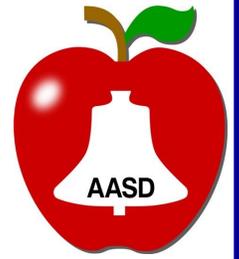




# Appleton Area School District 2017-2018 Charter School Newsletter



## 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 located within Columbus Elementary School. To learn more about our school visit our website at <http://abs.aasd.k12.wi.us/>.



Appleton eSchool  
Your Digital Learning Hub

## 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 about Appleton eSchool visit our website at [www.appletoneschool.org](http://www.appletoneschool.org).



## Appleton Public Montessori

Appleton Public Montessori will be accepting placement applications for the 2017-2018 school year as of December 1, 2016 for age 4 through sixth grade. Please apply by February 17, 2017, 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
- \* Spanish instruction
- \* Promotes independence, respect, responsibility, and leadership

**Informational Open Houses and Classroom Visitations** will be held during January and February; consult our website for days and times.

# 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 (A-Tech) is committed to providing high school students with a jump-start toward successful and rewarding careers within the 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 occupations in high-growth industry sectors within the area of technology/manufacturing.

To learn more about the Appleton Technical Academy (A-Tech) visit our website at [www.appletontech.org](http://www.appletontech.org) or "like us" on <https://www.facebook.com/AppletonTechnicalAcademy/>



## Classical School

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

Opened September 1999

Grades K-8

3310 N Durkee Street

Appleton, WI 54911

920-832-4968

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.

Please visit the school website at [www.classicalcharter.com](http://www.classicalcharter.com) for additional information.



## 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"

More information can be found at <http://foster.aasd.k12.wi.us/>



## Fox Cities Leadership Academy

(formerly Appleton Career Academy)

### Fox Cities Leadership Academy

(North High)

Opened September 2007

Grades 9-12

5000 N Ballard Road

Appleton, WI 54913

920-832-4300

FCLA provides students with a career focus and instructional activities that preview professions within personalized learning environments. The emphasis is on rigorous classes, student career interest, and service learning which creates a sense of relevance and increases student

achievement and satisfaction. Students move through our curriculum by attending interdisciplinary Foundation courses, seminars, workshops, internships, and self directed projects. All FCLA courses are college preparatory and infuse communication, professionalism, ethics and leadership.

To learn more about the Fox Cities Leadership Academy visit our website at <http://aca.aasd.k12.wi.us/> or "like us" on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/appletoncareeracademy/>



## 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

(Jefferson Elementary)

Opened September 2005

Grades K-8

1000 S Mason Street

Appleton, WI 54914

920-832-4848

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. Students will learn the benefits of healthy eating and growing their own food using a hydroponic growing machine as well as other hands-on projects. Fox River Academy was recently recognized by National Geographic for their project-based work in the Pierce Park Ravine.

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



## 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, video game programming, digital music, theater, band, orchestra, choir, technology engineering, family and consumer education, and world language.

### Kaleidoscope Academy

(Roosevelt Middle)

Opened September 2007

Grades 6-8

318 E Brewster Street

Appleton, WI 54911

920-832-6294

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 at [www.kaleidoscopeacademy.net/](http://www.kaleidoscopeacademy.net/) or contact the school office at (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 accomplishment in the visual arts, film, theatre, music, writing, and dance; but also to nurturing curiosity and creativity, while inspiring a passion for community engagement.

### Renaissance School for the Arts

(West High)

Opened September 2000

Grades 9-12

610 N Badger Avenue

Appleton, WI 54914

920-832-5708

For more information, visit our website at <http://rsa.aasd.k12.wi.us/>



## 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 here: <http://www4.aasd.k12.wi.us/tesla/>



## 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 and supportive 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.

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

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



## Wisconsin Connections Academy

### Wisconsin Connections Academy

Opened September 2002

Grades K-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.

For more information, visit our website at [www4.aasd.k12.wi.us/wca/](http://www4.aasd.k12.wi.us/wca/).

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.