



# Washington Island School District

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Academic and Career Planning, or ACP, is a student-driven, adult-supported process in which students create and cultivate their own unique and information-based visions for post-secondary success, obtained through self-exploration, career exploration, and the development of career management and planning skills. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction requires public school districts to provide academic and career planning services to students in grades 6 through 12.

## School District Demographics

The Washington Island School District is located in Washington, Wisconsin and serves a student population of 63 students from Door County. The elementary school serves 27 students in grades K-4. The middle school serves 16 students in grades 5-8. The high school serves 19 students in grades 9-12. Each building serves approximately 9.4% minority\* students and approximately 13.2% economically disadvantaged\* students. (\*Data taken from the 2021/22 school year DPI report card.)

## SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION/VISION

### VISION STATEMENT

The Washington Island School District, in partnership with family and community, will strive for excellence in education to ensure each of our students may live responsible, creative, and fulfilling lives in a global society.

### MISSION STATEMENT

It is our mission, that supported by families and our community, the WISD will equip our students with the knowledge and skills to navigate their futures.

## LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

Analysis of local, regional, and state labor market needs and the educational and training requirements for occupations that will fill those needs.

Labor market information (LMI) can help school districts develop cutting-edge Career and Technical Education programs by uncovering the skills students will need in the future. In addition, LMI can help students understand which jobs are most likely to be available and well-compensated. The outlook for the state's economy is positive, although the ramifications of new viral strains are yet to be determined. Wisconsin's GDP is on the verge of overtaking pre-COVID levels and state job numbers have returned to 96% of pre-pandemic levels. A few industries' employment, such as manufacturing, construction, and professional business services, are back near or over pre-pandemic levels. To access Labor Market Information for Door County [Click Here](#).

## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

The Washington Island School District engages parents in academic and career planning by informing parents in each school year about what academic and career planning services their child receives; providing parents with multiple opportunities during each school year to participate in their child's academic and career planning; and updating parents throughout the school year on the progress of their child's academic and career planning.

## **ACP CURRICULUM, SUPPORT, AND SERVICES**

The Washington Island School District supports students in academic and career planning, through student participation in programming on; through ACP/school counseling services; through access to a formal process for connecting pupils to teachers and other school staff for assistance with the development and implementation of each pupil's academic and career plan; and through educational fairs, manufacturing opportunities, and military representatives.

## **POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE PREPARATION**

Academic and Career Planning is delivered via Xello in grades 6-12. The ACP program in The Washington Island School District incorporate, career and technical education provided in the school district; courses that provide advanced standing in the technical college (NWTC) district's associate degree program upon graduation from high school; college preparation and AP courses; and youth apprenticeships and other job training and work experiences.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STAFF**

Professional development is available to staff to assist staff with delivering academic and career planning services to pupils in grades 6 to 12, including the use of Xello and professional learning opportunities.

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

The Washington Island School District collaborates with island businesses. These relationships are developed in part through partnerships with community organizations.

## **INDIVIDUALIZED ACP SUPPORT**

Individualized support, appropriate to the pupil's needs, from school district staff to assist with completing and annually updating an academic career plan.

## **ACCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS**

If a pupil is a child with a disability, the pupil's academic and career plan shall be made available to the pupil's individual education program team. The pupil's individualized education program team may, if appropriate, take the pupil's academic and career plan into account when developing the pupil's transition services

## **CURRENT PROGRESS AND FUTURE GOALS FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

The Washington Island School District is committed to preparing all our students for their futures. Some of our students will go right into the trades, some will work to start their own businesses, some will enter the workforce in hospitality and tourism, and some will go on to earn advanced degrees. We endeavor to prepare our youth for their post-high-school lives, whether we are preparing students for an ivy-league school or an apprenticeship. Our district's current progress and future goals related to improving pupil postsecondary outcomes include increasing the elective opportunities our students have available to them and increasing the opportunities our students have to visit educational fairs, manufacturing days, apprenticeship/trades visitation, military visits, and more. These opportunities expand the range of options in which our students may imagine their futures.

## ACCESS TO ACP SOFTWARE TOOL

Wisconsin State Statute 115.28(59) requires that school districts be provided computer software to be used statewide to provide academic and career planning (ACP) services to pupils in grades 6 to 12. Since August 2019, Xello allows students to access a personal account provided by the school. Students can use this software to take career-related assessments, explore online career and college profiles, and get information about financial aid and employment. [Link to Wisconsin XELLO Information Page](#)