



2020 - 2021 AT-A-GLANCE

We are a laboratory for learning. Our community is founded on our sustaining values, our I.D.E.A.S. – Innovation, Discovery, Engagement, Autonomy, and Service. We strive to promote fearless innovation by creating a safe environment to explore our world. We engage our students through rigor and reflection, and cultivate self-reliance. At New Century School every student, parent, teacher, administrator, and community member is part of a partnership that is focused on the growth and success of our students and our community at large. Our program is rooted in a tradition of environmental education, with a focus on Science Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). We are very lucky to have professional and dedicated teachers who work in partnership with parents to empower each student to be active participants in their own learning.



We connect academic subjects with real world applications through the engineering design process. Science lends itself to trial and error explorations, and students working within an environmentally based curriculum are able to shift the learning focus from getting the right answer to learning the reasons behind the answer. STEM activities are often open-ended, which allows for participation of many different ability levels.

Solving problems demands flexible and innovative thinking. At NCS, teachers encourage students to pose thoughtful questions regarding their work and then help guide the students while they explore answers. This results in a student body of self-motivated learners who approach new challenges with confidence and creativity.

Students have opportunities to experience the world outside the classroom, which allows young learners necessary movement and empowers them to learn at their own pace.

125



STUDENTS



34

STAFF MEMBERS



8.8%

SPECIAL NEEDS



AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE

21

STUDENTS



6.4%

FREE & REDUCED
LUNCH



VERONA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Every Student MUST Be Successful!

The Verona Area School District is working with all district schools to ensure that:

- Every student has a personalized learning plan that provides a path to discovery and achievement and that plan is reviewed and changed at least annually based on the student's needs.
- Every student's parent, guardian or advocate participates directly in the design, implementation, and outcomes of that student's personalized learning plans.
- Every student meets or exceeds personalized learning plan goals every school year.
- Every Verona Area High School student graduates.
- Every graduate achieves their choice of college and/or career path.

STAFF, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY

Every classroom at NCS is multi-age (K/1, 2/3, and 4/5) and our students work with the same teacher for two years. Students develop deeper working relationships with their teachers and together build personalized learning plans that help them build on strengths and succeed year over year.

The success of NCS is not only driven by our dedicated staff, but also by the passionate support of our parents who play an integral part in the strength of our community. Among other activities, parents organize a series of Diversity and Equity events, celebrating the people of the world and our own communities.

New Century Governance Council:

Hannah Bassetti · Vicki Betz · Jen Collins · Rikki Conwell · Heather Felker · Andrew Loeffler · Lee Lohr · Jill Markus · John Porco · Ann Princel · Elizabeth Purpero · Sara Rem

DISTRICT REPORT CARD

We are ranked:

- **#37** of 367 districts in Wisconsin by Niche Rankings (2020)
- **#26** high school by US News & World Report in (2019)
- **#17** on "Best Public High School list by Niche Rankings (2020)
- **#42** Most diverse school district in Wisconsin by Niche Rankings (2020)
- **"Exceeds Expectations"** rating on Wisconsin DPI report card
- **1 of 27** Wisconsin districts honored by The College Board for Advanced Placement

VASD is composed of the city/town of Verona, parts of Fitchburg and Madison; and towns of Springdale, Montrose and Middleton. We are the 28th largest district of the 422 in Wisconsin.

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