WEST BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT
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District News

Exploring New Resources

Over the past several months, the West Bend School District (WBSD) Teaching and Learning Department, along with dedicated math teachers, has been evaluating new math resources for students in grades 6-12. This review process focused on identifying materials that enhance instructional practices and improve student achievement.

After a rigorous screening process and multiple progress reports to the Curriculum Committee of the West Bend School Board, the recommended math resources are:

- **Grades 6-8:** Illustrative Math – Imagine Learning (Primary Resource)
- **Grades 9-12:** Illustrative Math – Kendall Hunt (Primary Resource)

Additionally, a separate team has been assessing potential English Language Arts (ELA) resources for fifth grade. The district previously adopted Amplify CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts) for grades K-4, with full implementation this past year. As the district transitions to serving fifth grade within elementary schools, aligning ELA instruction across grades K-5 has become a priority.

We encourage families and community members to preview the proposed materials and share their feedback. Both the math resources and English Language Arts resources are available for viewing at the Education Service Center March 31-April 11 and the West Bend Community Library March 31-April 13. See details regarding hours of each location here.

Sign Up for Summer School Now; Registration is Open for All Grades



Registration is now open for all grades for summer school. While details of Summer School, such as classes, transportation, and more, are available on the website, all registration is completed in Skyward. Dates and locations of summer school include:

- Virtual high school classes begin on Tuesday, June 10 and end on August 1.
- Current grades 4K-7 attend beginning Monday, June 16 to Thursday, July 10. Classes run Monday-Thursday.
- Current grades 4K-3 attend summer school at Decorah.
- Current grades 4-7 attend summer school at Silverbrook.
- Current grades 8-12 attend summer school at the high schools buildings beginning Monday, June 16 to Thursday, July 17. Classes are Monday-Thursday.

Brewers Grand Slam Teacher of the Month Award

The Milwaukee Brewers are thrilled to continue their Grand Slam Teacher of the Month Award—honoring Wisconsin's incredible educators!

Show your appreciation for the impact teachers have on our students by nominating one to be the Grand Slam Teacher. One

teacher will be selected each month, invited to American Family Field for a special on-field ceremony, and featured on the Brewers' social media pages. Nomination are available here.

Third Annual All Around the Bend Business Showcase



Don't miss the second annual All Around the Bend Business Showcase on Saturday, April 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West Bend High Schools Fieldhouse. This is a free West Bend Area Chamber of Commerce event. It will feature a large exhibit floor where attendees can engage face-to-face with local businesses and organizations. Visitors will have the chance to explore unique products and services, learn about volunteer and employment opportunities, or even purchase a special gift from one of the local pop-up shops. For more information, visit the Chamber website or contact them at (262) 338-2666.

A Couple Days Left to Nominate a Staff Member for Awards

The nomination deadline for the West Bend School District teaching and support staff awards is March 21. The Rolfs Educational Foundation Awards and the Support Employee of the Year Awards are prestigious awards. Community members, staff, and students can nominate an employee for an award to recognize their outstanding contributions. Learn more and submit nominations online.

School Board News

Recap of March 17 Board Meeting

The West Bend School Board held a regular meeting on March 17. There were several state athletic recognitions:
West Bend Ski Team
East Bowling
East Dance Team
East Gymnastics
West Gymnastics
West Wrestling

The Consent Agenda with Minutes of the March 3, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session, contracts, resignations, Supplemental Work Pay Rates, 2025-2026 Novice Salary Scale, Early College Credit Program (ECCP), course requests, and Start College Now (SCN) course requests.

Reports were given by the Curriculum Committee and the superintendent. Discussions on 2025-2026 Preliminary Staffing Plan Priorities and Elementary Boundary Consideration were held. The board took action on Policy for a Second Reading: 166 School Board Member Electronic Communications; Policies for a Second Reading: 200 Series; Policies for a Second Reading: 700 Series; and Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed $80,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes.

If you are interested in reviewing the details of the meeting, see this tutorial on how to access the agenda with links to the supporting documents. The video of the meeting is available.

Student and Staff Achievements

Musicians and Singers Advance to State



At the recent District Solo and Ensemble Festival, West Bend High Schools musicians and singers “crushed” it. In total, members of the band earned 16 gold medals and 28 gold star medals, earning them 28 spots in the state finals. More highlights and results:

- 27 choir events going to state
- 5 orchestra events going to state
- 2 ninth grade band members going to state on a solo
- 1 student going to state on six different events
- 1 student going to state playing three different instruments
- Chamber strings orchestra going to state
- PULSE Jazz Band going to state

A special shout out to instrumentalists Michelle Schoenfeldt, Connor Trahan, Antonio Turner, Grace Last, and Izzy Blair who topped the state-bound gold medal charts. In vocal music, multiple medals were earned by Ava Gawrych, Shay Feiter, Chloe Bauer, Macajah Emery, Bella Downs, and Brailynn Haubrich. Finally, Reed White and Chloe Bauer were the highest rated orchestra students.

Student Council Wins State Award



West Bend High Schools Student Council won the prestigious Wisconsin Association of School Councils (WASC) Spirit of Excellence Award and STATE Award for Region IV, which recognizes schools for achieving excellence in leadership, sportsmanship, and service to their school and communities.

Members of the student council and the advisors submitted a detailed portfolio to the WASC highlighting their achievements in multiple areas, including service, sportsmanship and positive culture, leadership in academics, athletics, and fine arts, and development of leadership both in and out of school.

East Basketball Players Honored for Academics



Five members of the East High School girls varsity basketball team were named to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Academic All-State team. To be eligible, varsity players must hold a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. They include Violet Zier, Elia Alft, Kara Hesse, Nora Ressler, and Chloe Miller.

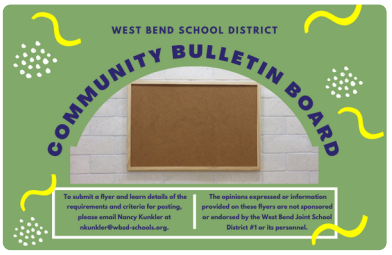
Upcoming Events



Community Connections

Community Bulletin Board

There are various events and activities available on the WBSD's Community Bulletin Board!



All Around the Bend Business Showcase
1st Annual Friends Inc 5K Run/Walk
Champions Summer Champ Camp
Host an AFS Exchange Student
Wisconsin Shares Childcare Subsidy - New Income Limits
MOWA Summer Programs for Kids
Volunteer Center Camp Superhero and Team Leaders for Camp Superhero
Volunteer Center Taste and Learn Nonprofit Fairs
NAMI Family to Family Program
Girls Scouts for 4K and 5K Students Meeting
EAA Summer Air Camp for Kids
Kettle Moraine Symphony Concert: Musical Travels

YMCA:
Summer Day Camp Registration (now in Jackson too)
Swim Lessons for WBSD Students
Before and After School Care Registration
Several Special Events

Athletics:
Try Hockey for Free
West Bend High Schools Summer Track Camp