

Innovation

Unity School District is a leader in technology integrated into education.

- ✔ A campus-wide wireless network.
- ✔ Mobile computer labs.
- ✔ On-Line gradebook access for parents.
- ✔ Visit Unity's state of the art, user friendly website at www.unity.k12.wi.us.

Unity School District is a leader in enrichment and reinforcement programs for students.

- ✔ After-school programming to compliment in-school learning activities.
- ✔ Summer School programming to excite struggling learners, reinforce positive academic skills, and challenge high achieving students.

Unity Middle School has been recognized as a leader in middle school organization and philosophy.

- ✔ Two year recipient of the Wisconsin School Promise Award.
- ✔ Innovative, student-centered grading policy with higher expectations.
- ✔ Student support services to meet the needs of diverse learners.

Unity High School pioneered one of the area's most successful high school alternative diploma programs.

- ✔ High graduation rates in a supportive, evening setting.
- ✔ Challenging curriculum with business and community partnerships.

Unity School District teachers are among the most highly educated and best trained in the area.

- ✔ Nearly 65 percent of Unity teachers hold a master's degree.
- ✔ Each teacher has received training in differentiated instruction, designed to adjust teaching strategies to meet the needs of every student.

Unity School District's improvement efforts have been a model for other districts across the state.

- ✔ A new curriculum content area is reviewed each year by an external review team.
- ✔ Each review process makes recommendations for improvement.
- ✔ A clear and articulated focus on improvement in all areas.



Leadership Facts about Unity

Effectiveness

Every Unity School District school has met Adequate Yearly Progress goals of the No Child Left Behind Act each year.

- ☑ Innovation in instruction with a dedication to differentiated instruction, focusing on individual student needs.

Unity Elementary School is an area leader in student reading achievement.

- ☑ 90% of fourth grade students at Unity scored proficient or advanced on the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination in the area of reading.
- ☑ A commitment to teaching reading in each subject area.

Unity Schools are amongst the area's highest achieving schools in the subjects of science, social studies, and reading.

- ☑ Strong problem-based instruction in both science and social studies.
- ☑ Learning opportunities that are connected between teachers, subjects, and classrooms.

Unity School District has a strong commitment to meeting the needs of its early learners.

- ☑ Pioneering the area's only all-day, every-day Pre-Kindergarten (4 year old) Program.
- ☑ Focus on brain development strategies with the Boost-Up Program in the Pre-K, Early Childhood, and Kindergarten programs.
- ☑ Successful transition plan from home to school at the Pre-K and Kindergarten levels.

Unity School District has a comprehensive assessment program to identify and meet students' individual needs.

- ☑ Measures of Academic Progress testing is conducted and utilized in grades 2 through 9 to help teachers and parents identify individual student needs and plan instructional strategies accordingly.
- ☑ The District curriculum is aligned with state academic standards, national technology standards, and is published online for parents to see at www.unity.k12.wi.us.

Unity High School offers a challenging curriculum, preparing graduates for their future.

- ☑ Unity High School graduates communicate that they feel challenged by the curriculum in a variety of courses.
- ☑ Unity High School offers a comprehensive and diverse course catalog to meet the interests of any high school student.



Student Achievement Facts
about Unity

Efficiency

Unity School District has a proud tradition of fiscal responsibility.

- ✔ With an adequate fund balance, Unity School District averts the need for short-term borrowing, thereby maximizing revenues.
- ✔ Unity has one of the only Board of Education Audit Committees in the state to periodically evaluate district finances, increasing accountability.
- ✔ Unity School District focuses on a balanced budget annually to meet the needs of the district each year.

At Unity, more dollars go to classroom instruction and support than any other area.

- ✔ Unity focuses the majority of its budget on instructional and student services, keeping student achievement at the center of every budget decision.
- ✔ The average costs of educating students at Unity School District are less than the state average in all areas; including administration and operations, pupil and staff services, and instructional services.
- ✔ Unity Elementary School receives a SAGE grant annually, maximizing learning with class sizes of approximately 15 students in pre-kindergarten through third grade.

The operational referendum passed in 2006 has paid for district facilities projects and has slowed the number of program reductions in the past two years.

- ✔ Unity has completed over \$875,000 worth of projects as defined by the District's Long-Range Plan since the passage of the referendum in 2006.
- ✔ Emphasis has been placed on maintaining district facilities to better meet the needs of the community and students as well as saving energy.
- ✔ With a new track, tennis courts, high school roof, and other projects, Unity School District is investing in the future of its facilities.

Unity School District has reduced over \$1.6 million dollars from the annual operational budget over the past 5 years.

- ✔ Budget constraints have led to budget cuts each year over the past five years.
- ✔ Since the 2003-2004 school year, Unity School has made targeted cuts to specific programs, done to minimize the impact on student learning, to meet the yearly challenges of school finance.



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Please visit Unity School District's website at www.unity.k12.wi.us. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a campus visit, please call (715)-825-3515.

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Unity School District is located in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, approximately 70 miles north east of the Twin Cities, Minnesota metropolitan area. The District covers approximately 140 square miles and consists of 11 municipalities in whole or part, including the towns of Balsam Lake, Georgetown, Eureka, Johnstown, Laketown, Milltown, St. Croix Falls, Apple River and the villages of Balsam Lake, Centuria and Milltown.

Unity Elementary School, Unity Middle School and Unity High School are within one facility on 100 acres in the country, located on Highway 46 North between Balsam Lake and Milltown. The facility includes:

- Wireless Campus with Four Computer Labs and Mobile Computer Carts
- K-12 Auditorium with seating capacity of 600
- Community Indoor Aquatics Facility
- Community Fitness Center
- Nature Trail and School Forest
- Distance Learning Lab, offering courses through Northern Lights Network
- Athletics Facilities: Tennis Courts, Football Stadium, Community Track, Baseball and Softball Fields, Cross Country Trails, Soccer Fields