

At Verona Area International School, our mission is to educate Global Citizens: to prepare children for the demands and responsibilities of Global Citizenship by providing the knowledge, skills, and experience needed to move naturally between different languages and cultures. Our Chinese immersion school delivers 50% of the curriculum in Mandarin and 50% in English. Currently, it is the only public Chinese immersion K-5 charter school in the state of Wisconsin. Students spend half their school day learning in Mandarin, the number one spoken language in the world. Our kindergarten students immediately begin hearing Mandarin during half of their school day. The curriculum meets common core standards and test scores demonstrate that students are able to excel in all subject areas while in an immersion environment.

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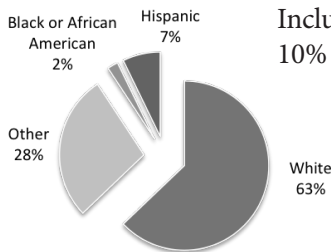
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School Demographics



Includes 4% special needs;
10% free & reduced lunch



97 students
with 27 staff



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The Verona Area International School, established in 2010 as a charter school, serves grades K-5 under the governance of the Verona Area School District. In August, 2015, VAIS was designated as a Confucius Classroom by Hanban Institute. The mission of Hanban Institute is to spread knowledge of Chinese language and culture throughout the world.

In July, VAIS was named the recipient of Wisconsin Association for Language Teacher's Donna Clementi Blue Ribbon School Award for Excellence in World Language Programs for 2017. In addition, VAIS is ranked 6th for Best Charter Schools in Wisconsin by Niche.

Within our Chinese immersion school, students receive language arts in both English and Chinese. Students are immersed in other subject areas such as math, social studies, and science, in English and Chinese. In addition to focusing on this core, our curriculum has an international focus, allowing students to learn about people and places from around the world.

Our curriculum follows a thematic unit approach. The core content is taught through a common theme that is integrated across languages and subjects.



District Report Card

- #6 High School in WI by U.S. News & World Report
- #16 on "Best Public High School" List by Niche Rankings 2015
- "Exceeds expectation" rating on DPI report card
- 1 of 27 WI districts honored by College Board on 5th Annual Advanced Placement District Honor Roll

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