which houses our four-year-old preschool program.

Finally, with the lowest total school property taxes in Hennepin County, Westonka Schools continue to be a great return on your investment. The district has earned the School Finance Award each year and holds a very high "Aa2" credit rating. We have worked hard to establish a strong financial position that supports the achievement of our students.

For more information about our award-winning schools, please call 952.491.8000 or visit www.westonka.k12.mn.us.

Sincerely,



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westonka fast facts



Top-in-State Test Scores

Westonka students scored in the Top 10 districts in the state on 2022 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs). Overall, Westonka ranked #5 in the state in reading and #10 in the state in math. Highlights include:

- Grade 3 ranked #3 in state in reading
- Grade 4 ranked #1 in state in reading, #9 in state in math
- Grade 5 ranked #6 in state in reading, #2 in state in math, #3 in state in science
- Grade 6 ranked #7 in state in reading; #6 in state in math
- Grade 7 ranked #2 in state in reading and math
- Grade 8 ranked #7 in state in reading; #9 in state in science
- Grade 10 ranked #9 in state in reading
- Grade 11 ranked #10 in state in math

National Blue Ribbon Awards

Both of Westonka's primary schools—Hilltop and Shirley Hills—are National Blue Ribbon schools.

'Best High School' Recognitions

Mound Westonka High School is recognized as one of the top high schools in the country. MWHS is ranked 15th in the state on the 2022 U.S. News & World Report "Best High Schools" list and is listed as one of the top schools in the state by Niche.com. MWHS is also the proud home of the 2017 Minnesota Teacher of the Year, Corey Bulman.

21st Century Skills

- Westonka's Edge21 Technology Plan transforms the method by which curriculum is delivered to students and personalizes the learning experience for students.
- Westonka students in grades K-12 are 1:1 with mobile devices.
- From the primary schools to the high school, Westonka offers engineering courses that help all students develop a competitive advantage for their post-high school education and careers.
- The Project Lead the Way engineering program at the high school offers two- and four-year college credit.



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Strong College Prep Program

- College counseling and planning begins in 7th grade
- 11 Advanced Placement courses
- College-in-the-Schools (CIS) Spanish
- Post-secondary enrollment options
- 44 APScholar Awards in 2022
- 60% of students taking APExams in 2022 scored a 3 or higher (usually the minimum to earn college credit)

Competitive Class Sizes

Average Class Sizes in 2021-2022:

Kindergarten: 19.4

Primary School: 22

Middle and High School: 21.89

High Ability Student Choices

- Full primary school Gifted and Talented program
- Accelerated and honors courses for middle school
- Strong portfolio of Advanced Placement courses and advanced, honors and CIS courses

Global Leadership Opportunities

- Student leadership programs at all schools
- Preschool Spanish; grades K-7 before- and after-school Spanish; high school Mandarin Chinese and CIS Spanish
- Beijing Sister School
- Foreign exchange mentorship program

Generous Community Support

- Westonka Schools receives financial support from a local educational foundation
- An operating levy increase approved by voters in 2019 secured 10 years of stable funding for the school district
- Over \$309,000 in locally-sponsored scholarships were awarded to the class of 2021
- Thanks to our community's generous support of a 2016 bond referendum, Westonka opened a new activity center and state-of-the-art performing arts center on the high school campus

Award-Winning Activities (2021-2022)

Athletics:

- 6 state tournament teams—Gymnastics (1st), Jazz Dance (4th), High Kick Dance (4th), Boys Basketball (5th), Girls Swim (6th), Girls Cross Country
- Westonka also sent individuals to state in wrestling, boys cross country, boys golf and track and field

Business:

- 120 MWHS students competed at the state DECA meet
- 30 students qualified for DECA Internationals in 2021
- 1 first place Internationals trophy

Music:

- 3 All-State Choir members and one All-State Orchestra member

Arts:

- 3 Minnesota Scholastic Art Awards in 2022
- 17 Spotlight recognitions from Hennepin Theatre Trust, including Outstanding Overall Production, Outstanding Overall Technical Team and three Outstanding Individual Performance awards



2022 test scores

Among the Best in the State & Neighborhood

Overall

#5 in state in reading
#10 in state in math

	Reading	Math
Wayzata	77	78
Minnetonka	73	73
Westonka	73	69
Orono	73	68
Waconia	63	62
Statewide Average	51	45

Grade 3

#3 in state in reading
#13 in state in math

	Reading	Math
Westonka	74	78
Wayzata	74	84
Orono	65	87
Minnetonka	65	84
Waconia	59	78
Statewide Average	48	59

Grade 4

#1 in state in reading
#9 in state in math

	Reading	Math
Westonka	75	78
Orono	73	82
Minnetonka	72	81
Wayzata	70	84
Waconia	63	78
Statewide Average	50	56

Grade 5

#6 in state in reading
#2 in state in math
#3 in state in science

	Reading	Math	Science
Orono	85	72	72
Minnetonka	81	67	78
Westonka	81	75	77
Wayzata	80	72	72
Waconia	74	59	67
Statewide Average	59	43	50

**Rankings reflect 2022 combined MCA and MTAS statewide results from school districts testing at least 100 students in the grade level. Results show percentage of students scoring "proficient" and above.*



2022 test scores

Grade 6

#7 in state in reading
#6 in state in math

	Reading	Math
Wayzata	82	72
Orono	81	62
Minnetonka	80	71
Westonka	76	67
Waconia	68	62
Statewide Average	54	39

Grade 7

#2 in state in reading
#2 in state in math

	Reading	Math
Wayzata	77	75
Westonka	74	72
Minnetonka	72	65
Orono	69	62
Waconia	60	66
Statewide Average	45	38

Grade 8

#7 in state in reading
#9 in state in science

	Reading	Math	Science
Wayzata	77	79	79
Orono	74	66	66
Minnetonka	71	73	73
Westonka	66	57	57
Waconia	61	54	54
Statewide Average	46	40	40

Grade 10

#9 in state in reading

	Reading
Wayzata	81
Minnetonka	72
Westonka	68
Orono	65
Waconia	58
Statewide Average	55

Grade 11

#10 in state in math

	Math
Wayzata	78
Minnetonka	66
Westonka	53
Orono	46
Statewide Average	37
Waconia	34



Where students truly matter, learning thrives.



Grace Peterson

Mound Westonka High School
Class of 2021

“Westonka Public Schools allowed me to participate in a wide variety of activities that a smaller district provides and gave me the opportunity to gain important leadership skills.”

Grace studies and plays D1 lacrosse at the U.S. Naval Academy

Activities: 3-sport varsity captain - hockey, tennis and lacrosse, DECA vice president, RISE Westonka unified sports program, Link Crew

Awards: *summa cum laude*; AP Scholar with Distinction; National Honor Society; Athena Award; Academic All-State (hockey, tennis and lacrosse); 2021 Ms. Lacrosse Finalist



Small school advantages. Big school opportunities. Real-life success stories.

westonka school district



Westonka offers credit-bearing immersion trips to China, Peru and Costa Rica.

Academic all-stars

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Westonka DECA students compete at the state and international levels.

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College prep for the real world

By equipping our students with 21st Century Skills, we work to ensure that all Westonka students graduate positioned for success in higher education. Our students receive college counseling starting in 7th grade.



White Hawks athletics and activities give each student a chance to shine.