

COULEE MONTESSORI

Elementary and Adolescent Program (PreK-8)

SCHOOL PROFILE

Evidence of Success

November 2019

District Mission (E1):

Students will discover their talents and abilities and will be prepared to pursue their dreams and aspirations while contributing effectively to their local, national, and global communities.

Leadership:

Administrative Staff:

Elementary School Campus

Laura Huber, Principal
Larry McMahon, Dean of Students
Kathy Sierp/Annika Haskin, Administrative Assistants

Middle School Campus

Melissa Murray, Principal
Eric Check, Dean of Students
Michele Plagman/Sandy Hakomaki, Administrative Assistants

Key Committees:

Leadership Team, Safety/MRT, Technology, PBIS, SET, SMT

School Day/Learning Time:

8:15 AM - 2:55 PM at Elementary Campus
7:35 AM - 2:45 PM at Middle School Campus
On-site child care at the Elementary Campus

Staff:

Certified Classroom Staff: 10
Children's House: 2 sections
Elementary 1: 4 sections
Elementary 2: 2 sections
Adolescent: 2 sections

School Information

Source: WI DPI 2018-2019 School Report Card

K4-5th grades located at Northside Elementary
6-8 grades are located at Lincoln Middle School
Enrollment: 158 (Elementary and Middle School)

Race/Ethnicity

American Indian or Alaska Native	1.3%
Asian	1.9%
Black or African American	2.5%
Hispanic	5.1%
White non-Hispanic	77.2%
Two or more races	12%

Student Groups

Students with Disabilities	12.7%
Economically Disadvantaged	43.7%
Limited English Proficient	1.3%

Additional data available at:

<http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/portalHome.jsp>

School Programs:

Breakfast; Speech and Language; Learning Disabilities; Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities; AGR in grades K, 1,2,3; High Performance Learning; 21st Century Community Learning Centers (elementary only); Homework Club (middle only); English Language Learners; Orchestra; Occupational Therapy; PBIS; Safety Patrol; Band (middle school only); Choir and Show Choir (middle school only); Co-curriculars include but not limited to athletics, and clubs/organizations (middle school only); World Languages (middle school only)

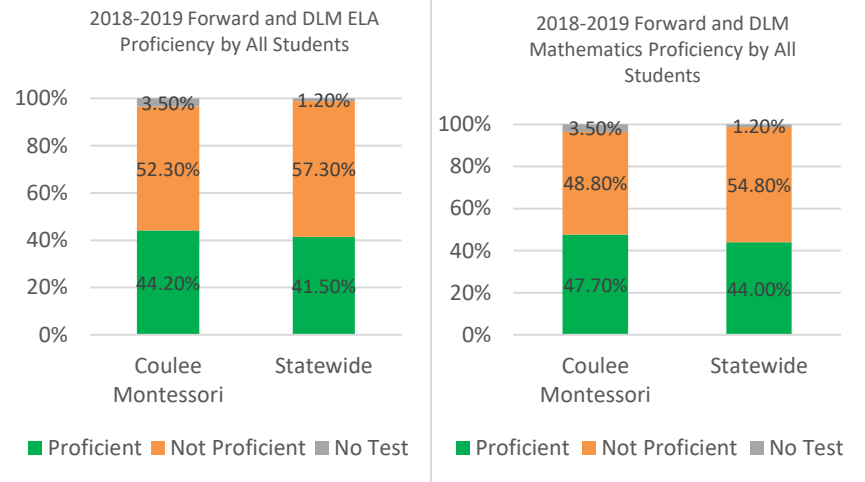
Unique School Programs/Accomplishments

Things We're Most Proud of:

- A dedicated and incredibly competent staff
- Over 75% of certified staff have master's degrees
- Volunteers from a variety of organizations including UW-L, Viterbo, RSVP, Awesome Ranger Role Models, Western Technical College, Big Brothers and Sisters, community members
- After school programs providing extended learning opportunities for 100+ students
- Intervention in reading and math K-5th grade
- Montessori trained and accredited teaching staff
- Montessori specific curriculum, pedagogy, and supplies
- Parent involvement through SET, Family Nights and Dad's Nights, Family Education Nights
- All school field trip to Myrick Park
- HPL offerings including: Battle of the Books, Geography Bee, Vocabulary Show Down, Matt Hessel-Mial writing content
- Grace and Courtesy lessons
- Peace Education
- Grade level professional learning communities meet every 6 days
- Strong community partnerships
- Professional Development School in partnership with UW-L and Viterbo University
- Your Northside Neighborhood Clinic
- La Crosse Area Family Collaborative partnership with La Crosse County

High Academic Standards:

E2: Students will demonstrate a high level of individual success in all required and elective academic/curricular areas using multiple measures of performance.



For more statistics: <http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/portalHome.jsp>

Curriculum Based Achievement Indicators

- District reading, math and writing assessments
- STAR assessments
- Conference reports
- Fitness testing
- Art contests and community art exhibition
- ACCESS testing for English Language Learners
- Online assessments through web based programs
- Montessori specific report card
- Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)
- Curriculum specific assessments and Teacher created assessments

Academics Outside School Day

- Boys and Girls Club Tutoring
- 21st Century After School Program
- Homework Club (middle school only)

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Goals

Elementary

1. All students will perform at or above grade level in math and reading as measured by STAR assessments.
2. Students will arrive on time every day.
3. Race, gender, and economics will not predict academic achievement.
4. Staff will develop positive relationships with all students at Coulee Montessori.

Professional Development

- Instructional Coach focused on reading instruction (elementary only)
- Release days to allow for data driven decision making by staff
- Crisis Prevention Intervention training (CPI)
- Medical Response Team training (MRT)
- CESA workshops
- Staff Book Club re: trauma (elementary only)
- Technology in-services
- Local and regional Montessori specific conferences and training

Family, School & Community Partnerships

- Family Nights (elementary only)
- Dad's Nights (elementary only)
- Shared assignment notebooks or online Google Classroom communication
- Classroom Buddies
- Book fair
- SET
- Deep Roots Community Farm
- Parent volunteers
- REAL Girls Running Club (elementary only)
- Boys and Girls Club
- North Branch Library
- La Crosse Park and Recreation
- Northside Food Pantry/Festival Foods
- Student teachers/clinical students including a professional development school through UW-L and Viterbo at the elementary school only
- Service learning projects in the community
- Clothes closet through Trinity Lutheran
- Fire department fire safety programs (elementary)
- RSVP
- WTC-Teacher assistant program
- Fish and Wildlife Services
- Big Brothers Big Sisters (elementary only)
- Parenting Place (elementary only)
- Walk to School initiative (elementary only)
- North Presbyterian academic tutors (elementary only)
- YMCA swimming lessons (elementary only)
- Your Northside Neighborhood Clinic
- La Crosse Area Family Collaborative project (elementary only)

Standards of the Heart – caring, success, potential

E3: Students will strive for mutual understanding as contributing citizens in a diverse world.

E4: Students will acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to make effective and responsible life choices.

Core Values/Citizenship Education

- Student involvement with food drive for Salvation Army
- Peer Mediators
- Service Learning
- Use of Responsive Classroom Strategies
- Classroom Buddies
- Friendship Groups
- Nonviolent Communication
- Daily intentional instruction of social and emotional skills
- Peace Education
- Grace and Courtesy Lessons

Guidance/Pupil Services

- Developmental guidance lessons 8+ times per year (elementary only)
- Small SEL skill-focused group work
- Psychologist, Guidance Counselor, District Liaisons for African American Students, Hmong Students and Native American Students

Community Involvement/Volunteer work

- Salvation Army Food Drive
- Volunteer tutors and mentors in the classrooms of younger students
- Community food and clothing donations
- Community garbage pick up

Assemblies/School-Wide Efforts

- Perrot Park/Myrick Park
- Touring groups including drama, music and story-telling
- Student talent shows
- Music concerts
- Holiday sing-a-long
- Great lessons presentations
- Oktoberfest family

Clubs, Co-Curricular Activities

- Safety Patrol
- Peer Mediators
- REAL Girls Running Club
- Recorder Club