



Foster Elementary School



What makes Foster special?

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School Profile

Enrollment: 325

Grade Levels: K-6

Principal

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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 in grades K-6. Foster is a **small, diverse and close knit** elementary school, providing our students ample opportunity for individual attention and personal growth. Our attentive staff, eager students, proactive parents, and invested community members make our school a special place to learn and grow.

Foster staff strives to forge **strong relationships** with each student. Students eat breakfast together each morning and participate in a morning meeting. Morning meetings provide the opportunity for each student to learn about the other students in their class. It cultivates a sense of community in each classroom. Each Monday, the entire school comes together to share events that are happening throughout the week; review school-wide expectations; and to celebrate birthdays and any special accomplishments that occurred the previous week.

Foster is fortunate to have established many partnerships designed to help each student succeed. Over 75% of Foster students attend the on-site before and after school program provided by the **Boy's and Girl's Club**. Since 2001, Foster has partnered with **SECURA Insurance**. SECURA sends over 50 of their associates to tutor Foster students in the areas of literacy and math, or to provide individual mentoring. All Foster students attend a performance at the PAC sponsored by SECURA.

Opportunities at Foster

Increased Music and Physical Education

Students at Foster have more opportunities for music and physical education. Each student at Foster participates in 3, 30-minute sessions of music, and 3, 30-minute sessions of physical education each week.

Community Service

Each student at Foster participates in grade level community service projects. Examples of past service projects include:

- Water walks to raise money for clean water in Africa
- Canned food drives
- Supply drives for military personnel

Clubs and Activities

Foster students have ample opportunities to learn outside of the classroom environment. Each year Foster adds clubs designed by students chaperoned by a Foster staff member. Foster students participate in a variety of clubs including:

- Fitness Club
- Knitting Club
- Service Club
- Doodle Club
- Chess Club
- Reading Club
- STEM Club
- Peer Helpers
- Peer Mentoring
- Video Club

Foster Family Network

Parents have the opportunity to get involved as part of the Foster Family Network (FFN). FFN organizes fun events that bring the school community together. Some FFN events have included family movie nights, dances, and school picnics.

Charter Board

Parents have the opportunity to join the Foster Charter Board. The Charter Board reviews student learning data and makes curriculum decisions in the best interest of Foster students.



Awards & Honors

- **Wisconsin Rtl Center Silver Recognized School in the area of behavior**
- **PBIS School of Distinction 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16**
- **PBIS School of Merit in 2011-12**
- **Gold level Wisconsin School Health Award 2015-16, 2016-17**