The Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools (WRPS) is a unified school district serving the City of Wisconsin Rapids; Villages of Biron, Rudolph, and Vesper; Wood County Townships of Arpin, Grand Rapids, Hansen, Rudolph, Saratoga, Seneca, Sigel, and Sherry; and Portage County Townships of Carson, Grant, and Plover. WRPS offers half-day 4K programming and has seven elementary schools, one middle school (grades 6-8), one senior high school (grades 9-12), one alternative high school (grades 9-12), a virtual charter school and an early learning center for our youngest students.

WRPS has earned a solid reputation as an innovative, professional organization which has high student achievement and a low drop-out rate. Programs have been changed and continually evolve in order to best meet the needs of all students. Our staff members are known for being life-long learners themselves, and they are continuously recognized by both state and national organizations and agencies for their professionalism and expertise.

**School** | **Grade** | **# Students** | **Principal** | **Phone**
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Grant Elementary | 4K-5 | 258 | Nicole Calteux | 715-424-6766
Grove Elementary | EC-5 | 196 | Tina Wallner | 715-424-6769
Howe Elementary | KG-5 | 336 | Tina Miller | 715-424-6772
Mead Elementary | EC-5 | 295 | Amber Applebee | 715-424-6777
Pitsch Early Lrg Ctr/Off-Site 4K | EC-4K | 232 | Kelly Schaeffer | 715-424-6779
THINK Academy | 4K-5 | 207 | Christine Slattery | 715-424-6784
Washington Elementary | KG-5 | 293 | Kelly Schaeffer | 715-424-6788
Woodside Elementary | EC-5 | 349 | Julie Kolarik | 715-424-6793
Central Oaks Charter (virtual) | 4K-8 | 115 | Brian Oswall | 715-424-6788
WR Area Middle School | 6-8 | 919 | Tracy Ginter | 715-424-6740
Lincoln High School - virtual | 9-12 | 1,365 | Ronald Rasmussen | 715-424-6750
River Cities Alternative HS | 9-12 | 90 | Steven Hepp | 715-424-6798

*Based upon 2022-23 school year September pupil count.

**Standing Board Committees:**
- Educational Services Committee
- Business Services Committee
- Personnel Services Committee

Committee meetings occur on the first Monday of each month, and regular Board of Ed meetings occur on the second Monday of each month, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATION**
- Craig G. Broeren, Superintendent ............................................................... 715-424-6701
- Roxanne Filtz, Director of Curriculum & Instruction .................................... 715-424-6721
- Jennifer Wilhorn, Assistant Director of Curriculum & Instruction .............. 715-424-6721
- Aaron Nelson, Director of Business Services ............................................. 715-424-6705
- Steven Hepp, Director of Pupil Services .................................................... 715-424-6724
- Elizabeth (Betsy) VanBerkel, Assistant Director of Pupil Services ............. 715-424-6724
- Brian Oswall, Director of Human Resources ............................................ 715-424-6710
- Phillip Bickelhaupt, Director of Technology ............................................. 715-424-6715
- Ed Allison, Director of Buildings & Grounds ............................................ 715-424-6718
- Lizzie Messerli, Director of Food Services ............................................... 715-424-6703

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High quality programming has been maintained for WRPS students through careful planning and sound fiscal management. The District managed to invest $8.4 million in 2018 to replace the leaky, inefficient pool at the high school, provide for a 6th grade addition at the middle school, perform district-wide energy efficiency upgrades, and secure a $574,000 safety and security grant award to begin making enhancements to building security.

The surrounding community has a long history of supporting WRPS schools, and continued that strong support in April, 2021 by passing two referendum questions. The first question allows WRPS to exceed the revenue limit by $2 million per year for five years beginning with the 2021-22 school year and ending with the 2025-26 school year to invest in curriculum and technology updates. The second question allowed WRPS to borrow $34 million for District-wide school building and facility improvement projects to include the construction of secure entrances at all schools, Lincoln High School science lab renovations and the addition of a new library/student resource center, construction of a gymnasium at THINK Academy in Rudolph, and numerous capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements.

Another exciting, collaborative project that occurred in the District in 2021 which largely came about as a result of community conversations and private donations is the construction of a brand new baseball/softball sports complex on the Lincoln High School campus, and significant renovations/upgrades to the South Wood County football field and track. These upgrade drawings are events to our community which helps boost the local economy. Investments in elementary and middle school playground upgrades are on the docket for completion by 2024, with the first project $1.5 million project to develop an Outdoor Play, Learning, Activity Center at Woodside Elementary slated to be ready by the beginning of the 2023-24 school year. All of these initiatives help contribute toward student opportunity and success!