WEST BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT
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More Than 150 Seniors Earn Local Scholarships

Once again, many East and West High Schools students earned local scholarships for their post secondary plans. In fact, the total amount awarded increased again for 2025 and has now reached $940,400.

Thank you to local foundations, individuals and families, businesses, civic organizations, and more for post-secondary education scholarships. Many thanks to the COLUMNS organization for its efforts to make these scholarships available to our students. Read a list of all scholarship award winners in the press release and view a video with all the winners below.



Shelley Hyde is New McLane Principal



For the first time in 17 years, McLane Elementary School will have a new principal for the 2025-2026 school year. Shelley Hyde has accepted the job after Andy Kasik's retirement. Ms. Hyde comes to the West Bend School District from Kewaskum Elementary where she was principal since July 2021. She began her career at Decorah Elementary as a special education teacher and was also an associate principal at Sheboygan Falls Elementary School.



Businesses Donated for Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week at the West Bend School District featured amazing prize drawings for the staff. This would not have been possible without community support. Thanks to these businesses for their generous donations in recognition of our amazing staff (these donations were made to the West Bend School District, others may have been made to individuals schools or school PTOs):

Anytime Fitness
Buffalo Wild Wings
Cousins - West Bend
Cousins - Jackson
Chocolate Factory - West Bend
Culver's - West Bend
Dairy Queen - West Bend
Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins
Fleet Farm
Green Bay Packers Give Back
Green Mountain Smoothie
Healing Elements Day Spa
King Pin Bowl

Kwik Trip
Lakeshore Chinooks
Maus Jewelers
McDonalds
Michaleno's
Milwaukee Admirals
Milwaukee Public Museum
Papa Murphy Pizza
Skinny Vic's
Soup Korner
Stingers Golf and Recreation
The Bend Theatre
The Gym WB
Tommy's Express Car Wash
Washington County Fair
West Bend Axe & Escape

Fifty-Five Earn Special Graduation Cords



This week, 55 East and West High Schools seniors were presented with graduation cords for completing a Youth Apprenticeship program (450 hours of employment).

Six of the students were recognized for their commitment to the adult apprenticeship program. In Wisconsin, adult apprenticeship programs, also known as Registered Apprenticeships, combine on-the-job training with related classroom instruction, allowing individuals to earn while they learn a skilled trade. The employer retains the student as an employee while sponsoring the student as they attend a technical college or private training center to continue advancing their knowledge and skills.
The six students who signed for apprenticeships include:
Payton Hegwood - Heiser Automotive
Jordan Hoppa - Kettle Moraine Metal Products
Michael Johnson - Carlson Tool
Autumn Kleiss - Steiner Electric
Aaron Newman - Mantz Automation
Henry Slane - Steiner Electric

School Board News

May 12 Meeting Recap

The West Bend School Board held a regular meeting on May 12. After recognition of the employee award recipients, the board approved the Consent Agenda with Minutes of the April 28, 2025

Regular Board Meeting; Contracts; Resignations; Retirements; Findorff Labor Rate Contract Amendment; and Disbursements posted to May 9, 2025.

The Policy Committee report and the superintendent's report were given. The board had discussions on a number of items:

- Out of Country Trip: French Class
- Math 6-12: Illustrative Math Resource Recommendation
- Advanced Placement Pre-Calculus Curriculum and Resource Recommendation
- Advanced Placement US Government and Law Resource Recommendation
- English Language Arts 5th Grade: Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) Resource Recommendation
- Career and Technical Education: TC Video 2 Resource Recommendation
- Career and Technical Education: TC Accounting 1 and TC Accounting 2 Resource Recommendation
- Career and Technical Education: TC Computer Literacy Resource Recommendation
- Career and Technical Education: TC Automotive 1, 2, and 3 Resource Recommendation
- First Reading Policy 345.41 3rd Grade to 4th Grade Promotion and Retention (Act 20 Required Policy)
- Policy 119 High School Configuration Review Process
- 2025-2026 Student Fees
- 2025-2026 Meal Prices

Finally, the board took action on Board Officers, Terms, and Election, Board Committee and Delegate Assignments, and School Board Meeting Calendar 2025-2026.

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

Civics Games Teams Place Well

Two teams from West Bend East and West High Schools placed in the top three at the recent Wisconsin Newspaper Association 2025 Wisconsin Civics Games State Championship, held at the state capitol.

The team of Charlie Benning, Teddy Danaher, Wyatt Schloemer, Owen Schloemer, and Mason Warczak took second place. Taking third was the team of Aubrey Enright, Amanda Hull, Georgia Janssen, Faith Mueller, and Elli Schrauth.







Three Exemplary Performance Awards at State Solo and Ensemble

At the band, orchestra, and choir State Solo and Ensemble event, five West Bend East and West High Schools students were nominated for the prestigious Exemplary Performance Award, and three were winners of the award. Winners were Lilly Beane for her clarinet solo; Sophia Bowen, Chloe Bauer, Shay Feiter, and Tatiyana Patrick for a voice quartet; and PULSE, the band's jazz ensemble.







West Volleyball Players Recognized

The National High School Coaches Association has selected Maddie Abel and Kylee Altendorf of the West High School volleyball team to the 2025 Academic All-American Team. The award is given in recognition of excellence in both the classroom and athletics. Maddie was selected to the NHSCA Honorable Mention team and Kylee was selected to the NHSCA Second Team.





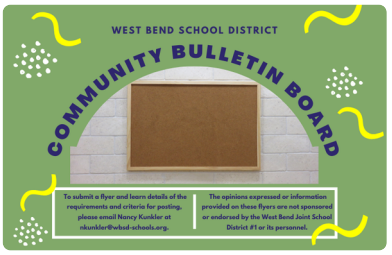
East High School Prom Court pictured above:
Front row: Allison Wagner, Tatiyana Patrick, Miah Wachsmuth, Violet Zier, Natalie Walter
Back row: Vincent Zirbes, Brett Wagenknecht, Frankel Kunfira, Ben Sajdak. Not pictured Owen Chesbrough

West High School Prom Court pictured below:
Front row: Zoey Herlehy, Leilany Hernandez, Rylee Faehling, Nora Cybell, Amelia Bohn
Back row: Noah Becker, Michael Held, Teagan Ongert, Mason Braatz, Jasper Waybright



Community Connections

Community Bulletin Board



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

Current:
East Booster Club Graduation Seats Auction
Trail Sharks Mountain Biking Team Info Meeting
Grit Girls Mountain Biking Event
Youth and Family Project Volunteer Corps
Kettle Moraine Symphony Concert
West Bend High Schools Comic Con
Volunteer Center Taste and Learn Nonprofit Fairs
Youth and Family Project Christmas in July Event

Summer 2025:
AFS Program
Autism Exchange Annual Conference

Young Entrepreneurs Program

West Bend Theatre Company Summer Camp
GlobalFest Downtown West Bend
Musical Masquers Kids Summer Theater Camp
Summer Wellness Groups with Creative Roots
Birdhouse Build Off
Classic Green Reunion
MOWA Summer Programs for Kids
NAMI Washington County Summer Art Therapy Groups
EAA Summer Air Camp for Kids
4H Summer Day Camps

Athletics:
East Volleyball Camp
East Jr. Suns Volleyball Team
Kiwanis West Bend Early Risers Tagged Fish Contest
Boys and Girls Club Silver Lining 5K
Big Brothers Big Sisters Golf Outing
West Volleyball Camp
West Boys Basketball Camp
West Bend High Schools Summer Track Camp

YMCA: Various Programs
Summer Programs Registration
Before and After School Daycare
Free Swim Lessons