



White Bear Lake Area Schools PARTNERSHIPS

The White Bear Lake Area School District works in partnership with a variety of community organizations to expand student opportunities while efficiently employing community resources.



White Bear Center for the Arts

Every elementary student receives watercolor and drawing lessons through a partnership with the White Bear Center for the Arts. The partnership received a Local Government Innovation Award from the Humphrey Institute in 2010.



YMCA

Through a partnership with the YMCA, elementary students receive water safety lessons during the school year. Extended Day participants receive summer swimming lessons. The YMCA serves as the high school swimming team home pool.



MacPhail Center for Music

Birch Lake Elementary partners with MacPhail Center for Music to offer an enhanced music program to the school's students. Additional after-school and weekend music lesson opportunities are offered to the whole community.



Tamarack Nature Center

Otter Lake Elementary partners with Tamarack Nature Center to provide students with experiential learning on environmental issues throughout the school year. The Early Childhood Program also benefits from a partnership with the Center, which serves as a program site. The District and the Nature Center currently are exploring wind and solar energy initiatives that will offer additional learning opportunity for students.



Hangzhou Foreign Languages School

White Bear Lake Area Schools partners with Hangzhou Foreign Languages School, located in Hangzhou, China, for teacher and cultural exchanges. Long-term exchange teachers serve residencies in each of the elementary schools and are resources to the world language departments in the secondary schools.



EMID

The District's involvement in the East Metro Integration District (EMID) offers interdistrict partnerships, a multicultural resource center, and networks and advisory groups. The partnership makes available various student and educator programs.



Community partnerships

The District partners with various municipalities throughout the year to provide fitness classes and sporting activities throughout the area.



Volunteers

WBLAS is fortunate to have thousands of hours of volunteer help. Volunteers do everything from playground supervision, offering reading help, assisting with field trips and helping in classrooms.