



# Welcome to the Abbotsford School District

## Superintendent Search

### About the School District

[abbotsford.k12.wi.us](http://abbotsford.k12.wi.us)

The Abbotsford School district serves the communities of the City of Abbotsford and the Villages of Milan and Curtiss. It includes three schools: Elementary School (PreK-5), Middle/High School (grades 6-12), and Falcon Enterprise Alternative High School.

Statistics	
District Grades .....	PreK-12
Enrollment .....	781
Administrators (incl psychologist, SpEd Coordinator) .....	4
Teachers .....	66
Support Staff .....	32
Annual Operating Budget.....	\$13.2 million
Yearly Debt Service .....	\$680,000
Community Fund 80.....	\$65,000

The District boasts strong academic programs and is known throughout the area for its outstanding music program. It has a reputation for success with a multi-cultural, highly diversified student demographic. The middle/senior high was one of only three schools in the state to have been awarded the Wisconsin School of Recognition for 15 consecutive years in the spring of 2020. A dual language program was recently established in 2018 as a part of the curriculum for interested students in grades Kindergarten-5. In 2020, the district went 1:1 with each student having access to a computing device.

The district supports 12 interscholastic sports programs including football, volleyball, girls swimming, boys/girls cross country, boys/girls basketball, wrestling, softball, baseball, and boys/girls track. Abbotsford is a member of the traditionally strong Marawood Conference. Abbotsford co-ops with Colby, our neighbor to the south, in wrestling, softball, swimming, cross country, and baseball. The district also provides interscholastic opportunities for middle school students in football, volleyball, swimming, cross country, boys/girls basketball, wrestling, and boys/girls track. The track was completely re-done in 2015. Traditionally, there is a high level of participation in the clubs and activities offered by the school.

The community passed a \$12 million dollar referendum with a 70% yes vote in 2007 to replace the PreK-5 elementary built from 1937 and renovate the existing middle/senior high. Recent renovations included an updated family/consumer education room, updated middle/senior high administrative office, chorus room, Fab Lab, and six additional classrooms throughout the district. A recent addition of the aforementioned classrooms included four classrooms to the PreK/Kindergarten wing of the Elementary and two classrooms to the middle/senior high. The campus boasts of two gymnasiums, an indoor swimming pool, separate lunchroom facilities for grades PreK-5 and grades 6-12, and a dedicated elementary library/media/computer center. The elementary has separate wings for grades PreK-Kdg, grades 1-3, and grades 4-5.

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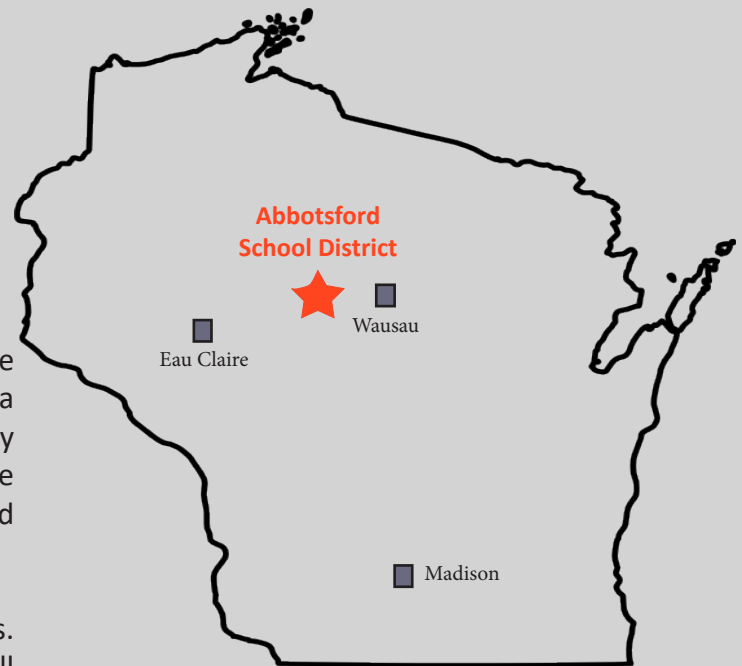
The City of Abbotsford is at the junction of State Highways 29 and 13. In 2008, the City opened a new City Hall and Public Library. A new public safety building, housing the shared Abby/Colby Police Department and the Fire/EMS services, was dedicated in 2011.

Abbotsford is home to multiple recreation facilities. Red Arrow Park is home to a top-flight baseball diamond, picnic area with accessible shelter, disc golf, outdoor basketball court and playground equipment. In addition to Red Arrow Park, Abbotsford has three other park areas: (1) Shortner Park with access to a covered shelter and large picnic and recreational area, (2) Harold C. Christensen Park in the center of the city, and (3) Jack Nikolay Softball Fields, home to two softball fields.

Red Arrow Park is the site for the Annual First City Days held in August that hosts antique snowmobiles, car shows, live bands, food stands, tractor pulls, and a talent contest. The Fall Festival follows, a celebration of the area's diversity in downtown Abbotsford. The first Saturday in December each year brings a 'magic' to Abbotsford that few communities can rival - the Annual Christmas Parade drawing thousands of spectators each year. The Fourth of July is celebrated with a traditional City League baseball game and fireworks.

The Village of Curtiss just recently opened a new Public Safety Building. Curtiss celebrates its history and diversity by hosting the annual Boomtown Snowmobile Races and Curtiss Days. Softball and snowmobile races have long been the center of community-wide celebrations in Curtiss.

The largest employer within the district's boundaries is Abbyland Foods, Inc., which opened in 1977. Abbyland is a full line meat processor. Among the six companies under the Abbyland umbrella, over 1,000 workers are employed in the Abbotsford and Curtiss facilities. Along the highway corridors, business and industry continues to grow. Abbotsford is also home to a National Guard Armory and a small shopping mall. The community has easy access to medical facilities at a Marshfield Clinic branch facility housed two miles south on Highway 13 and an Aspirus Walk-in facility available in the East Town Mall.



## Related Websites

- [AbbyColby Crossings Chamber](#)
- [Clark County](#)
- [Marathon County](#)

# Abbotsford School District Superintendent Qualifications

The Abbotsford School District is seeking a superintendent who is an unwavering advocate for the continuous improvement of learning opportunities for all students. As Abbotsford is a growing and culturally diverse community, the ability to successfully communicate with and bring together various constituent groups is required. Additionally, the school's educational leader must be visible and an approachable listener in both the school setting and the community.

## **The successful candidate will possess/exhibit the following:**

**People Skills** – A strong team-building skill set and a genuine willingness to collaborate with all stakeholders. Ability to develop trusting, positive relationships with the school board, staff, students, and community.

**Communications Skills** – Strong listening skills and a sincere desire to ensure all voices are heard. Ability to provide positive promotion of the school and community to facilitate the attraction of teachers and families to the district.

**Leadership Skills** – Evidence of an ability to successfully engage people in cooperative efforts to meet the needs of all students. Creativity and flexibility when assessing and responding to opportunities and challenges.

**Finance** – An understanding of the fiscal needs of a district with a growing student population. Ability to effectively manage resources to sustain and strengthen program offerings, maintain facilities, and provide funding for improvement projects.



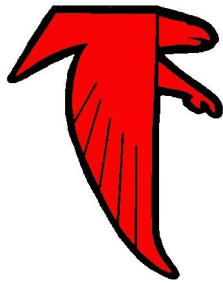
**Mission Statement:** To prepare life-long learners to lead productive and rewarding lives in a changing world.

**Vision Statement:** To be a school district with excellent staff, programs, and student achievement.

# Application Process

## Timeline

Application Deadline .....	January 28, 2021
Review of Applications .....	February 4, 2021
First Round of Interviews .....	February 16 & 18, 2021
Final Round of Interviews.....	February 25, 2021
Start Date .....	July 1, 2021



## Requirements

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

## Search Information

A description of the application process may be found on the WASB website: [Application Process](#)

Abbotsford School District website: [abbotsford.k12.wi.us](http://abbotsford.k12.wi.us)

Application deadline: January 28, 2021

Duties begin: July 1, 2021

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