

Lake Delton Elementary Profile - National Blue-Ribbon School for 2020

Lake Delton Elementary, established in 1930. Lake Delton Elementary has 210 students; approximately 61 percent of those students receive free and reduced-price lunch. In addition, 33 percent of our students are of Hispanic or Latino descent. Our school uses research-based strategies to provide learning opportunities for all students. In the past four years, we have been recognized on the Wisconsin Department of Instruction's School Report Card, receiving a 5 Star ranking. This past year Lake Delton was awarded the National Blue-Ribbon Award for 2020. We are humbled by and grateful for our previous recognitions, but we strive to continually meet goals to attain each student's individual academic success.

Our community is home to many large tourist attractions. Employees that fill positions within the industry are rich in diversity. Thus, we are afforded the gift of hearing Spanish, Ho-Chunk, Bulgarian, Romanian, Russian, Hungarian, Polish and Lithuanian being spoken within our school and community. Every morning staff and students can be heard welcoming each other to a new day of learning using this vast array of languages. Our cultural diversity paired with our strong Wisconsin work ethic has created a strong educational value throughout our families. Over the years, the teachers of Lake Delton Elementary have worked hard to understand the academic data and social emotional state of our students. When you hear or state the belief that "Learning is for all students!", rest assured, that is what the teachers of Lake Delton believe...and that is also what makes Lake Delton Elementary one of the best elementary schools in the state of Wisconsin.

I know that our staff members believe that every student should be at or above grade level before they move up to the next grade level. Many techniques have been implemented at Lake Delton Elementary. The first technique is the greeting of our students each morning. Students arrive via bus, walking or by parent drop off, each student is greeted using their name by the school secretary, school counselor and/or the principal. The parents who drop their children off at school are welcome to walk their child down to the classroom where the student and parent are met by the classroom teacher with another warm greeting. This has been adjusted this year due to our Covid protocols; however, this ritual has been recognized and highlighted by a video that the District produced two years ago.

A few programs that have been implemented include our Bilingual Teacher Mrs. Roustan, who uses a vocabulary building programs for our second language learners. Our Bilingual teacher is dedicated to meeting with the kids before the regular day starts at 7:30. On the computer, these students spend about twenty minutes front-loading vocabulary for increased comprehension in English. In addition, outside of the core instruction this teacher works with our EL students to develop their Spanish language understanding with research-based instruction.

Another programming change, we have moved our Title 1 teacher, Mrs. Moyer, to doing more instruction in the classroom setting. This helps support the core instruction for those students who need extra support. Our Title I teacher will use non-core instruction time to provide that additional support to the students who need it.



Title 1 Fun

The District has proven professional development that has focused on the core instructional programs along with what is called Collective Teacher Efficacy that is used to maintain the high level of instruction to close the achievement gap for our students. Without our use of professional development from the district level and within the school, Lake Delton would not continue to achieve such a high level of academic achievement.

Finally, the support staff at Lake Delton Elementary uplifts our students and teachers. For example, our school secretary Mrs. McLaughlin and two teaching assistants Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Hartman, have sent out over 500 individual student positive note cards through the US mail. This support for our students' learning is so special that it has led to a number of social media posts of those students receiving their positive note card. We have also heard stories of students saving those positive note cards in their bedrooms as a reminder of the commitment that all staff have for them as a person and as a student at Lake Delton Elementary.

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