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Viroqua Area School District

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Viroqua Area Schools

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Statistics

District Grades..... PK-12
Enrollment.....1,145
Administrators6
Teachers100+
Support Staff..... 65
Fund 10 Operating Budget \$13.9 million

Mission

The Viroqua Area School District provides a quality education for all students that inspires continuous learning, positive relationships, curiosity and compassion in an environment that welcomes diversity while developing respectful and responsible citizens.

About the Viroqua Area School District

The Viroqua Area School District is located in beautiful, scenic, Vernon County in southwestern Wisconsin. Madison is 90 miles to the southeast, and La Crosse is 35 miles to the northwest. This area in Vernon County is beautiful, with hills and valleys abound.

The Viroqua Area School District serves 1,145 students within seven schools including Viroqua Elementary School, Viroqua Middle School, Viroqua High School and four charter schools Viroqua Area Montessori Charter School, Trillium Middle School, Laurel High School, and Vernon County Better Futures High School. We are very proud of our tradition of excellence, academic programming, and co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities available to our students.

The community passed a \$9,890,000 referendum for remodeling, improving and updating the middle school and high school in 2004. Referendums were passed in 2005, 2010, 2015, and 2020 to exceed the revenue limit for operating expenses.

The district supports 18 interscholastic sports programs including football, volleyball, boys/girls cross country, boys/girls basketball, wrestling, boys/girls hockey, boys/girls tennis, boys/girls golf, softball, baseball, and boys/ girls track. Viroqua Area Schools is a member of the Coulee Conference. The district also provides interscholastic opportunities for middle school students in volleyball, cross country, boys/girls basketball, wrestling, and boys/girls track. Students are very involved in drama, forensics, music (including orchestra) FBLA, FFA, Skills USA, Special Olympics and Visual Arts Classic. Letters are awarded for athletics, the arts and academics.

About the Viroqua Community



The Viroqua community has a long history of supporting education. Viroqua is also home to a satellite campus for the Western Technical College. Our new public library opened to the public on in 2016. In partnership with Western Technical College, a common lobby space connects the Technical College building to the new public library building. This 3.6 million dollar project was funded through private gifts and grants.

Viroqua has a wonderful downtown and great recreation opportunities. Recreational pursuits available in the area include hunting, fishing, skiing, hiking, ice skating, swimming, hockey, snowmobiling, golf, biking, canoeing, camping, fitness classes, movies, seasonal farmer's markets, and other cultural arts activities. The Viroqua Parks and Recreation Department also has youth programs for all ages.

The Viroqua Hockey Association and the community built the local arena and a group of civic-minded individuals have restored the Temple Theater. The Viroqua Chamber Main Street assists with downtown revitalization, business enhancement and industrial development.

Vernon Memorial Healthcare includes six area physician clinics – Bland Clinic-VMH, Hirsch Clinic-VMH, VMH Family Practice and Complementary Medicine, La Farge Medical Clinic-VMH, Kickapoo Valley Medical Clinic-VMH and VMH Outpatient Specialty Care; home health and hospice services; three retail pharmacies; a Wellness Center, and restaurant/grille. Gundersen Medical and Eye Clinic, two nursing homes and a hospice care facility are also located in Viroqua.

Larger cities are easily accessible, but there is something for everyone in this eclectic community.

The populations of Viroqua and Vernon County are 4,406 and 30,785 respectively.

The local newspaper, *Vernon County Broadcaster*, is published every Friday.

There are four radio stations, Q102 WVRQ-FM, WVRQ-AM 1360, WKPO 105.9FM, WDRT 91.9 FM.

Check out these websites to see highlights of our area:

City of Viroqua <http://viroqua-wisconsin.com/>

Vernon County <http://www.vernoncounty.org/>

Southwest Wisconsin - Driftless Area <http://driftlesswisconsin.com>

Candidate Profile

Viroqua Area School District District Administrator

The Viroqua Area School District is seeking a collaborative leader who can effectively communicate with and bring together staff, students, board members and the various constituent groups in the district. The candidate will be visible and approachable within the schools and the community. The individual will build relationships with and promote programming to prepare students for post-secondary education and employment. A record of developing and maintaining partnerships with outside organizations and agencies is also desired.



The successful candidate will possess/exhibit skills in the following domains:

People Skills – Be a visible leader who possesses exemplary personal traits and engenders the trust and support of the school board, staff, students and community. Demonstrate a genuine willingness and interest in working with people and to seek their input and guidance to solve problems and effectively lead the district.

Finance – In a time of diminishing resources, will make financial recommendations based on what is needed to best meet the needs of students in the district. Recognizes the importance of identifying and seeking alternative revenue sources to strengthen and maintain current and future program offerings.

Decision-making Skills – Possesses the ability to assess opportunities, issues, challenges, and problems and make difficult decisions based on what is best for students and the school district regardless of internal or external pressures. Displays the skills to project future needs based on a district vision and goals rather than on expediency. Demonstrates a willingness to work as a team member with the school board to bring about needed change.

Communications – Evidence of success in community relations founded on the ability to listen carefully, to speak and write with clarity, and to respond effectively and in a timely manner to all stakeholders.

Application Process



TIMELINE

Application Deadline.....	May 27, 2020
Review of Applications	June 1, 2020
First Round of Interviews.....	June 3 & 4, 2020
Final Round of Interviews	June 10, 2020
Final Selection	June 15, 2020
Announce New District Administrator	June 15, 2020
Position Start (flexible - asap)	July 1, 2020

Requirements: Candidates must hold or be eligible for a Wisconsin superintendent's license.

A description of the application process and the Stage One and Stage Two applications may be downloaded from the [WASB website](#).

The Viroqua Area School District website is viroquaareaschools.com.

- 📅 Application deadline - May 27, 2020
- 📅 Duties will begin on July 1, 2020 (flexible—as soon as possible)

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