

District Administrator's Report

April 2022

Unity School District

Summer School is Fun Learning!

SAVE THE DATES: June 13-30, Monday Through Thursday

Unity's Summer School Program is always the most impressive summer school program in the region. 2022 will be no different and will be full of exciting and engaging learning opportunities!

In any given year, over 600 Unity students participate in many exciting, engaging, and unique learning opportunities in the summer. Unity provides the area's richest, most rigorous, and creative summer school programming, with students and teachers working together to learn from through exciting opportunities and the great outdoors. The courses offered are geared toward students' interests while providing a project based approach to learning.

Families and students who are interested in registering for the course offerings at the elementary, middle, and high schools are encouraged to contact their child's office. Registrations materials will be made available soon. Information will be posted on the school district website regarding the exact dates, times, events, and classes.

Mental Health Tool:

Closegap

Closegap is a digital emotional wellness tool that helps students share their feelings and needs and enables educators to respond. Through a fun, daily check-in, and a library of self-guided activities, Closegap offers students an opportunity to practice emotional awareness, understanding, and regulation.

Closegap is utilized by teachers, administrators, school counselors and social workers to support the emotional wellbeing of their students throughout the school day. Using a fun, student-facing emotional health check-in, students share their emotions and needs. Educators access this data and use it to respond in real-time.

For more information, visit www.closegap.org!



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Student Open Enrollment Is Open For 2022–2023

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts.

Who may participate in open enrollment?

Pupils in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.

Open enrollment for prekindergarten, four-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment application period for the 2022-23 school year is from February 7-April 29, 2022. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 29, 2022.

Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.



SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT (SUSO)

While the vast majority of students report Wisconsin schools as being safe, the SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT (SUSO) threat reporting system aims to empower students to share their concerns safely and confidentially

without fear of retaliation. We encourage parents to talk to their students about the importance of letting a trusted adult know about their safety concerns.

Next month, Unity School District will begin implementing the SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT threat reporting system that the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of School Safety (OSS) launched earlier this year.

Through the SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT (SUSO) system, students, parents, school staff and community members can submit a school safety concern by downloading the SUSO app (Android and iOS), visiting speakup.widoj.gov or by calling 1-800-MY-SUSO-1. There will also be a quick link available on our District website, www.unity.k12.wi.us. SUSO Resource Center staff work around-the-clock to respond to reports and to deploy a response locally by communicating directly with school administrators, law enforcement, and counselors.

"Expect Great Things"

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Unity School District Belief Statements

Unity Belief Statements represent our strong convictions, our common core values, and our moral character.

We Believe:

- The student, family, school, and community as partners, share the responsibility for a successful educational experience.
- An awareness of and a tolerance for diversity enriches life.
- Learning thrives in a safe, caring, disciplined environment.
- Learning is lifelong.
- Character development (respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship) is an essential component of effective education.
- All individuals learn in different ways, at different rates, and at different times.
- Education includes social, emotional, intellectual, physical, and aesthetic growth.
- Problem solving, critical thinking, effective communication, and working cooperatively are fundamental life skills.
- In challenging individuals to develop to their fullest potential.
- Education provides students with a solid academic foundation.

Summer Is Great Time For Swimming Lessons!

Unity has an amazing Aquatics Center and a fantastic swimming lesson program! Like every summer, swim lessons will be offered in two formats.

First, lessons will occur for students during summer school. Students will receive swimming lessons and water safety safety/acclimation during their summer school day.

Second, there will also be community education swimming lessons scheduled during the summer. Space may be limited for the community education swimming lessons as they are always incredibly popular.

Parents can enroll in swimming lessons for summer school by selecting it on the summer school enrollment form. Enrollment for the community education swimming lessons can be found online at www.unity.k12.wi.us, on the Community Education page, starting May 1st.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, April 12	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
April 15, 18	Holiday Break - No School	District	
Wednesday, April 20	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	1:00 PM
Friday, April 22	Second Grade Poetry Slam	PAC	
Wednesday, April 27	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	1:00 PM
Wednesday, May 4	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	1:00 PM
Thursday, May 5	4th Grade Concert - Open to Families	PAC	1:30 PM
Monday, May 9	Middle School Choir Concert	PAC	6:00 PM
Monday, May 9	High School Choir Concert	PAC	7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 10	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Friday, May 13	CESA 11 Superintendents Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Tuesday, May 17	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Thursday, May 19	Middle School Band Spring Concert	PAC	7:00 PM

Unity School District Goals

(Approved by the Unity Board of Education, March, 2021)

- Nurture and promote a positive and inclusive culture of respect, leadership, and character for all.
- Encourage career readiness through school and community partnerships.
- Promote and provide flexible accelerated, personalized learning opportunities for students.
- Encourage healthy students, staff, and community while continuing to address mental health needs through various programs and partnerships.



School Closing Information

Unity School District Website, www.unity.k12.wi.us

WCCO Channel 4, www.wcco.com

KSTP Channel 5, www.kstp.com

KMSP Channel 9, www.myfox9.com

KARE Channel 11, www.kare11.com