

District Administrator's Report

March 2023

Unity School District

Student Open Enrollment Is Open For 2023–2024

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 2023-24 school year is from February 6-April 28, 2023. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2023.

Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>. If parents would like more information about the District's programs or a tour, they are encouraged to contact the District's open enrollment coordinator, Amanda at (715) 825-3515 x5010.

Unity: A Great Place to Live, Learn, and Work!

Join the team! Unity School District is seeking team members in a variety of different positions.

Consider becoming an employee of an amazing school district! Career opportunities are accessible at <https://www.unity.k12.wi.us/o/unity-school-district/page/employment>.

Current Openings include: Grade 5-12 Choir Teacher, Elementary School Teachers, LEAP Childcare Teachers and Assistants, Educational Assistants, Custodians, and substitute employees in all positions.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the school district office at (715) 825-3515 or Kobussen at (715) 330-4234.

Unity Aquatics Center Remains Closed

The Unity Aquatics Center is currently closed for unscheduled maintenance. The pool will remain closed until further notice. Snow and ice were removed from the roof to reduce the snow load. While this process was being completed, additional maintenance was conducted.

Aquatics Center memberships will be extended for the duration of the closure. Further information will be shared when it becomes available.

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Making the Most of School Closures

This has been an exciting winter season so far, with record snowfalls, frequent winter storms, and multiple school closures and delays. Planning for continued learning opportunities during these events can be a challenge.

After the first days of closure and delays, Unity has shifted to a flexible learning model on days when school is closed. For the remainder of the year, Unity students will participate in remote learning activities when school is canceled. For middle and high school students, these lessons and activities will be virtual, using the students's school assigned technology devices. Elementary students will be provided learning activities that can be done with or without technology.

Teachers will be providing "virtual office hours" where students can connect with them virtually. Teachers will be available via video meeting in Google Meet to answer questions, provide guidance, and lead activities. Specific times are communicated with students.

Unity appreciates the patience that parents and students have shown this school year. If parents have questions, or suggestions, about inclement weather days and flexible learning, they are encouraged to contact their child's principal.

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.



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LEAP Child Care Center

Unity School District's Little Eagles At Play (LEAP) Child Care Program is growing each month! There are now 50 children enrolled at the center, with an additional 7 children on the waiting list. Children range in age from a few months old to four years. There are seven different classrooms where children are grouped by their relative ages. The program is focused on providing a safe, playful, and caring environment for children.

The LEAP Child Care Program is YoungStar certified, ensuring quality programming and affordable services for families. Parents who would like further information about the program should visit the website at <https://www.unity.k12.wi.us/page/leap-little-eagles-at-play-child-care-center>

"Expect Great Things"



**2022 - 2023
UNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOALS**

- 1. PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THEIR FUTURE BY INCREASING CAREER READINESS THROUGH THE EXPANSION OF YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP, ADVANCED PLACEMENT, EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM, START COLLEGE NOW, AND NEW PROGRAMS.**
- 2. IMPROVE READING ACHIEVEMENT AND LITERACY THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF A RIGOROUS CURRICULUM WITH FLEXIBLE AND PERSONALIZED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS.**
- 3. CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT SUPPORTIVE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMMING FOR STUDENTS.**
- 4. PROMOTE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND CHARACTER-BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS.**

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday, March 14	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Wednesday, March 15	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	9:00 AM
Wednesday, March 15	Statewide WASDA Zoom Meeting	Zoom	1:30 PM
March 20-24	No School - Spring Break	District	
Tuesday, March 21	Lakeland Conference Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM
Wednesday, March 22	WASB Day at the Capitol	Madison	
Wednesday, March 22	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	9:00 AM
Tuesday, March 28	Regional Athletic Cooperative Meeting	Zoom	1:30 PM
Wednesday, March 29	Administrative Team Meeting	Board Room	9:00 AM
Monday, April 3	SAA Legislative Committee Meeting	Zoom	9:30 AM
Thursday, April 6	CESA 11 Board and Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	6:00 PM
April 7, April 10	Holiday Break - No School	District	
Tuesday, April 11	Board of Education Meeting	Board Room	6:00 PM
Thursday, April 13	Board Planning Session	District	8:30 AM
Friday, April 14	CESA 11 Superintendent Meeting	Turtle Lake	9:00 AM



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

