Wauzeka-Steuben Buzz

301 E Main St. Wauzeka, WI 53826 January 2026

All Aboard the Polar Express

Once again, children and adults boarded the bus to the "Polar Express," also known as Mr. Zeeh's house. They get to see the lights, Santa, and find Shawn on the Lawn, all while sipping hot chocolate. It has become a community tradition all look forward to. Thanks to HOSA for putting it on and Mr. Zeeh for letting us visit. We can't wait for next year!





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School District of Wauzeka-Steuben

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December 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required by state statute (Wis. Stat. 115.385) to generate a school report card and district report card for every publicly funded school and district in the state. The report cards are intended to help schools and districts use performance data to celebrate successes and improve their efforts to prepare students for their futures. These public report cards can be found online at: http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards.

The current **school report card is primarily based on last year's performance in the 2024-25 school year,** though multiple years of data are used throughout the report card. DPI encourages caution when interpreting scores and ratings.

At the foundation of the report cards are four priority areas. Schools and districts receive a score for each priority area:

- **Achievement** - proficiency in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics on the annual state assessments
- **Growth** - year-to-year progress in ELA and math achievement
- **Target Group Outcomes** - outcomes for students with the lowest test scores
- **On-Track to Graduation** - reliable predictors of how successfully students are progressing toward completing their K-12 education

The priority area scores are aggregated into an overall accountability score, from 0 to 100. This score is displayed on the front page of the school or district report cards. It is important to note that the 0 to 100 accountability score is not a "percent correct" measurement and is not aligned with traditional 0-100 grading scales. Based on its score, a school or district receives one of five rating categories, from *Fails to Meet Expectations* to *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*, as well as corresponding one to five stars.

The School District of Wauzeka-Steuben **EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS**, according to the 2024-2025 School Accountability Report Card released November 11, 2025 by the Department of Public Instruction.

I want to share these results with you because they help illuminate some of our successes and help pinpoint areas of focus in our school/district. But as DPI stresses, these report cards are just one source of information about our school.

School and district report cards can be accessed online at http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards along with resources that explain the report cards. I have included the report card for the District here as well. Our school report card is also posted on our website.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or feedback as they come up. I look forward to partnering with you to make the 2025–26 school year a success for your students.

Sincerely,

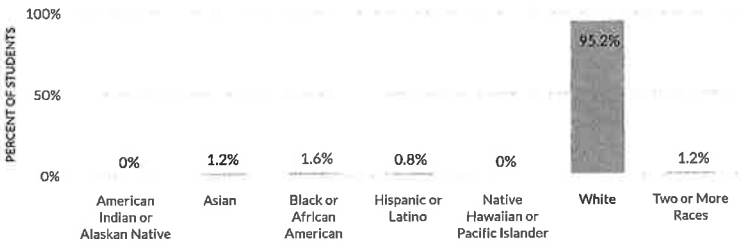
Dr. Daniel Olson
District Administrator

OVERVIEW

District Details

Grades : K4-12
Enrollment : 248
Percent open enrollment : 18.5%

Student Groups





Score Summary

Report cards, including the weighting of the Achievement and Growth priority areas, are governed by Wis. Stat. § 115.385. For more information, including updates for 2024-25, see https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/resources.

Overall Score

74.0

Exceeds Expectations

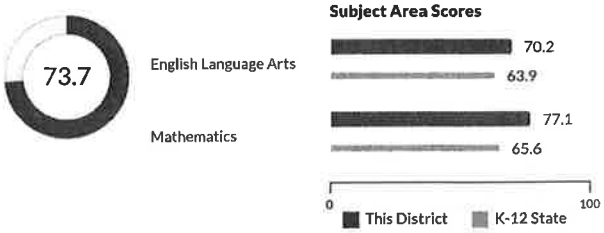
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PRIORITY AREA WEIGHTS

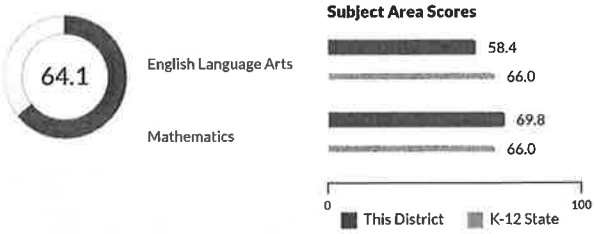


Priority Area Scores

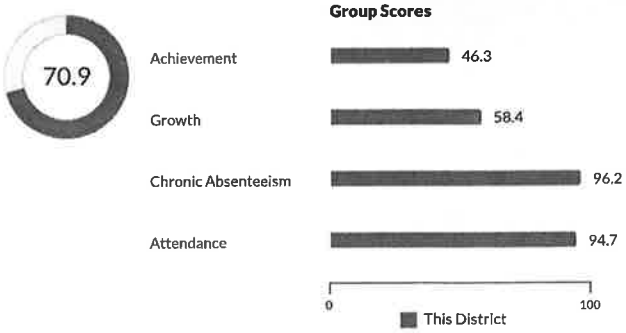
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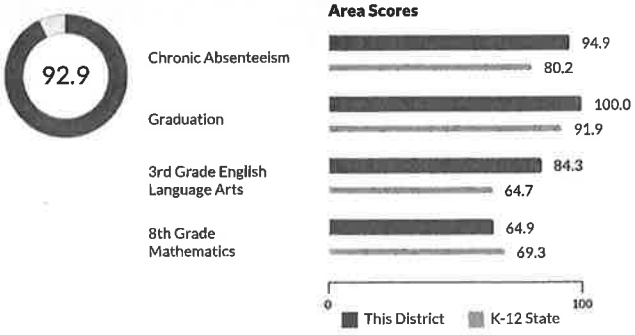
GROWTH



TARGET GROUP OUTCOMES



ON-TRACK TO GRADUATION



PBIS ASSEMBLY

We would like to recognize our Gentle Giraffes, those students who are gentle with their words and actions. Next up is the Careful Crab!



3rd grade Golden Spoon



5th grade Silent Slipper





2nd grade Buzzing Broom

Elementary Students of the month



Kindergarten

Harlee B. Harlee has continued to grow and improve her social skills at school. She works very hard to follow directions, listen in class, and do her best each and every day. Harlee has become increasingly mindful of her actions and choices. She is a great listener, follows directions well, and strives to be a good friend to others. Mrs. Cathay is so proud of the hard work she puts in each and every day at school. Great job, Harlee!

1st Grade



Makayla M. Makayla is such a sweet and smart young girl to have in class. She comes to school each day with a smile on her face with a great attitude. She works hard on everything she does and tries her best each day. She is always eager to learn and help others any way she can. She is such a great friend to all of her classmates helping them with anything they might need. Makayla has had a great start to the school year and Mrs. Knowles knows she will continue to do great things! Keep up the great work Makayla!



2nd Grade

Josie M. Josie has been a great helper as we transitioned to a new teacher. She is always more than willing to help her peers and teacher, and does not need to be told to do helpful things. She is kind, respectful, and takes great pride in her work. Keep up the great work Josie!

3rd Grade



Everly S. Everly consistently demonstrates an outstanding level of diligence in everything she does. She approaches each assignment with focus, determination, and a genuine desire to do her best. Whether she is tackling different challenges, helping classmates understand difficult concepts, or staying organized and prepared each day, Everly exemplifies what it means to be hardworking and committed. Everly also models our PBIS expectations by being safe, responsible, and respectful. She treats classmates kindly, uses gentle words and actions, and helps create a classroom environment where everyone feels supported. This month's focus was being gentle, and Everly stood out as a role model-showing calmness, thoughtfulness, and care in all of her interactions.Her positive attitude and perseverance make her a wonderful example for others. Even when tasks become difficult, Everly never gives up and always looks for ways to improve and grow. Mr. Smith is proud to recognize her as the November Student of the Month. Keep up the great work, Everly!



4th Grade

Ella B. Ella is a very responsible and respectful student who listens carefully and follows directions. She is exceptionally kind and consistently shows care for her classmates. Ella is often the first person to help someone who is feeling down, and she always includes others when playing a game or working on an activity. She uses kind words, thinks before she acts, and considers how others are feeling. Her classmates respect her because of the genuine care and thoughtfulness she shows every day. Keep it up Ella!

5th Grade



Amelia R. Amelia is an exceptional student who consistently demonstrates outstanding effort and a remarkable work ethic. She is a true model student and a pleasure to have in class. Amelia cooperates effortlessly with both her teachers and classmates, always approaching others with kindness, respect, and thoughtfulness. She always has a positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning. Amelia actively participates in class discussions, contributing insightful ideas that enrich the learning environment for everyone. In addition, Amelia treats her peers and staff with genuine courtesy and is always willing to do the right thing-even when no one is watching. Amelia's dedication, positivity, and character make her a deserving recipient of the Student of the Month recognition.

MS/HS Students of the Month

Junior, Brynnlee B. Brynnlee comes to class prepared everyday and brings a positive light into the classroom. She is always willing to help in any capacity. She will help a fellow classmate if they missed something, or she will always help in the classroom setting in any way she can. She is overall a good student to have in our Wauzeka-Steuben Community.

Sophomore, Bentley D. Bentley is doing awesome work and asking great questions. All of his work is turned in on time. He is respectful of other students and continues to put forth his best effort in his classes. He is also taking challenging AP courses this year. Keep up the great work!

6th Grader, Maebelline R. Maebelline is consistently polite, respectful, and a positive influence on everyone around her. She gets along well with her peers, never engages in conflict, and approaches each day with a calm, focused attitude. She uses her work time wisely and always puts forth her best effort.



6th Grader, Ryan M. Ryan always comes to class prepared. He is mindful of his assignments and what needs to be done. He stays on task and is always respectful to the staff and his peers. He is not afraid to ask questions when something needs to be clarified, and always puts forth his best effort in every aspect of the school day.

MATH 24 COMPETITION

Wauzeka-Steuben was represented by 5th graders Braelynn Huber, Coy Lomas, and Bode Huber at this year's Math 24 Doubles competition hosted by CESA 3 held at SWTC in Fennimore. 18 schools attended, with 54 students competing individually across 4 rounds. Bode and Coy won 2 rounds each, and Braelynn won all 4 of her rounds! The team secured a 3rd-place finish! Congratulations!







SKILLSUSA

On Thursday, December 4, 2025, the high school and middle school SkillsUSA team traveled to Marshfield, Wisconsin, to compete. 14 people competed from Wauzeka-Steuben. There were 6 people in CO2, which consisted of high schoolers Abby, Oaklyn, and Breileigh, and middle schoolers Layton, Braxton, and Lahaina. The other 8 people were in team engineering, consisting of high schoolers Elyse, Devyn, Jazzmine, Ali, and Chloe, and middle schoolers Arabella, Ellasyn, and Bristol. Wauzeka- Steuben had a very good night, competing as 11 out of the 14 people placed. For high schoolers in CO2, Abby placed 1st, Oaklyn placed 2nd, and Breileigh placed 3rd. For middle schoolers in CO2, Braxton placed 1st, Lahaina placed 2nd, and Layton placed 3rd. For Team Engineering, Devyn and Elyse took 3rd, and for middle school, Arabella, Ellasyn, and Bristol took 1st. Congrats to our SkillsUSA team!





HOSA 2025 Pop Tab Challenge

Little things like pop tabs can make a big difference! Help support families and children through our Pop Tab Challenge by collecting and donating the aluminum tabs you pull to open soda, soup, and other cans. Our Pop Tab challenge is one of the ways to get kids involved in learning to help others and donating to charity. From grade school classrooms to scout troop drives and summer camp projects, it's easy to start a collection in our community. Each class needs a clean container, put your collection of pop tabs in it. By the end of the pop tab challenge the class who has raised the most in pounds will receive a fun hour from HOSA Club. The day and activity will be determined when details are worked out with the winning classes teacher. The Poptab challenge will run from Friday November 21st, 2025 to January 9th, 2026, last day to collect from classroom teachers.

All Conference Honors



Congratulations to the following volleyball players earning all-conference recognition!

2nd team all-conference ~ Macy Mitchell
Honorable mention ~ Natalie Wright
Sportsmanship team ~ Claire Wright

Congratulations to the following football players earning all-conference recognition!

1st team punter ~ Cooper Lomas
1st team defensive end ~ Cooper Lomas
Honorable mention kicker ~ Cooper Lomas
Honorable mention offensive line ~ William Zander
Sportsmanship team ~ William Zander



HALL OF FAME BANQUET

January 24th, 2026

AT CENTURY HALL
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM
DINNER SERVED AT 6:00 PM

$13 PER TICKET

MUST PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE BY JANUARY 7TH.

INDUCTEES INCLUDE COACHES KNIGHT WYNN AND PETE MCCONNELL, ATHLETES ALAN RAY AND CLIFFORD MILLS, TEAMS 1969 BOYS BASKETBALL AND 2011 BOYS BASKETBALL, AND CONTRIBUTORS DOUG AND JEN KRACHEY

TICKETS SOLD OUT OF CONCESSIONS DURING HOME BASKETBALL GAMES.
*IF YOU CANNOT GET TO A GAME, CONTACT JOLENE MITCHELL AT 608-778-8181 FOR TICKETS.

January 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. **No school**	**1. No school** GBB @ Brookwood 5:45 PM	3.
4.	5. MSGB @ Fennimore 4:30 PM GBB @ Riverdale 6:00 PM	6. BBB @ Kickapoo 6:00 PM	7.	8. GBB @ Seneca 6:00 PM MSGB @ NC 6:00 PM WR @ Cuba City 5:00 PM **District Spelling Bee 1:00 PM Hornet's Nest**	9. BBB @ Seneca 6:00 **GBB vs RC** **6:00 PM**	10. WR @ Kickapoo 9:30 AM
11.	12. **GBB vs Viroqua 6:00 PM** WR @ Lancaster 6:00 PM	13. **BBB vs Potosi/Cassville 6:00 PM** GBB @ NC 6:00 **MSGB vs Kickapoo 6:00 PM**	14.	15. **End of Qtr 2/ semester 1** **BBB vs LaFarge 6:00 PM Stingers Halftime Performance**	16. **Early release 1:30 PM** GBB @ LaFarge 6:00 PM WR @ Postville 4:30 PM	17. WR @ Westby 9:00 AM
18.	19. **School board meeting 6:30 PM**	20. **BBB vs NC 6:00 PM** GBB @ Boscobel 6:00 PM **MSGB vs LaFarge 6:00 PM**	21.	22. **GBB vs Desoto 6:00 PM Stingers Performance** MSGB @ Desoto 6:00 PM WR @ Pecatonica 6:00 PM	23. **BBB vs Desoto 6:00 PM** WR @ Darlington 5:00 PM	24. **Hall of Fame Induction** WR @ Monroe
25	26. **BBB vs Brookwood 6:00 PM**	27. **GBB vs Ithaca 6:00 PM** **MSGB vs Ithaca 6:00 PM**	28.	29. BBB @ Weston 6:00 PM **MSGB vs Seneca 6:00 PM**	30. **GBB @ Potosi/Cassville 6:00 PM**	31. **WR @ Richland Center 9:00 AM**

Hornet Cafe

Menu subject to change

January 2026
Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 No School	2 No School
5 Sausage Gravy w/Biscuits	6 Pretzel w/ cheese	7 Hornet Sandwich	8 Cinnamon French Toast Sticks	9 Breakfast Pizza
12 Pancake wrap	13 Yogurt Parfaits	14 Omelet w/ Hash browns	15 Combo Bar	16 Pretzel & Cheese
19 Pancakes w/ Sausage Links	20 Omelet w/ Cube Potatoes and Bacon	21 Breakfast Burrito	22 Country Breakfast Bowl	23 Freshly Baked Cinnamon Rolls
26 Breakfast Pizza	27 Cinnamon French Toast Sausage Links	28 Yogurt Parfaits Choice of toppings	29 Oatmeal w/muffin	30 Waffles & Sausage Patty

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Hornet Cafe

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 **No School**	2 **No School**
5 Orange Chicken Stir fry veggies Rice, Peaches	6 Cheeseburger Tater tots Green Beans Pineapple	7 Hornet Chicken bowl Nuggets Mashed Potatoes corn, gravy Peaches	8 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Breadstick Green Bean, Pears	9 School Made Pizza Glazed Carrots Mixed Fruit
12 Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Pudding	13 Taco Salad Steamed Corn Pineapple	14 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Applesauce Cup	15 Chicken & gravy w/mashed potatoes Green Beans Oranges	16 Beef Patty Bun Seasoned Fries Pears
19 BBQ Hash browns Baked Beans Buttery Corn	20 Scalloped Potatoes w/ham Roll, Peas, Peaches	21 Breakfast for Lunch Pancake, sausage links Hash browns Strawberry Cup	22 Chicken bacon swiss w/bun Hash browns Pears	23 French Bread Pizza Broccoli w/ cheese Sushy cup
26 Mac & Cheese Hot Dog w/bun Applesauce	27 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Breadstick Green Beans,Pears	28 Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes Mixed Fruit	29 Rib Patty w/bun Sun chips Applesauce	30 Chicken Nuggets Hash brown Oranges

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Community Information

ALL YOU CAN EAT

WAUZEKA ROD & GUN CLUB, LTD.



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CHICKEN SUPPER

SATURDAY - JANUARY 31, 2026

SERVING STARTS AT 5:30PM

CENTURY HALL

BEVERAGES SERVED ON PREMISES

Adults- $12.00

Under 12 - $6.00

BEVERAGES SERVED ON PREMISES

EVERYONE WELCOME!

WAUZEKA ROD & GUN CLUB



Discovery On Dousman Childcare

107 North Dousman Street, Wauzeka, WI 53826

608-875-5437

Run! Run! As fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man! This is always a favorite book with so many extended activities. In December we made gingerbread man cookies with m&m eyes and buttons, gingerbread playdough, and stamp painting. Along with all the other festivities of December.

We are looking forward to the new year, 2026! January activities planned; sparkly peppermint playdough, Everything Snow, penguins & polar bears. Lots of books everyday however our book of the month; "Polar Bear Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?" It's such a fun one that can be extended to so many activities!

Happy New Year!

District News & Information

301 E Main St. Wauzeka WI 53826 January 2026

School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, in accordance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and other Federal and State regulations, hereby declares that it is committed to the principle of equal education and employment opportunity and, accordingly, does not discriminate as to sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability. Any inquiries or complaints alleging non-compliance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 or other Federal and State civil rights or nondiscrimination regulations shall be referred to District Administrator Dr. Dan Olson at the School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, 301 E. Main St., Wauzeka, WI 53826, (e-mail) olsondan@wauzeka.k12.wi.us (call) 608-875-5311 ext. 214 and/or Jamie Nutter, Title IX Coordinator of the School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, at Cooperative Educational Service Agency #3, 1300 Industrial Drive, Fennimore, WI 53809, (call) 1-608-822-2148 (e-mail) jnutter@cesa3.org.

Note: All career and technical education opportunities will be offered on a nondiscriminatory basis (without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, etc.) All students in qualifying grades are eligible for enrollment. For further information please contact District Principal Tiffany Dums (608)875-5311 ext. 211 or dumstiff@wauzeka.k12.wi.us.

Wauzeka Angels Fitness Center

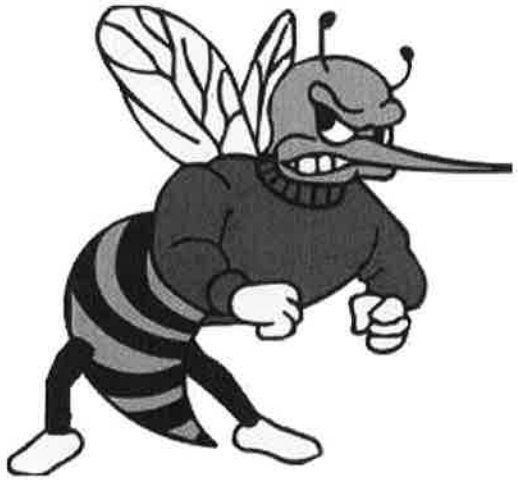
Monthly Rates

$10 per adult W-S School District/Non District Resident plus $10 for key fob

Annual Membership Rate

$100 per adult W-S School District/Non District Resident plus $10 for key fob

*Rates are to cover maintenance and supervision expenses.



Substitutes Needed

State law has recently changed allowing more flexibility on the requirements people need to be a substitute teacher or support staff. If you are interested in being a substitute please contact District Administrator Dr. Dan Olson via email: olsondan@wauzeka.k12.wi.us or by phone (608)875-5311 ext. 214.

Substitutes needed:

- Food Service
- Bus Drivers
- Para professionals
- Teachers

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Wauzeka-Steuben Buzz

Send community events that you would like to be included in the newspaper to:
Alissa Mullikin at mulliali@wauzeka.k12.wi.us
Or drop off any information in the district office.
Next Submission Date: **January 16th**

Wauzeka, WI 53826

The Wauzeka-Steuben School District is utilizing a community-wide Resource Officer. Officer Alex Udelhoffen of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department will be available to the District during regular District hours. In case of an emergency, please call ***911****.*

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