

District Administrator's Report

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Unity School District

Diploma Plus Program Sees Additional Programming

Unity High School's Diploma Plus Program has helped many graduating students over the past few years earn college credit or certification in addition to their high school diplomas. With the Unity Board of Education adopting a district goal that focuses on "career, college, and technical readiness," there has been a renewed effort to establish cooperative agreements with the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC) for transcribed and articulated credit for Unity's students who participate in specific career and technical education (CTE) classes. With the new course offering handbook, the 2018-2019 school year will see the most dual credit opportunities for Unity's high school students ever. In addition, Unity High School has some of the most Advanced Placement (AP) courses for college credit available for a high school of its size.

Open Enrollment Season is February 5 - April 30

Open enrollment information may be found on the Unity School District website at www.unity.k12.wi.us or at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website at <http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. If you would like further information, you can contact the Unity School District office at 715-825-3515.

What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they reside. 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, 4-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 2018-19 school year is from February 5-April 30, 2018. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2018. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

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



Implement the Educator Effectiveness Model with a focus on school improvement, staff collaboration, student achievement, and educator practices.

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Does This Eagle Look Familiar?

The item in the photo on the right may look different after being dismantled and professionally cleaned. The eagle that was located in front of the high school for decades is undergoing a transformation. It was removed during the demolition process of the construction project for safe keeping.

We would like to extend our appreciation to Gehrman Auto Body for their expertise in removing decades of old, toxic paint from the eagle. The high school technical education classes will now work to rejuvenate the eagle to its former glory. There are decades more graduation pictures that need to be taken with the very popular bird.

The eagle will be installed on the campus in the spring. Its new location will be halfway between the two main entrance doors, outside of the school library. It will receive a new perch that will be constructed by the technical education classes. The new base will be the resting spot for the new time capsule that is being developed by the Unity High School National Honor Society. The old time capsule that was removed from the old entrance will also be opened in an event at that time.



Unity Wall of Honor Nominations Sought

The Unity Board of Education has established a "Wall of Honor" to recognize and honor the accomplishments of Unity alumni and employees. Criteria for selection to the "Wall of Honor" will be based on contributions in the areas of education, business, human services, government, athletic, military, fine arts, and community involvement. Alumni selection is based on post-high school accomplishments. The nominee will be screened by a selection committee, which will meet in early March. Deadline for applications each year is March 1st.

If you know of someone who is worthy of being considered for the "Wall of Honor," nomination forms are available at Unity's District and School offices. Additionally, application forms are available on the District website at www.unity.k12.wi.us. If you have any questions, call or write to Unity Wall of Honor, Unity School District, 1908 150th St./Hwy 46N, Balsam Lake, WI 54810; (715) 825-3515.

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2017-2018 School District Goals

(Approved by the Unity Board of Education, March, 2017)

- 1. Focus on school improvement, staff collaboration, student achievement, and educator practices.
- 2. Encourage career, college, and technical readiness through business and school partnerships.
- 3. Promote and provide flexible accelerated, personalized learning opportunities for students.
- 4. Encourage healthy students, staff, and community.

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

iOS or Google App, Unity School District



Unity School District Technology Updates



We are mobile!



SCHOOL DISTRICT APP Unity School District has developed an app to better communicate with parents and the community. The app is available for both Android and iOS mobile devices. The new app, Unity School District, can be found at the App Store or Google Play.

INFINITE CAMPUS Unity School District has transitioned from Skyward to Infinite Campus over the summer for its student information system (SIS). The new program will provide a high quality experience for parents and students. The new program has have many new features.

Parents:

Update your contact information online or by calling your child's school office.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, January 9	Board Finance Committee Meeting	Board Room	5:00 PM
Tuesday, January 9	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, January 10	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, January 11	District Technology Committee Meeting	Board Room	7:40 AM
Friday, January 12	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Monday, January 15	Staff In-Service - No School	District	
January 16-19	WASB Education Convention	Milwaukee	
Wednesday, January 17	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Wednesday, January 24	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, January 25	District Curriculum Committee Meeting	Elem. Conf. Rm.	7:40 AM
Wednesday, January 31	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, February 1	Professional Staff Development Meeting	Elem. Conf. Rm.	7:40 AM
Thursday, February 1	Community Education Meeting	Board Room	4:00 PM
Friday, February 2	Pre-K Dads and Doughnuts	Elementary Cafeteria	9:30 AM
Wednesday, February 7	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	10:00 AM
Thursday, February 8	District Technology Committee Meeting	Board Room	7:40 AM
Friday, February 9	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Tuesday, February 13	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
February 17, 18	High School Musical "Back to the 80s"	Performing Arts Center	Check on website.
Monday, February 19	No-School	District	
Tuesday, February 20	Parent Teacher Conferences	District	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

"Expect Great Things"

Encourage healthy students, staff, and community.

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Inclement Weather Information

The decision to close or delay school due to inclement weather is a complicated one. There are many factors that must be considered and each school district is different. Unity School District is unique in that most of the students are bussed or transported to school daily. Each decision at Unity School District regarding school closings or delays includes consultation with others, such as the Polk County Highway Department, National Weather Service, and other area school districts.

Unity School District considers school closings or delays due to inclement weather when there is a significant concern for student safety. Generally, school closings or delays due to cold weather may be considered when temperatures are below -20°F and/or wind chill temperatures are below -40°F .

Unity School District considers school closings or delays due to snow or freezing rain when road conditions are hazardous. Closings or delays due to snow are dependent upon road conditions and not total snow accumulations. Snow accumulations vary greatly by location and are a concern when adversely impacting road conditions.

If school remains in session, it is important to clothe your child appropriately for the conditions. Ensuring that there is no exposed skin in cold weather, in addition to warm insulated clothing, is very important. The playground remains open for outside recess to -10°F , so please send appropriate winter apparel to school with your child. If appropriate apparel is needed, please contact the elementary principal or counselor.

If conditions are a concern where you live, please communicate those conditions to your child's school office. It is important to note whether a road or driveway is hazardous or unplowed. Additionally, please communicate with your child's office if your child will be absent due to acute inclement weather issues where you live, when school is in session.

The Parent Notification System will continue to keep you informed of Unity's school closings and other important announcements. Please share with your child's office any changes to your contact information.



Safety is our highest priority.