



2020 - 2021 AT-A-GLANCE

Core Knowledge® Charter School (CKCS) is a public education option in the Verona Area School District where students develop strong learning skills and a broad base of knowledge through the use of research-based educational material and programs in a safe and structured environment. The only K-8 school in the district, CKCS offers flexible learning groups taught using the Core Knowledge® curriculum creating literate students prepared for a lifetime of learning.



415



STUDENTS



35

STAFF MEMBERS



5.3%

SPECIAL NEEDS



LANGUAGES
SPOKEN



17.8%

FREE & REDUCED
LUNCH

- The Charter School was started by parents and educators in 1996 to use Core Knowledge® curriculum, a cohesive, sequential knowledge base of history, geography, science, literature, art, computer skills, music, math, and language arts.
- It is one of the longest and most successful Direct Instruction programs in the state.
- A high level of student involvement and mastery are built into the learning process to foster competence and confidence.
- Since the school's inception, students have consistently demonstrated strong levels of proficiency in reading, science, mathematics and social studies.
- Parent involvement in day-to-day operations, including budget, hiring, curriculum assessment, and policy, is a primary contributor to the school's success.
- The Core Virtues Program and the Service Learning Program develop civic responsibility and strengthen community connections.



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.

PARENTS ARE TALKING



DISTRICT REPORT CARD

On the 2020 Family School Perceptions Survey, a total of 105 CKCS families responded. The percentage of families that Agreed or Strongly Agreed with the following statements is indicated below:

- "I am proud of our school." (100%)
- "My child enjoys going to school." (94%)
- "When my child has a problem at school, I know how to get help to address it." (93%)
- "Even though I may not always agree with the decisions, the Administration/Principal is doing what it takes to make our school successful." (92%)

Based on the most recent Wisconsin Department of Public (DPI) Instruction School Report Card, CKCS:

- Received an **Exceeds Expectations** rating
- Scored **higher than the state average** in all four priority areas:
 - Student Achievement
 - School Growth
 - Closing Gaps
 - On-Track and Postsecondary Readiness

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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