



Small School Advantages. Big School Opportunities.

Welcome

A message from the superintendent

I am excited to welcome your family to the Westonka community.

Westonka Public Schools is proud to offer Small School Advantages with Big School Opportunities. Small School Advantages mean our schools are relationship-based; we truly know each child by name and partner with families to help your child reach their individual goals.

When it comes to Big School Opportunities, Westonka offers a broad selection of courses and options for students – from first-class academics to award-winning athletics and arts programs. The difference is our students don't get stuck on the sidelines. At Westonka, everyone gets a chance to shine.



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With the lowest total school property taxes in Hennepin County and test scores consistently ranking among the top in the state, Westonka Public Schools provides an excellent return on the community's investment.



#1 District Ranking
among traditional public school districts by SchoolDigger in 2024



National Blue Ribbons
awarded to both of Westonka's primary schools



19.00 Students
average kindergarten class size in 2024-25



'Best Schools' Ratings
from Niche and U.S. News & World Report



#3 in State in Math
2024 standardized assessments



#3 in State in Reading
2024 standardized assessments



#4 in State in Science
2024 standardized assessments

80%
of students had college-credit earning scores (3 or higher) on Advanced Placement exams

"I built a close relationship with my Westonka teachers, allowing them to teach me in a way that best fit my learning style. This helped kickstart me into my college courses."

– Sam Dioszeghy, Class of 2023
Studying biology at Concordia College, Moorhead and participating in Cobbers football and track & field





"As a new family to the area, we have felt welcomed by the Westonka community. We truly believe Westonka offers small school advantages and big school opportunities. We are impressed with the high levels of achievement happening in Westonka and are excited about all the great things coming to the district!"

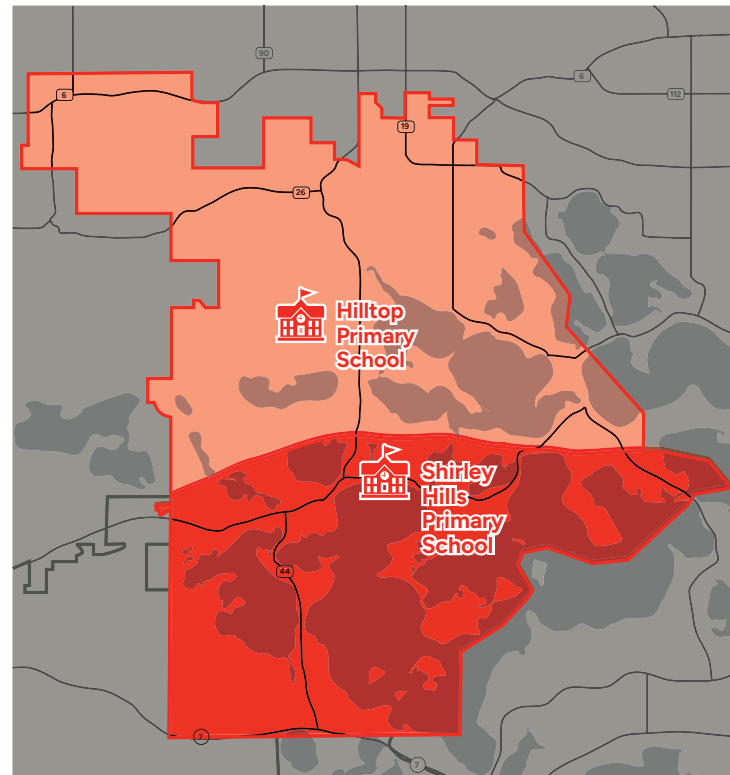
– Jessica and Ryan VanBockel,
parents of Brooks and Lucy

95%
of Westonka residents rate the quality of education as "excellent" or "good," according to a 2022 community survey

Neighborhood Primary Schools

Which primary school will my student attend?

-  Primary school students (grades K-4) who live in the lighter shaded red area attend Hilltop Primary School.
-  Primary school students (grades K-4) who live in the darker shaded red area attend Shirley Hills Primary School.



Both of Westonka's primary schools – Hilltop and Shirley Hills – have been recognized as National Blue Ribbon schools by the U.S. Department of Education in the “exemplary high-performing” category.

Hilltop Primary School



Principal Mike Moch
 Grades K-4
 5700 Game Farm Road
 Minnetrista, MN 55364
 (952) 491-8501
mochm@westonka.k12.mn.us
www.hilltop.westonka.k12.mn.us



Shirley Hills Primary School



Principal Scott Eidsness
 Grades K-4
 2450 Wilshire Boulevard
 Mound, MN 55364
 (952) 491-8401
eidsnesss@westonka.k12.mn.us
www.shirleyhills.westonka.k12.mn.us



Westonka Early Learning

Westonka offers a variety of early learning programs at three locations. The Westonka Community Preschool is a four-star Parent Aware rated pre-kindergarten program that provides personalized, hands-on learning experiences that will help your child grow and develop.

Learn more and enroll at www.westonkace.org or contact Westonka Community Education & Services at (952) 491-8040 or communityed@westonka.k12.mn.us



Westonka Middle School



Principal Christy Zachow
 Grades 5-7
 1881 Commerce Boulevard.
 Mound, MN 55364
 (952) 491-8301
zachowc@westonka.k12.mn.us
www.wms.westonka.k12.mn.us



Westonka High School



Principal Jolene Herfel
 Grades 8-12
 5905 Sunnyfield Road E.
 Minnetrista, MN 55364
 (952) 491-8101
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Small School Advantages.

Westonka Public Schools is a place where students can **spread their wings** and **watch their dreams take flight**. Our dedicated educators work closely with families to recognize and support each student's individual goals. With **a diverse range of offerings** – ranging from advanced placement courses to award-winning arts and competitive athletics programs – we tailor learning experiences **to match student interests and abilities**.



Over 20% of Westonka students in grades 9-12 went to state in DECA last year.



Westonka students earn dozens of ribbons each year at the Minnesota State Fair.



Westonka's stage productions are routinely recognized by the Hennepin Theatre Trust Spotlight Program.



Westonka's band and choir programs earn conference and state recognition each year.



Westonka's robotics team, the Tonkabots, won the 2024 Minnesota state robotics championship and has taken two consecutive trips to Worlds.

Big School Opportunities.



The Hawkettes advance to the state competition year after year, claiming the state jazz dance championship in 2023.



Westonka takes pride in having many two- and three-sport athletes who are also involved in the arts and academic co-curriculars. This multidisciplinary approach not only enriches our students' overall experience but also allows us to continue offering a wide range of programs.



The Westonka Performing Arts Center hosts a variety of programming for the community. The 611-seat theater has an orchestra pit, vibrant public lobby with gallery/display space and all the bells and whistles of a professional theater.

Signature Programs

-  Project Lead the Way engineering program
-  American Sign Language and College in the Schools Spanish courses
-  11 Advanced Placement course offerings
-  33 varsity sports teams
-  Expanding vocational course offerings

High School Activities

- Alpine Ski
- Band
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cheer (Football & Wrestling)
- Choir
- Cross Country
- Dance (High Kick & Jazz)
- DECA
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Jazz Band
- Lacrosse
- Link Crew
- Madd Jazz
- Math League
- Mountain Biking
- National Honor Society
- Nordic Ski
- Robotics
- Science Olympiad
- Soccer
- Softball
- Speech
- Student Senate
- Strength & Conditioning
- Swim & Dive
- Tennis
- Theatre
- Track & Field
- Trapshooting
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- plus many more student clubs!



In November 2023, Westonka Public Schools residents approved a \$93.4 million building bond investment in school facilities. Construction is currently underway with the majority of work expected to be complete by fall 2026.

The bond funds will allow the district to:

- 1 Improve safety and security at all schools;
- 2 Address significant deferred maintenance needs of the district’s 50- to 70-year-old buildings; and
- 3 Completely redesign the high school building to enhance the learning environment and improve functionality, safety and pride.



Coming soon! Expanded vocational programming



Westonka is expanding high school vocational options to include **machining** and **nursing/emergency response programs**, along with a **carpentry** extension to our current woods program. Increasing vocational options will provide more career opportunities for students and a trained workforce for local businesses.

Online Enrollment

Families new to Westonka are invited to enroll online using the New Student Enrollment Portal.



Scan to enroll or visit [QR2.info/Enrollment](https://www.westonka.org/QR2.info/Enrollment)

Current Westonka families can enroll another child in Skyward Family Access.

Kindergarten Enrollment

Online kindergarten enrollment opens in November for the coming school year. Here are the things you need to be prepared to enroll your child for kindergarten.

- ✓ Your child must turn five years old on or before September 1
- ✓ Birth certificate
- ✓ Early childhood screening documentation
- ✓ Immunization record (or notarized exemption)
- ✓ Kindergarten Health Care Summary

Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is required by the state of Minnesota before your child enters kindergarten. Screening can be conducted as young as 3 years old and provides an overall check of your child’s development. Screening is free and available to students whether or not they attend Westonka. Please call (952) 491-8480 to schedule an appointment or go online to www.westonkace.org.

Open Enrollment

Statewide enrollment options, informally known as open enrollment, allows families who live outside school district boundaries to enroll their children in Westonka Public Schools. Enrollment is by application only; the deadline for applying for open enrollment every year is January 15.

You can upload the Statewide Enrollment Options Form during the online enrollment process.

Not sure what school district you live in?



Look up your school district using the Minnesota Secretary of State pollfinder or call the district office at (952) 491-8007.

<https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us>