

The mission of Verona Area International School 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 50/50 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 learn to listen, speak, read and write in Mandarin, the number one spoken language in the world. Our kindergarten students immediately begin hearing Mandarin on their first day of school. 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.



The Verona Area International School, established in 2010 as a public 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, and continues with this designation today. The mission of Hanban Institute is to spread knowledge of Chinese language and culture throughout the world.

In July 2017, VAIS received the Wisconsin Association for Language Teacher's Donna Clementi Blue Ribbon School Award for Excellence in World Language Programs. Currently, VAIS is ranked as the 9th Best Charter School in Wisconsin and 1st in Dane County, by Niche. VAIS also consistently scores in the Significantly Exceeds Expectations category on DPI report cards.

113



STUDENTS



31

STAFF MEMBERS



5.4%

SPECIAL NEEDS



AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE

21

STUDENTS



8.9%

FREE & REDUCED
LUNCH



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.

CHINESE TWO-WAY IMMERSION

Within our Chinese immersion school, students receive language arts in both English and Chinese. Students are immersed in other subject areas including math, social studies, and science, in English and Chinese.

Our curriculum follows a thematic unit approach, thus students receive the core content through a common theme that is integrated across languages and subjects. 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.



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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