



# APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2021-2022 Charter School Newsletter

### Appleton Bilingual School



The Appleton Bilingual School develops academic excellence and language fluency in Spanish and English, builds cross-cultural relationships, and nurtures an enthusiasm for learning in order for students to achieve future educational and career success and to become active citizens in local and global communities.

#### Appleton Bilingual School

(Columbus Elementary)

Opened September 2011

Grades K-6

913 N Oneida Street

Appleton, WI 54911

920-832-4125

Why should you enroll your child in the Appleton Bilingual School?

- Your child will have new experiences and understand familiar things with a fresh perspective.
- People who learn other languages come to better understand and feel comfortable in unfamiliar settings and situations.
- Your child will be able to effectively use Spanish and English in reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies, and everyday conversation.

The Appleton Bilingual School is partnered with Columbus Elementary School. To learn more visit our website at <http://abs.aasd.k12.wi.us/> or follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/AppletonBilingualSchool/](http://www.facebook.com/AppletonBilingualSchool/)

### Appleton eSchool



Are you Post High School Ready? Earn your "online course ready" badge for your high school transcript! (Visit our website for details). Appleton eSchool provides flexible 21<sup>st</sup> century learning opportunities

for all students to blend online courses into their academic plans and schedules at their school. Whether students are looking to open up their schedule, get ahead, or make up some credits, Appleton eSchool can help you reach your goals!

#### Appleton eSchool

(East High)

Opened September 2002

Grades 7-12

2121 Emmers Drive

Appleton, WI 54915

920-997-1399 ext. 1744

To learn more visit our website at [www.appletonschool.org](http://www.appletonschool.org) or follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/appletonschool/](http://www.facebook.com/appletonschool/).



### Appleton Public Montessori

Appleton Public Montessori will be accepting placement applications for the 2021-2022 school year as of December 1, 2020 for age 4 through 5th grade. Please apply by February 19, 2021, to be included in this year's placement lottery. Applications received after that date will be reviewed and assigned depending upon the outcome of the lottery.

#### Appleton Public Montessori

Opened September 2005

Age 4 - Grade 6

1545 E Broadway Drive

Appleton, WI 54913

920-832-6325

Applications will be available on the school website <http://apm.aasd.k12.wi.us/> or in the school office. Please check the Application Checklist for steps to apply.

Why Montessori?

- \* Emphasis on the whole child
- \* Individualized learning
- \* Montessori certified teachers
- \* Multi-age classrooms
- \* Performing Arts instruction
- \* Environmental Studies within Plamann Park
- \* Community Art Partnerships
- \* Promotes independence, respect, responsibility, and leadership

**Informational Open Houses and Classroom Visitation:** will be held during January and February; consult our website for days, times and whether they're in person or virtual. Follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/AppletonPublicMontessori/](http://www.facebook.com/AppletonPublicMontessori/).



## Appleton Technical Academy

### Appleton Technical Academy

(West High)

Opened September 2014

Grades 9-12

610 N Badger Avenue

Appleton, WI 54914

920-832-6234

The Appleton Technical Academy (ATECH) is committed to providing high school students with a jump-start toward successful and rewarding careers within the modern manufacturing and technology industries. We offer a unique blend of academic content focus and skill development in a highly engaging hands-on learning environment. By partnering with Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) and local business/industry, we are preparing our students for in-demand, high-paying occupations in high-growth industry sectors within the area of technology/manufacturing.

To learn more about the Appleton Technical Academy visit our website <https://atech.aasd.k12.wi.us/> or follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/AppletonTechnicalAcademy/](http://www.facebook.com/AppletonTechnicalAcademy/).



## Classical School

### Classical School

Opened September 1999

Grades K-8

3310 N Durkee Street

Appleton, WI 54911

920-832-4968

Classical School strives to develop graduates who are critical thinkers, coherent writers, confident speakers, thoughtful leaders, and virtuous citizens. The school day structured around teacher-led instruction during which every educational minute matters. Classical School is part of the Appleton Area School District; no tuition is charged.

Classical School is an official *Core Knowledge*® school that provides an engaging and academically rigorous curriculum. (*Core Knowledge*® should not be confused with the Common Core Standards). The school promotes knowledge-centered education and the values of a democratic society. For the sake of academic excellence, greater fairness, and higher literacy, *Core Knowledge*® provides a solid, specific, shared core curriculum to help children establish a strong academic foundation.

Students at Classical School are skill grouped for math and reading. Reading instruction begins in kindergarten using the SRA Direct Instruction programs. Once students learn to read, instruction focuses on the further development of fluency skills through literary analysis, vocabulary development, and the introduction of more complex syntax in unabridged, classic literature. Grammar and writing are emphasized in all grades and content areas. Math instruction is delivered through the Saxon Math program, which emphasizes mastery of skills. Most students at Classical complete algebra or geometry by the end of the eighth grade.

Students at Classical School also receive a solid common knowledge base of American and world history, geography, science, and the fine arts – including a solid base in art history and music history. Spanish language instruction is provided daily beginning in kindergarten. Exposure to Latin also begins in kindergarten. Sixth through eighth graders are given instruction in the areas of informal fallacies of logic and formal logic. Students in grades K – 8 participate in physical education, art, and music classes each week. Orchestra is available for students in grades 4 – 8 and band for students in grades 6 – 8.

Visit our website at [www.classicalcharter.com](http://www.classicalcharter.com) for more information or follow us [www.facebook.com/ClassicalSchoolIAASD/](http://www.facebook.com/ClassicalSchoolIAASD/)



## Foster Elementary Charter School

### Stephen Foster Elementary

Opened September 2006

Grades K-6

305 W Foster Street

Appleton, WI 54915

920-832-6288

Stephen Foster Elementary Charter School creates partnerships among students, staff, parents and community members to serve a diverse population of learners comprised of neighborhood and open-enrolled students. Foster develops independent learners who: honor diversity; show respect for themselves, others, and the environment; and seek to use their unique strengths to lead efforts to improve the world around them.

The innovative learning approach at Stephen Foster Elementary Charter School features the following components:

- ~ Grade-level community service projects tied to standards
- ~ Activities that promote diversity and celebrate different cultures
- ~ Common Core Standards-based, differentiated instruction based upon informal assessment of student knowledge
- ~ Strengths-based career exploration
- ~ An emphasis on educating the “whole child”

Visit our website at <http://foster.aasd.k12.wi.us/> or follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/StephenFosterElementary/](http://www.facebook.com/StephenFosterElementary/).



## Fox Cities Leadership Academy (FCLA)

FCLA offers a rigorous, contemporary & interdisciplinary curriculum that provides students with the opportunity to develop lifelong skills through our small learning community. Students will develop skills such as: Critical thinking, Problem solving, and Leadership.

**How will FCLA enhance my child's high school experience?** We focus on the big picture by incorporating standards from two or more subject areas (integrated curriculum), so that students develop a deeper understanding of the topic or concept being studied. FCLA works with students and families to create a high school educational experience that will meet their post-secondary readiness goals. Credits in the FCLA are earned over a four year time-span rather than in a single designated year. *All courses will appear on the student's official transcript, but will be asterisked, indicating to colleges that they are advanced courses.*

**What else makes the FCLA unique?** FCLA students join a non-traditional learning community grounded in interdisciplinary coursework, contemporary issues, and working collaboratively with other students, staff, and community members; complete internships to explore post-secondary and career options; develop and present a professional leadership portfolio and resume; earn a *Wisconsin Youth Leadership Skills Certificate* issued by the DPI; and culminate their senior year with a student-designed *Senior Capstone Project*.

Learn more about the FCLA by contacting [fcla@asds.k12.wi.us](mailto:fcla@asds.k12.wi.us), visit our website <http://fcla.asds.k12.wi.us/>, or register to attend one of our Shadow Days.

**Fox Cities Leadership Academy**  
(North High)  
Opened September 2007  
Grades 9-12  
5000 N Ballard Road  
Appleton, WI 54913  
920-832-4300



## Fox River Academy

*"Where Learning Extends Beyond Classroom Walls"*

Engaging learners in hands-on experiences... Motivating students to life-long learning... Using today's technology to protect tomorrow

Fox River Academy is a nationally-recognized Green Ribbon School with a focus on the environment. Students are prepared to use 21st century skills to problem solve. Fox River Academy integrates an environmental theme in all core subject areas as well as through technology and STEM. At FOX, students don't just read about science, they experience it through observation and discovery. Students engage in meaningful community service-learning projects through which they develop skills and make contacts that will benefit them in college and future careers. Teaming with local universities such as FVTC, UW-Fox and Lawrence University allows our students first-hand experiences that prepares them for higher education success.

If your child is interested in the environment and you would like to see your child inspired to learn and excel academically, he or she will benefit from Fox River Academy! For upcoming events, informational sessions, application and enrollment information, visit our website [www.foxriveracademy.org/](http://www.foxriveracademy.org/) or follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/FoxRiverAcademyAASD/](http://www.facebook.com/FoxRiverAcademyAASD/).

**Fox River Academy**  
(Jefferson Elementary)  
Opened September 2005  
Grades K-8  
1000 S Mason Street  
Appleton, WI 54914  
920-832-4848



## Kaleidoscope Academy

Kaleidoscope Academy is a dynamic middle school focused on the individual and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills such as creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and effective communication skills. Students have more choices in how they structure their day which include dance, art, graphic art and design, computer coding, creative music making, theater, band, orchestra, choir, technology engineering, family and consumer education, and world language.

Kaleidoscope Academy uses flexible blocks of time with interdisciplinary teaming in a technology rich environment. Instruction is inquiry based and progressively project based. Transitioning from elementary school is smoother as students work within a two teacher team for two-thirds of their day. For students looking for an innovative and collaborative learning environment, Kaleidoscope Academy provides the opportunity for students to make their own choices, develop their interests at an earlier age and prepares them with the skills needed to tackle complex tasks in an ever changing global society.

To learn more about the Kaleidoscope Academy and upcoming informational meetings please visit our website <https://ka.asds.k12.wi.us/>, follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/kaleidoscopecardinals/](http://www.facebook.com/kaleidoscopecardinals/), or contact the school office at (920) 832-6294.

**Kaleidoscope Academy**  
(Roosevelt Middle)  
Opened September 2007  
Grades 6-8  
318 E Brewster Street  
Appleton, WI 54911  
920-832-6294



## Renaissance School for the Arts

The Renaissance School for the Arts is an arts-based high school that is not only committed to developing accomplishments in the visual arts, film, theatre, music, writing, and dance; but also to nurturing curiosity and creativity, while inspiring a passion for community engagement.

For more information, visit our website <http://rsa.asds.k12.wi.us/> or follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/RSAAppleton/](http://www.facebook.com/RSAAppleton/).

**Renaissance School for the Arts**  
(West High)  
Opened September 2000  
Grades 9-12  
610 N Badger Avenue  
Appleton, WI 54914  
920-832-5708



## Tesla Engineering Charter School

### Tesla Engineering Charter School

(East High)

Opened September 2002

Grades 9-12

2121 Emmers Drive

Appleton, WI 54915

920-832-6211

Provides a comprehensive, challenging educational experience created to meet the needs of students with an interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics or STEM. Implementing a course of instruction developed and supported by Project Lead The Way, Tesla strives to help students understand the practical application of math, science, and technology in the context of engineering and design. Learn more <http://tesla.aasd.k12.wi.us/> or follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TeslaCharter](http://www.facebook.com/TeslaCharter).



## Valley New School

### Valley New School

(City Center Plaza)

Opened September 2003

Grades 7-12

10 College Avenue, Suite 228

Appleton, WI 54911

920-993-7037

Valley New School is a **learning community** that **empowers individuals** to become **purposeful adults**.

VNS offers students an innovative culture where every student designs and implements a Personalized Learning Plan based on his/her passions, future goals, current strengths, and areas for personal and academic growth. Through project-based learning, students learn *how* to learn, conducting

in-depth research on topics of interest and creating high quality products that analyze, synthesize, and evaluate what they have learned and accomplished. Our 17:1 student-advisor ratio ensures long-term relationships and individual support—whether virtual or in person.

VNS graduates are self-aware, community-minded, and versatile. They communicate effectively and have learned to manage their time and tasks, set and accomplish goals, utilize technology and resources, and collaborate to create innovation.

To learn more about our self-directed educational environment as well as upcoming events, shadow days, and information sessions, please visit [www.valleynewschool.com](http://www.valleynewschool.com), call 920-993-7037 or follow us at [www.facebook.com/ValleyNewSchool/](http://www.facebook.com/ValleyNewSchool/).



## Wisconsin Connections Academy

### Wisconsin Connections Academy

Opened September 2002

Grades 4K-12

350 W Capitol Drive

Appleton, WI 54911

920-993-7076

A leader in virtual education, Wisconsin Connections Academy (WCA) creates dynamic opportunities for learners to succeed. At the heart of WCA is a standards based curriculum. This comprehensive curriculum affords WCA students the ability to receive a quality education within an environment that is most conducive to their learning while parents enjoy a greater involvement in their children's educational life. The curriculum is delivered via the internet with online materials including lessons, textbooks, workbooks and other supplementary materials.

Although students attend school from a variety of locations, WCA is committed to making each experience meaningful and successful in an environment that is most conducive to student learning. Therefore, each student works with Wisconsin licensed teachers and a Learning Coach (usually a parent). These individuals work together to combine the best in virtual education with very real connections among students, families, teachers, and community.

Visit our website [wca.aasd.k12.wi.us](http://wca.aasd.k12.wi.us) or follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/WisconsinConnectionsAcademy](http://www.facebook.com/WisconsinConnectionsAcademy).

The Appleton Area School District does not discriminate against students on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or physical, cognitive, emotional or learning disability in its education programs or activities.

No qualified person with a disability will, because the District's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by persons with disabilities, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity to which Section 504/ADA applies. As to facilities, the District will conduct its programs or activities so that, when viewed in their entirety, they are readily accessible to disabled persons. To the extent a program or activity is now held in an inaccessible location, it will be moved to an accessible location upon request.