

At Verona Area International School, our mission is to educate Global Citizens: to prepare children for the demands and responsibilities of Global Citizenship by providing the knowledge, skills, and experience needed to move naturally between different languages and cultures. Our school is a Chinese immersion school with 50% of the curriculum delivered in Mandarin. It is the only Chinese immersion school in the state of Wisconsin. Students spend half their school day learning in Mandarin, the number one spoken language in the world. Our kindergarten students immediately begin hearing Mandarin during half of their school day. The curriculum meets common core standards and test scores demonstrate that students are able to excel in all subject areas while in an immersion environment.

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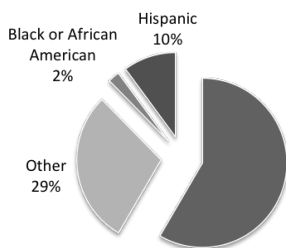
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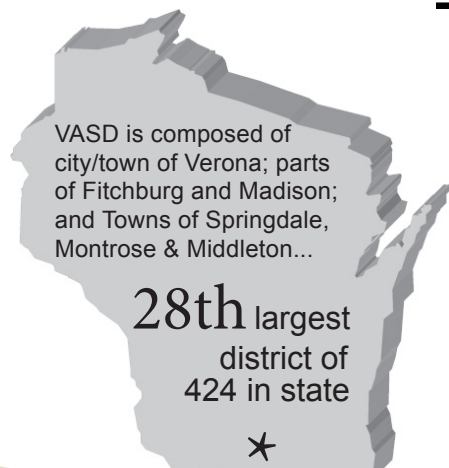
School Demographics



Includes 3.2% special needs;
 17% free & reduced lunch



89 students
 with 11 staff



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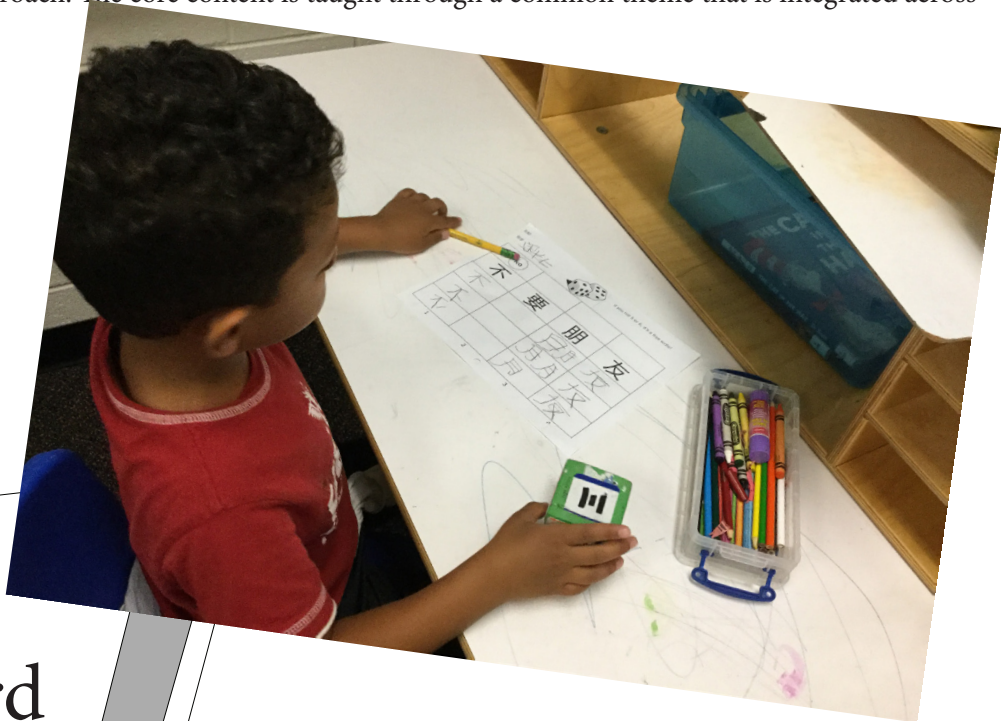
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The Verona Area International School, established in 2010 as a charter school, serves grades K-5 under the governance of the Verona Area School District. In August, 2015, VAIS was designated as a Confucius Classroom by Hanban Institute. The mission of Hanban Institute is to spread knowledge of Chinese language and culture throughout the world.

We are about much more than learning Chinese. The same core subjects found in other elementary schools, including reading, math, and science, form the core at our charter school, too. In addition to focusing on this core, our curriculum also has an international focus.

Our curriculum is balanced. We blend the best educational practices of the East and the West, at large, in terms of language, culture, and teaching methods.

Our curriculum follows a thematic unit approach. The core content is taught through a common theme that is integrated across languages and subjects.



District Report Card

- #6 High School in WI by U.S. News & World Report
- #16 on "Best Public High School" List by Niche Rankings 2015
- "Exceeds expectation" rating on DPI report card
- 1 of 27 WI districts honored by College Board on 5th Annual Advanced Placement District Honor Roll

International School Governance Council Members

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