

Core Knowledge® Charter School (CKCS), a public school serving grades K-8, is committed to creating students prepared for a lifetime of learning. Underlying the curriculum is the well-grounded research linking literacy with knowledge of core concepts in science, history, geography, and the arts that together provide a foundation for learning across all content areas. To achieve this foundation, the curriculum is intentionally and coherently structured to develop rich content knowledge within and across grades, each grade building upon the structured foundation of the prior grade's instruction. Using the Direct Instruction method of teaching, children are taught in flexible learning groups that reflect their performance level, providing a challenging learning environment and ensuring content mastery.

The Verona Area School District (VASD) is working with all district schools to ensure that:

- Every student has a personalized learning plan that provides a path to discovery and achievement and that plan is reviewed and changed at least annually based on the student's needs
- Every student's parent, guardian or advocate participates directly in the design, implementation, and outcomes of that student's personalized learning plans
- Every student meets or exceeds personalized learning plan goals every school year
- Every Verona Area High School student graduates

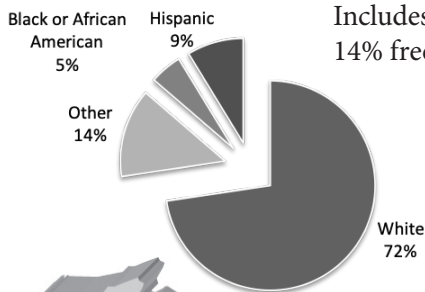
Core Knowledge Charter School®

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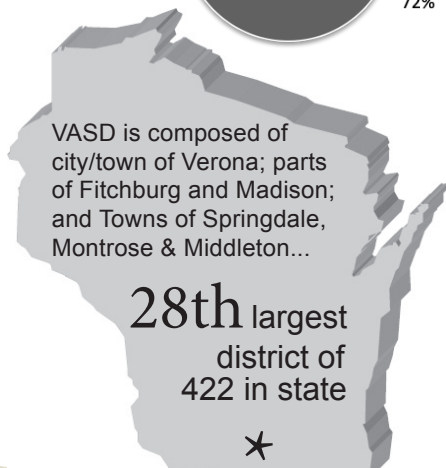
School Demographics



Includes 4.2% special needs;
14% free & reduced lunch



424 students
with 67 staff



Our Foundation of Learning

Core Knowledge® Curriculum

- K-8 curriculum is sequenced and structured to build upon knowledge of reading and language arts, literature, math, history, geography, science, art, computer skills, and music, all taught using the Core Knowledge® Sequence for Content Guidelines.

Direct Instruction

- In K-5, Direct Instruction is the primary method of teaching reading, spelling, language and math.
- Children are taught in flexible learning groups, where a high level of student involvement is built into the learning process to ensure understanding and mastery.
- With a 22-year history, CKCS is the longest standing and most successful Direct Instruction school in Wisconsin, with high scores on standardized testing to support this teaching methodology.

Where Traditional and Contemporary Education Meet

- CKCS is a parent-founded and parent-led school.
- Students K-8 are assigned an iPad to supplement learning.
- The Core Virtues Program and the Service Learning Program develop civic responsibility and strengthen community connections.



District Report Card

- #50 as best District in WI by Niche Rankings 2018
- #26 High School in 2019 by U.S. News & World Report;
- #16 on "Best Public HS" List by Niche Rankings 2018
- "Meets expectation" rating on DPI report card
- 1 of 27 WI districts honored by College Board on 5th Annual Advanced Placement District

Core Knowledge® Leadership

Principal: Rick Kisting

Curriculum: Nicole Boedeker

Governing Council President: Joleen Rau

Parent Round Table President: Chris Kiefert

**Parents Advocating Student Success, Inc., President:
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