

Vision Statement

As one of Wisconsin's outstanding school districts, we are a vibrant, engaged community of lifelong learners that challenges and inspires students to reach their full potential, achieve success, and contribute to the local and world community throughout their lives.



Mission Statement

"We invest in learning today for our tomorrow."

Guiding Principals

Community Accountability Climate Curriculum

Community

Ripon Community

Ripon is a family-oriented and historic, rural community located in east-central Wisconsin just 20 miles west of both Oshkosh and Fond du Lac. The Ripon area boasts affordable housing, low crime, and easy access to jobs, shopping, and recreation destinations. As the home of Ripon College and its 990 students, Ripon offers its residents many unique cultural and educational opportunities.

District Boundaries

The Ripon Area School District consists of the entire City of Ripon and all or part of ten surrounding towns and villages. Although mostly within Fond du Lac County, the school district also reaches into Winnebago and Green Lake Counties. The district consists of 117 square miles.



Accountability

More Choices. Better Results.

We offer choices to parents and students at every level so all children can perform at their highest potential. A variety of preschool programs, project-based learning charter schools, comprehensive elective choices, and numerous extra-curricular activities provide a more personalized and customized education for our students.

Student Achievement

Ripon students consistently score above the national and state averages as well as above other area school districts. Many students earn college credits in high school through AP, CAPP, MPTC, and Ripon College courses.

Fall 2012 ACT Scores

Ripon	22.6
State Average	22.0
National Average	21.1

Ripon High Students Earned College Credits: 201
Students were awarded \$807,000 in college scholarships.

WI Department of Public Instruction: Overall Accountability Score and Ratings

<u>Barlow Park Elementary</u>	71.1% - Meets Expectations
<u>Murray Park Elementary</u>	68.7% - Meets Expectations
<u>Ripon Middle</u>	72.8% - Meets Expectations
<u>Ripon High</u>	73.2% - Meets Expectations

Climate

School Board

The district is governed by a nine-member school board elected in April for staggered three-year terms by the district's residents. The school board meets the third Monday of every month.

District Configuration

Grade groupings consist of Pre-K, K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

Pre-K Schools

Advocap/Head Start
Pickett Community Center
Ripon Children's Learning Center

K-2 Schools

Barlow Park
Journey (charter)

Grades 3-5 Schools

Murray Park
Quest (charter)

Grades 6-8 Schools

Ripon Middle School
Catalyst (charter)

Grades 9-12 Schools

Ripon High School
Lumen (charter)
Crossroads (charter)

Other amenities include outdoor classroom space, greenhouse, swimming pool and auditorium.

Post Graduate Plans

44%	- 4-Year College
26%	- Technical College/Apprenticeship
17%	- Military/Employment
13%	- Undeclared

Curriculum

Facilities

Both elementary schools were built during the 1990's and at that time had ample space and modern features. The middle and high school were expanded and remodeled some time ago. A School Safety and Security Review was also completed in 2012. The time has come for the District to start planning for the schools of tomorrow to provide the necessary atmosphere for a quality education.

Faculty and Staff

More than 225 dedicated adults are committed to making each day a positive educational experience for students. Most of the 125 faculty members have Master's degrees or other advanced training. Teachers are assisted by paraprofessionals who provide lower student-to-adult ratios in our classrooms. The District also offers a Teacher Mentoring Program to provide information, support, and encouragement for the success of educators that are new to the District.

Student Enrollment

With a stable resident population in the city and surrounding countryside, for 2012-2013 the school district had enrollment of 1,762 students. This includes 93 open enrollment students from nearby school districts who have opted to pursue a quality education in Ripon. Minority enrollment is 10%.
2013-2014 Student Days: 178

District Channels of Communication

Facebook; Twitter; Blog; Supetalk; Podcasts; Ripon School Newsletter; Email; and Doughnuts with Doc.

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Gifted/Talented Program

The Gifted/Talented program ensures that students who display evidence of high performance capability in one or more of the five areas of giftedness are provided with the opportunities and support to reach their full potential. The five areas of giftedness are: General Intellectual; Specific Academic; Creativity; Leadership; and Visual and Performing Arts.

BRAVE (Building Resiliency, Assets and Values in Everyone) Program

The mission of the BRAVE program is to provide educational, social, health, and recreational programming in a collaborative and innovative manner to all members of the community in a safe, healthy, drug-free and supportive environment. This program is available before and after school for students and adults.

English Language Learners

Each school has a certified ELL teacher to assist students whose native language or home language is not English. ELL Family Nights and special outreach programs are held to embrace all students and families in our community.

Special Education

Ripon schools provide a free and appropriate education for all students through Individualized Education Plans where needed. Most K-8 students with disabilities are placed with regular education students into classrooms with co-teaching staff. We also provide classrooms customized for autistic and cognitively disabled students.

Instructional Technology

Students and staff have access to over 1200 computers in a 21st century learning environment. Classrooms are outfitted with a variety of projectors, document cameras, interactive whiteboards (smart boards), amplification systems, and wireless Internet access designed for today's learner. Mobile devices such as netbooks and iPads are provided for each student to use at various grade levels within the district.

Summer School

Both remedial and enrichment courses are offered during a 5-week summer school session at all grade levels. A wide variety of classroom, field trip, and sports camp activities are offered.

Online Learning and Parent Portal

High school students have access to numerous online courses that are available to resolve scheduling conflicts or to provide courses beyond the district's curriculum. The Parent Portal on the district's website is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. It provides parents with updated information regarding attendance, lunch accounts, and grades.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Middle school students have the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of activities and athletics. High school students participate on teams in 11 interscholastic sports. The high school also sponsors 16 clubs ranging from FFA to Chess.

Fine Arts

A robust fine arts program features weekly elementary art classes, Art Presenter lessons, K-12 instrumental and choral music classes and lessons, and theatrical productions.