



School District of South Milwaukee

Our Mission:

“We, along with our community, commit to deliberate excellence for all learners by engaging and educating the whole person to succeed in a dynamic society.”

Did You Know?

- Our high school has been accredited by North Central Association since 1909, and our district is the first public school district in Southeastern Wisconsin to be fully accredited by AdvancED/North Central Association.
- Our schools co-sponsor the Wisconsin Character Education Conference, and in 2015, we were named a *State School District of Character* by the Wisconsin Character Education Partnership.
- We offer comprehensive K12 programs in art, music, physical education, gifted & talented, English as a Second Language, and special education.
- Students are able to earn college credit or advanced standing through Advanced Placement and more than 20 courses articulated with MATC.
- We personalize student experiences through academies, alternative education, certificate programs, and 1:1 technology devices.
- Following graduation, 82% of our students go on to a two or four year college.
- South Milwaukee high school seniors earned over \$2.9 million in scholarships in 2015.
- Milwaukee Magazine (2012) ranked South Milwaukee School District as the #1 “After-School All Star” and “South Milwaukee High School as the #2 “OVERPERFORMING High School.”
- We boast award-winning elementary schools, including a four-time winner of the Wisconsin Promise School of Recognition.
- Over 73% of our teachers have a Master’s Degree or higher.
- Professional development and training programs enhance the continuous learning of our staff.
- Schools benefit from active parent involvement at every level.



Who We Are

The School District of South Milwaukee is a district deeply rooted in tradition. We serve a diverse community that values hard work. We are fortunate to have 350 dedicated staff members – teachers, administrators, and support personnel who are committed to the success of all students, and strive to do what is best for them every day. Our schools serve 3,400 students at four neighborhood elementary schools (K4-grade 5), one middle school (grades 6-8), and one high school (grades 9-12). Our 15th Avenue Campus houses our middle and high schools in a state-of-the-art facility, a jewel in the crown of our community.

The School District of South Milwaukee embraces a tradition of innovation in teaching and learning, and this is reflected in many ways. Some examples include our on-site environmental education resources, the high school block schedule, shared leadership, engaging technology, flexible programming, robust curriculum and instruction, and deliberate attention to positive character development in our youth. We constantly strive to find ways of fostering authentic and enduring learning in staff and students.

Curriculum Expectations

Rigorous, universal and standards-based curriculum, researched-based instructional practices and strategies, and common assessments used to monitor student achievement.

Community Engagement

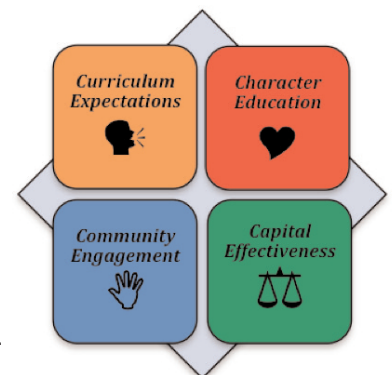
Partnerships with students, parents, school district staff, community members, and alumni.

Character Education

Teaching how to know, believe, and do your best for self and others. Emphasis on respect, responsibility, honesty, kindness, and perseverance.

Capital Effectiveness

Effective and efficient stewardship of resources to advance the Mission and Vision of the district.



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Our Vision: "The vision of the School District of South Milwaukee is to create a dynamic environment where the world becomes the classroom so the classroom impacts the world."

City of South Milwaukee: Proud Past Promising Future

The School District of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is nestled in a unique community. Surrounded by major metropolitan areas abundant with rich cultural opportunities, South Milwaukee is a small, charming suburb with proximity to Milwaukee County's Grant Park on beautiful Lake Michigan. Minutes from the Lake Parkway and its access to Milwaukee, South Milwaukee is a community with a proud past, a promising future, and a strong commitment to educational excellence.

The School District of South Milwaukee is staffed by top-notch, caring teachers, administrators, and support staff. They are willing to go above and beyond to provide students with the best possible opportunities to succeed each day and in the future.

In 2004, the community of South Milwaukee proudly invested in its schools, opening a state-of-the-art campus for grades six through twelve. This campus honors the heritage of the South Milwaukee community, and recognizes the deep roots that connect generations of residents. The facility boasts a well-equipped and widely-used Fitness Center, an elevated indoor track, and an acoustically splendid and well-booked Performing Arts Center. Innovative teaching and learning thrive on our technology-rich campus. Best of all, it is widely accessible to community members, creating pride, ownership, and identity.

Join us at a Rocket home football game on a brisk fall night and enjoy the community pride and the fireworks. Attend an inspiring performance in our Performing Arts Center and be awestruck by the talent. Watch our amazing teachers and students in action and feel the pride. Come and discover why South Milwaukee

is a great place for children and families to learn and grow. This is something you can count on; it is our enduring tradition.

At A Glance

- Full Fitness Center with memberships open to the community
- Performing Arts Center with over 95 unique performances each year
- Cutting edge technology resources throughout the district

South Milwaukee Partners

The School District has formed many partnerships within the community to provide and receive services that are beneficial to both the community and students.

For more information on partnerships:

Visit: www.sdsm.k12.wi.us

Email:

districtconnection@sdsm.k12.wi.us

Call: 414-766-5011

Twitter: [@SoMilwSchools](https://twitter.com/SoMilwSchools)

South Milwaukee Alumni

Alumni of South Milwaukee are encouraged to continue communication with the school district.

A special website has been created especially for alumni of South Milwaukee.

Alumni should visit:

<http://www.alumniclass.com/southmilwaukee/> to register.

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