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2012-13



WISCONSIN RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

510 Peach Street

Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494-4663

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District Webpage: www.wrps.org

*The Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools serve the
City of Wisconsin Rapids;
Villages of Biron, Rudolph, and Vesper;
Wood County Townships of Arpin, Grand Rapids,
Hansen, Rudolph, Saratoga, Seneca, Sigel, Sherry;
and Portage County Townships of
Carson, Grant, and Plover.*

MISSION STATEMENT

*Working together with home and community, we are
dedicated to providing the best education for every student,
enabling each to be a thoughtful, responsible contributor
to a changing world.*



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Greetings!

I am pleased to provide this information as it relates to various aspects of the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools.

Whether you are an interested parent, student, citizen, employee, or other stakeholder, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for reviewing this information to familiarize yourself more with our school district.

WRPS has a strong history of offering a wide variety of services to our students in order to meet their constantly changing needs. We continually strive to do better in serving them academically, physically, and socially. By bringing content, technology, and pedagogy together, we are building 21st Century learners who can compete globally. We strive to improve individual student growth by measuring student achievement and constantly evaluating our curriculum. Our district is committed to maximizing learner opportunities through the exploration of alternative and more efficient delivery of student programming.

Our state of the art facilities continue to be maintained in a manner which continually supports evolving student programs and activities. Should you ever wish to visit one of our schools and learn more about WRPS offerings, feel free to contact a building administrator to arrange for a visit.

Any time you have questions, suggestions, or concerns about our schools, please contact the appropriate individual or department listed in this brochure, or call 715-424-6700.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dr. Colleen Dickmann'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Colleen Dickmann
Superintendent

BOARD OF EDUCATION



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Colleen Dickmann, Ph.D.	Superintendent of Schools
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Building	Grades	# Stdts	Principal	Phone
Grant Elementary	4K-5	227	Mr. Tim Bruns	715-424-6766
Grove Elementary	EC-5	275	Ms. Barbara Borer	715-424-6769
Howe Elementary	K-5	368	Mr. Matt Renwick	715-424-6772
Mead Elementary	EC-5	421	Ms. Margie Dorshorst	715-424-6777
THINK Academy	K-5	117	Ms. Tina Wallner	715-424-6784
Vesper Comm. Academy	4K-6	126	Ms. Tina Wallner	715-424-6786
Washington Elementary	K-5	283	Ms. Kelly Schaeffer	715-424-6788
Woodside Elementary	EC-5	403	Mr. Paul Mann	715-424-6793
EC/4K Off-Site Locations	4K	217	Ms. Kelly Schaeffer	715-424-6788
WR Area Middle School	6-7	721	Ms. Tracy Ginter	715-424-6740
East Jr. High School	8-9	754	Mr. Kevin Yeske	715-424-6730
Lincoln High School	10-12	1122	Mr. Ronald Rasmussen	715-424-6750
Central Cities Health Inst	11-12	32	Mr. Ronald Rasmussen	715-424-6750
River Cities High School	9-12	96	Ms. Trudy DeSimons	715-424-6798
Virtual School Program	4K-12	163	Mr. Ryan Christianson	715-424-6710

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2012-13

September 3 <i>First Day for Students</i>	January 25 <i>Record Keeping Day – No School</i>
September 4 <i>Labor Day – No School</i>	February 15 <i>Professional Dev Day – No School</i>
October 12 <i>Professional Dev Day – No School</i>	February 18 <i>Curriculum Dev Day – No School</i>
October 26-27 <i>Autumn Break – No School</i>	March 27 <i>End of Third Quarter</i>
November 8 <i>End of First Quarter</i>	March 28 <i>Professional Dev Day – No School</i>
November 9 <i>Professional Dev Day – No School</i>	March 29 <i>Good Friday – No School</i>
Nov 22-23 <i>Thanksgiving Vacation – No School</i>	April 1-5 <i>Spring Break – No School</i>
Dec 24-Jan 1 <i>Winter Break – No School</i>	May 27 <i>Memorial Day – No School</i>
January 24 <i>End of Second Quarter/First Semester</i>	June 10 <i>Last Day for Students (half-day)</i>
January 25 <i>Record Keeping Day – No School</i>	



Enrollment History:

06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13
5,842	5,712	5,652	5,589	5,539	5,370	5,325

Free/Reduced Enrollment Percentage:

2008 – 35% ✦ 2009 – 39% ✦ 2010 – 41% ✦ 2011 – 42% ✦ 2012 – 44%

Ethnic Breakdown (2012-13):

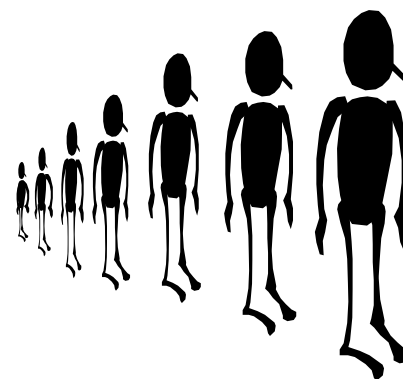
Amer. Indian – 1% Asian – 5% Black – 1% Hispanic – 4% White – 89%

Graduating Seniors' Post High School Plans (Class of 2012):

4-Year College 39.8% Tech College 38.1% Military 5.2% Employment/Other 16.9%

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS (2012-13 Enrollment)			
Cognitive Disabilities	93	Speech/Language	166
Emotional Disabilities	132	Homebound	16
Learning Disabilities	224	Visually Impaired	2
Orthopedic Impairment	4	Hearing Impaired	4
Limited English Proficiency	185	Autism	54
Traumatic Brain Injury	1	Other Health Impaired	91
Significant Dev. Delay	18	<i>An Early Childhood program is also available.</i>	

Personnel (Number of Employees)	Number	FTE
Teachers, Librarians, Social Workers	415	408.67
Administrators	24	23.3
Psychologists, PT	8	6.5
Clerical/Aides	217	176.75
Custodial/Maintenance	48	47.5
Food Service	34	32.14
Nurses	4	4.0
Van Drivers	5	5.0
Technology Support	8	8.0
TOTAL	763	711.86



Financial Summary 2012-13 Budget	
Salaries	\$28,740,843.00
Employee Benefits	12,680,458.00
Purchased Services	7,631,825.00
Non-Capital Objects	1,813,091.00
Capital Objects	497,598.00
Debt Retirement	315,760.00
District Insurance	346,590.00
Transfer to Other Funds	7,605,798.00
Other	66,919.00
TOTAL	\$59,698,882.00

Transportation (Public and Parochial) of students is contracted with Lamers Bus Lines and Safe-Way Bus Transit. Approximately 3,033 young people are transported and from school, traveling over 1.3 million miles each year at a cost of \$2,974,799.



Annual Cost Per Student: \$980 Per Vehicle: \$54,087

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT

Each year, public school districts in Wisconsin are required to prepare a school performance report outlining the previous year's success in a variety of areas. Specifically, districts are to report data in comparison with other districts in their athletic conference in the areas of *assessment, dropout rate, attendance, retention, graduation rate, habitual truancy, extra/co-curricular activities, community activities, Advanced Placement (AP) participation, post-graduation plans, suspensions, expulsions, staffing, financial data, etc.*

School year information may be found by going directly to the Wisconsin Information Network for Successful Schools (WINSS) DPI website located at these links:

<https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/sdpr/spr.action>
<http://dpi.wi.gov/sig/index.html>



Expenditures Per Student	WRPS	State
2006-07	\$10,994	\$10,944
2007-08	\$11,392	\$11,395
2008-09	\$11,417	\$11,822
2009-10	\$12,225	\$12,087
2010-11	\$11,762	\$12,462
2011-12	\$11,817	\$12,520



Equalized Valuation		Tax Levy	
2008	\$2,110,436,684	2008	\$16,841,877
2009	\$2,180,175,087	2009	\$17,408,689
2010	\$2,130,794,877	2010	\$19,038,435
2011	\$2,159,872,687	2011	\$20,008,578
2012	\$2,142,632,655	2012	\$20,130,033
2013	\$2,120,646,624	2013	\$21,199,870

Equalized Tax Rate (Per \$1,000 of Equalized Value) Proposed:

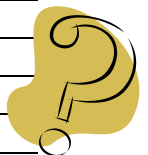
	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13
General Fund	\$6.72	\$6.63	\$6.77	\$8.02	\$7.87	\$4.34	\$9.99
Debt Retirement	1.20	1.16	1.12	.53	1.20	5.05	.00
Community Service	.20	.19	.09	.38	.19	.00	.00
TOTAL Tax Rate	\$8.12	\$7.98	\$7.98	\$8.93	\$9.26	\$9.39	\$9.99

Revenue Sources	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12
Local Sources	30.0%	30.4%	28.8%	28.7%	32.7%	31.6%	32.6%
State/Federal	69.0%	69.6%	71.2%	71.3%	67.3%	68.4%	67.4%

Municipality	2012 Valuation	2012 Tax Levy	Ratio
City of Wisconsin Rapids	\$1,005,192,400	\$10,048,798	47.5%
Town of Arpin	312,500	3,124	0.0%
Town of Grand Rapids	471,619,900	4,714,732	22.2%
Town of Hansen	26,452,157	264,439	1.2%
Town of Rudolph	58,792,100	587,738	2.8%
Town of Saratoga	159,226,372	1,591,768	7.5%
Town of Seneca	52,355,283	523,390	2.5%
Town of Sherry	7,759,204	77,568	0.4%
Town of Sigel	62,276,600	622,572	2.9%
Village of Biron	74,993,400	749,701	3.5%
Village of Rudolph	24,156,300	241,488	1.1%
Village of Vesper	25,085,500	250,777	1.2%
Town of Carson (Portage County)	6,515,363	65,133	0.3%
Town of Grant (Portage County)	118,516,667	1,184,798	5.6%
Town of Plover (Portage County)	27,392,878	273,844	1.3%
TOTALS	\$2,120,646,624	\$21,199,870	100.0%

Do you have a question? Please call:

Assessment	<i>Kathi Stebbins Hintz</i>	715-424-6721
Athletics – HIGH School	<i>Bill Vickroy</i>	715-424-6760
Athletics – JR. HIGH School	<i>Patti Ritchay</i>	715-424-6730
Athletics – MIDDLE School	<i>Brian Oswald</i>	715-424-6740
ATOD Prevention Coordinator	<i>Leslie Lewison</i>	715-424-6724
Attendance Line	<i>District Wide</i>	715-424-6765
Budget/Finance	<i>Dan Weigand</i>	715-424-6705
Buildings and Grounds	<i>Ed Allison</i>	715-424-6718
Computer Technology/IT Department	<i>Phil Bickelhaupt</i>	715-424-6715
Curriculum Standards and Instruction	<i>Kathi Stebbins Hintz</i>	715-424-6721
Food Service	<i>Julie Marie</i>	715-424-6703
Four-Year Old Kindergarten	<i>Kelly Schaeffer</i>	715-424-6721
Gifted & Talented Educational Services	<i>Mary Beth Freeh</i>	715-424-6730
Homeless Liaison	<i>Heather Lisitza</i>	715-424-6735
Human Resources	<i>Ryan Christianson</i>	715-424-6710
Professional Development	<i>Kathi Stebbins-Hintz</i>	715-424-6721
Special Education	<i>Trudy DeSimons</i>	715-424-6724
Superintendent	<i>Dr. Colleen Dickmann</i>	715-424-6701
Title IX Indian Education Coordinator	<i>Jayson Jackson</i>	715-424-6750
Transportation/Buses	<i>Jody Gruber</i>	715-424-6704
Virtual Program	<i>Ryan Christianson</i>	715-424-6710



◆ DISTRICT BELIEFS ◆

WE BELIEVE...*each student is the first consideration of the educational process.*

WE BELIEVE...*all students can learn.*

WE BELIEVE...*learning is a life-long process.*

WE BELIEVE...*in a safe, caring, and respectful learning environment.*

WE BELIEVE...*all students should become effective citizens of the community, state, nation, and the world.*

WE BELIEVE...*meaningful home, school, and community involvement is vital to continuous improvement.*



The Board of Education of the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools offers fair and equal employment and learning opportunities, and prohibits discrimination. Properly trained and qualified personnel will assist the Board by developing, implementing, and monitoring procedures related to nondiscrimination practices. No student, employee or applicant will be discriminated against on the basis of age, race, creed, religion, disability, marital or parental status, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, arrest record, pregnancy, membership in the national guard, state defense force or any other reserve component of the military forces of the United States or Wisconsin, or use or nonuse of lawful products off District premises and away from District-sponsored activities, as required by law.