



Portage Community School District

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Superintendent: Joshua Sween

School Year: traditional

Setting: urban/rural

Enrollment: 2,130

Student Demographics:

The Portage Community School District (4K-12) serves approximately 2,130 students (964 in elementary schools, 421 in middle school and 745 in high school) one urban primary school (K-1), two rural elementary schools (1-5), one urban elementary school (1-5), one middle school (6-8), and one high school (9-12). In addition, the PCSD offers an at-risk alternative high school (9-12).

District/Community Demographics:

Portage is located in the south central part of Wisconsin on the scenic Wisconsin River approximately 35 miles north of the state capital in Madison. As the county seat for Columbia County, the City of Portage has a population of over 10,000 residents and has been a transportation crossroads since Marquette and Joliet visited in 1673. PCSD is located 16 miles from a two-year satellite college campus (UW-Baraboo/Sauk County) and down the street from a satellite technical college (Madison College). Students who qualify for the Youth Options Program area are allowed to take courses at either campus to earn both high school and college credit.

Labor Market Projections:

Columbia County saw a population increase of .4% over the last 6 years. The South Central Workforce Development Area, which includes Columbia County, is projected to have a net positive job growth of 8% over a 10 year period (2014-2024). This area is expected to add 23% of the state's new jobs by 2024. Almost 70% of the expected new jobs are concentrated in four industries: Education and Health Services (26%); Professional and Business Services (15%); Trade, Transportation and Utilities (12%); and Leisure & Hospitality (12%). Columbia County has an aging population and employers will compete to find skilled employees to meet their needs..

Vision and Mission Statement:

VISION STATEMENT The Portage Community School District will be a premier learning community that builds authentic relationships with students, families and the community. We will cultivate globally minded, resilient and courageous students who are ready to excel in higher learning, career and life.

MISSION STATEMENT Committed to the growth of ALL: Students, Families, Community

Services Provided to Students:

Our comprehensive school counseling model includes Academic and Career Planning (ACP), a student-driven, adult-supported process in which students create and cultivate their own unique and information-based visions for post-secondary success, obtained through self-exploration, career exploration, and the development of career management and planning skills. All students in grade 6-12 will participate in an ACP advisory program. The specifics of this program can be found at:

http://www.portage.k12.wi.us/HighSchool/guidancewebpage/Career%20Planning_ACP.pdf

ACP Advisory Program

- 6-12 Electronic Portfolios
- Connections Conferencing (grades 7, 9 & 11)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Open Houses
- Multiple Communications with Families
- Advanced Standing Credit / AP Credit
- Education Fairs / College Representatives
- Multiple Assessment Opportunities
- Youth Apprenticeships
- Career Days / Career Fairs
- Job Shadowing
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Armed Forces Representatives
- Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Extra-Curricular Opportunities
- College & Work Site Visits
- Informational Parent Meetings
- Trained Advisors
- Youth Options / Course Options
- Alternative Diploma Programs
- Career Presentations
- Work-Based Experiences

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