



APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2022-2023 Charter School Newsletter



Appleton Bilingual School

The Appleton Bilingual School develops academic excellence and language fluency in Spanish and English, builds cross-cultural relationships, and nurtures an enthusiasm for learning in order for students to achieve future educational and career success and to become active citizens in local and global communities.

Why should you enroll your child in the Appleton Bilingual School?

- Your child will have new experiences and understand familiar things with a fresh perspective.
- People who learn other languages come to better understand and feel comfortable in unfamiliar settings and situations.
- Your child will be able to effectively use Spanish and English in reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies, and everyday conversation.

The Appleton Bilingual School is partnered with Columbus Elementary School. To learn more visit our website at <http://abs.aasd.k12.wi.us/> or follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/AppletonBilingualSchool/

Appleton Bilingual School

(Columbus Elementary)

Opened September 2011

Grades K-5

913 N Oneida Street

Appleton, WI 54911

920-832-4125



Appleton eSchool
Your Digital Learning Hub

Appleton eSchool

Fully virtual? Part-time online? Blended schedule? 'A la carte' online courses? Appleton eSchool has the flexibility to help you reach your goals! In addition, you can earn an "online course ready" badge for

your high school transcript to demonstrate your online learning excellence for post high school readiness!

To learn more visit our website at www.appletonschool.org or follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/appletonschool/.

Appleton eSchool

(East High)

Opened September 2002

Grades 7-12

2121 Emmers Drive

Appleton, WI 54915

920-997-1399 ext. 1744



Appleton Public Montessori

Appleton Public Montessori will be accepting placement applications for the 2022-2023 school year as of December 1, 2021 for age 4 through 5th grade. Please apply by February 18, 2022, to be included in this year's placement lottery. Applications received after that date will be reviewed and assigned depending upon the outcome of the lottery.

Applications will be available on the school website <http://apm.aasd.k12.wi.us/> or in the school office. Please check the Application Checklist for steps to apply.

Why Montessori?

- * Emphasis on the whole child
- * Individualized learning
- * Montessori certified teachers
- * Multi-age classrooms
- * Performing Arts instruction
- * Environmental Studies within Plamann Park
- * Community Art Partnerships
- * Promotes independence, respect, responsibility, and leadership

Informational Open Houses and Classroom Visitations will be held during January and February; consult our website for days, times and whether they're in person or virtual. Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/AppletonPublicMontessori/.

Appleton Public Montessori

Opened September 2005

Age 4 - Grade 6

1545 E Broadway Drive

Appleton, WI 54913

920-832-6325



Appleton Technical Academy

Appleton Technical Academy

(West High)

Opened September 2014

Grades 9-12

610 N Badger Avenue

Appleton, WI 54914

920-832-6234

The Appleton Technical Academy (ATECH) is committed to providing high school students with a jump-start toward successful and rewarding careers within the modern manufacturing and technology industries. We offer a unique blend of academic content focus and skill development in a highly engaging hands-on learning environment. By partnering with Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) and local business/industry, we are preparing our students for in-demand, high-paying occupations in high-growth industry sectors within the area of technology/manufacturing.

To learn more about the Appleton Technical Academy visit our website <https://atech.aasd.k12.wi.us/> or follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/AppletonTechnicalAcademy/.



Classical School

Classical School

Opened September 1999

Grades K-8

3310 N Durkee Street

Appleton, WI 54911

920-832-4968

Classical School strives to develop graduates who are critical thinkers, coherent writers, confident speakers, thoughtful leaders, and virtuous citizens. The school day structured around teacher-led instruction during which every educational minute matters. Classical School is part of the Appleton Area School District; no tuition is charged.

Classical School is an official *Core Knowledge*® school that provides an engaging and academically rigorous curriculum. (*Core Knowledge*® should not be confused with the Common Core Standards). The school promotes knowledge-centered education and the values of a democratic society. For the sake of academic excellence, greater fairness, and higher literacy, *Core Knowledge*® provides a solid, specific, shared core curriculum to help children establish a strong academic foundation.

Students at Classical School are skill grouped for math and reading. Reading instruction begins in kindergarten using the SRA Direct Instruction programs. Once students learn to read, instruction focuses on the further development of fluency skills through literary analysis, vocabulary development, and the introduction of more complex syntax in unabridged, classic literature. Grammar and writing are emphasized in all grades and content areas. Math instruction is delivered through the Saxon Math program, which emphasizes mastery of skills. Most students at Classical complete algebra or geometry by the end of the eighth grade.

Students at Classical School also receive a solid common knowledge base of American and world history, geography, science, and the fine arts – including a solid base in art history and music history. Spanish language instruction is provided daily beginning in kindergarten. Exposure to Latin also begins in kindergarten. Sixth through eighth graders are given instruction in the areas of informal fallacies of logic and formal logic. Students in grades K-8 participate in physical education, art, and music classes each week. Orchestra is available for students in grades 4-8 and band for students in grades 5-8.

Visit our website at www.classicalcharter.com for more information or follow us www.facebook.com/ClassicalSchoolAASD/



Foster Elementary Charter School

Stephen Foster Elementary

Opened September 2006

Grades K-6

305 W Foster Street

Appleton, WI 54915

920-832-6288

Stephen Foster Elementary Charter School creates partnerships among students, staff, parents and community members to serve a diverse population of learners comprised of neighborhood and open-enrolled students. Foster develops independent learners who: honor diversity; show respect for themselves, others, and the environment; and seek to use their unique strengths to lead efforts to improve the world around them.

The innovative learning approach at Stephen Foster Elementary Charter School features the following components:

- ~ Grade-level community service projects tied to standards
- ~ Activities that promote diversity and celebrate different cultures
- ~ Common Core Standards-based, differentiated instruction based upon informal assessment of student knowledge
- ~ Strengths-based career exploration
- ~ An emphasis on educating the "whole child"

Visit our website at <http://foster.aasd.k12.wi.us/> or follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/StephenFosterElementary/.



Fox Cities Leadership Academy (FCLA)

FCLA offers a rigorous, contemporary & interdisciplinary curriculum that provides students with the opportunity to develop lifelong skills through our small learning community. Students will develop skills such as: Critical thinking, Problem solving, and Leadership.

How will FCLA enhance my child's high school experience? We focus on the big picture by incorporating standards from two or more subject areas (integrated curriculum), so that students develop a deeper understanding of the topic or concept being studied. FCLA works with students and families to create a high school educational experience that will meet their post-secondary readiness goals. Credits in the FCLA are earned over a four year time-span rather than in a single designated year. *All courses will appear on the student's official transcript, but will be asterisked, indicating to colleges that they are advanced courses.*

What else makes the FCLA unique? FCLA students join a non-traditional learning community grounded in interdisciplinary coursework, contemporary issues, and working collaboratively with other students, staff, and community members; complete internships to explore post-secondary and career options; develop and present a professional leadership portfolio and resume; earn a *Wisconsin Youth Leadership Skills Certificate* issued by the DPI; and culminate their senior year with a student-designed *Senior Capstone Project*.

Learn more about the FCLA by contacting fcla@aacsd.k12.wi.us, visit our website <http://fcla.aasd.k12.wi.us/>, or register to attend one of our Shadow Days.

Fox Cities Leadership Academy
(North High)
Opened September 2007
Grades 9-12
5000 N Ballard Road
Appleton, WI 54913
920-832-4300



Fox River Academy

"Where Learning Extends Beyond Classroom Walls"

Engaging learners in hands-on experiences... Motivating students to life-long learning... Using today's technology to protect tomorrow

Fox River Academy is a nationally-recognized Green Ribbon School with a focus on the environment. Students are prepared to use 21st century skills to problem solve. Fox River Academy integrates an environmental theme in all core subject areas as well as through technology and STEM. At FOX, students don't just read about science, they experience it through observation and discovery. Students engage in meaningful community service-learning projects through which they develop skills and make contacts that will benefit them in college and future careers. Teaming with local universities such as FVTC, UW-Fox and Lawrence University allows our students first-hand experiences that prepares them for higher education success.

If your child is interested in the environment and you would like to see your child inspired to learn and excel academically, he or she will benefit from Fox River Academy! For upcoming events, informational sessions, application and enrollment information, visit our website www.foxriveracademy.org/ or follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/FoxRiverAcademyAASD/.

Fox River Academy
(Jefferson Elementary)
Opened September 2005
Grades K-8
1000 S Mason Street
Appleton, WI 54914
920-832-4848



Kaleidoscope Academy

Kaleidoscope Academy is a dynamic middle school focused on the individual and 21st century skills such as creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and effective communication skills. Students have more choices in how they structure their day which include dance, art, graphic art and design, computer coding, creative music making, theater, band, orchestra, choir, technology engineering, family and consumer education, and world language.

Kaleidoscope Academy uses flexible blocks of time with interdisciplinary teaming in a technology rich environment. Instruction is inquiry based and progressively project based. Transitioning from elementary school is smoother as students work within a two teacher team for two-thirds of their day. For students looking for an innovative and collaborative learning environment, Kaleidoscope Academy provides the opportunity for students to make their own choices, develop their interests at an earlier age and prepares them with the skills needed to tackle complex tasks in an ever changing global society.

To learn more about the Kaleidoscope Academy and upcoming informational meetings please visit our website www.kaleidoscopeacademy.net/, follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/kaleidoscopecardinals/, or contact the school office.

Kaleidoscope Academy
Opened September 2007
Grades 6-8
318 E Brewster Street
Appleton, WI 54911
920-832-6294



Renaissance School for the Arts

What is RSA? The Renaissance School for the Arts High School has been a charter high school in Appleton for over 20 years. We are an arts based school that is dedicated to blending **high quality arts experiences with advanced academic coursework/scheduling that mirrors college life.** We

seek to tap into the creativity of all students and provide experiences that build that creative capacity and apply it to significant academic and artistic endeavors. Students attending RSA complete RSA coursework in the afternoon at West High School and attend their core classes at either East, North, or West High School in the morning.

Renaissance School for the Arts
(West High)
Opened September 2000
Grades 9-12
610 N Badger Avenue
Appleton, WI 54914
920-832-5708

Who is the school designed for? All students are eligible to attend RSA. We find students have the best experience when they have the following three specific desires for their high school experience:

1. Desire to attend a 4 year university and/or desire the challenge of taking college prep coursework
2. Have a desire to explore ALL arts including Dance, Theatre, Visual Arts, Creative Writing, and Music
3. Desire a small community centered school (under 200 students) that promotes tolerance and a family feel in their courses and activities

Why RSA? Graduates from RSA will be prepared for the academic challenge AND the organizational skills required for success in college by blending the creative capacity of all students with the fostering of intellectual growth in a caring community of artists. RSA students are academically, intellectually, and creatively prepared for success at university and beyond. Come to RSA to discover the artist within you.

For more information, visit our website <http://rsa.aasd.k12.wi.us/> or follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/RSAappleton/.



Tesla Engineering Charter School

Provides a comprehensive, challenging educational experience created to meet the needs of students with an interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics or STEM. Implementing a course of instruction developed and supported by Project Lead The Way, Tesla strives to help students understand the practical application of math, science, and technology in the context of engineering and design.

Tesla Engineering Charter School

(East High)
Opened September 2002
Grades 9-12
2121 Emmers Drive
Appleton, WI 54915
920-832-6211

Learn more <http://tesla.aasd.k12.wi.us/> or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TeslaCharter.



Valley New School

Valley New School is a **learning community** that **empowers individuals** to become **purposeful adults**.

VNS offers students an innovative culture where every student designs and implements a Personalized Learning Plan based on his/her passions, future goals, current strengths, and areas for personal and academic growth.

Through project-based learning, students learn *how* to learn, conducting in-depth research on topics of interest and creating high quality products that analyze, synthesize, and evaluate what they have learned and accomplished. Our 17:1 student-advisor ratio ensures long-term relationships and individual support—whether virtual or in person.

VNS graduates are self-aware, community-minded, and versatile. They communicate effectively and have learned to manage their time and tasks, set and accomplish goals, utilize technology and resources, and collaborate to create innovation.

To learn more about our self-directed educational environment as well as upcoming events, shadow days, and information sessions, please visit <http://vns.aasd.k12.wi.us/>, call 920-993-7037 or follow us at www.facebook.com/ValleyNewSchool/.

Valley New School

(City Center Plaza)
Opened September 2003
Grades 7-12
10 College Avenue, Suite 228
Appleton, WI 54911
920-993-7037



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Wisconsin Connections Academy

A leader in virtual education, Wisconsin Connections Academy (WCA) creates dynamic opportunities for learners to succeed. At the heart of WCA is a standards based curriculum. This comprehensive curriculum affords WCA students the ability to receive a quality education within an environment that is most conducive to their learning while parents enjoy a greater involvement in their children's educational life. The curriculum is delivered via the internet with online materials including lessons, textbooks, workbooks and other supplementary materials.

Although students attend school from a variety of locations, WCA is committed to making each experience meaningful and successful in an environment that is most conducive to student learning. Therefore, each student works with Wisconsin licensed teachers and a Learning Coach (usually a parent). These individuals work together to combine the best in virtual education with very real connections among students, families, teachers, and community.

Visit our website wca.aasd.k12.wi.us or follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/WisconsinConnectionsAcademy.

Wisconsin Connections Academy

Opened September 2002
Grades 4K-12
350 W Capitol Drive
Appleton, WI 54911
920-993-7076

The Appleton Area School District does not discriminate against students on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or physical, cognitive, emotional or learning disability in its education programs or activities.

No qualified person with a disability will, because the District's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by persons with disabilities, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity to which Section 504/ADA applies. As to facilities, the District will conduct its programs or activities so that, when viewed in their entirety, they are readily accessible to disabled persons. To the extent a program or activity is now held in an inaccessible location, it will be moved to an accessible location upon request.