

# School Start Time Changes

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Implemented November 6

## **21 Early Start Elementary Schools**

- **School Start Time:** 7:35 (previously 7:40)
- **Dismissal Time:** 2:35 (previously 2:40)
- **Monday Dismissal Time:** 1:10 (previously 1:15)

## **11 Late Start Elementary Schools**

### **2 elementary schools moved from early to late start**

- **School Start Time:** 8:30
- **Dismissal Time:** 3:30
- **Monday Dismissal Time:** 2:05

# School Start Time Changes

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## **6 Middle Schools stayed at Original Start/End Times (West & South)**

- **School Start Time: 8:40**
- **Dismissal Time: 4:10**
- **Monday Dismissal Time: 2:30**

## **5 Middle Schools went to a Later Start/End (East & North)**

- **School Start Time: 9:00 (previously 8:40)**
- **Dismissal Time: 4:30 (previously 4:10)**
- **Monday Dismissal Time: 2:50 (previously 2:30)**

## **1 Middle School is earlier (Badger Rock)**

- **School Start Time: 8:20**
- **Dismissal Time: 2:20**

# School Start Times

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No Changes for High School

## **East, LaFollette, Memorial & West**

- **School Start Time:** 8:15
- **Dismissal Time:** 3:37 or 3:39
- **Monday Dismissal Time:** 2:30 or 2:36

## **Capital**

- **School Start Time:** 9:00
- **Dismissal Time:** 2:15
- **Monday Dismissal Time:** 1:15

## **Shabazz**

- **School Start Time:** 8:45
- **Dismissal Time:** 3:15
- **Monday Dismissal Time:** 1:50

# Crossing Guard Policy - Elementary

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The current policy is that crossing guard placement is for elementary schools

- This policy seems to date from 1972 when the school district reorganized the grades to be K-5, 6-8, 9-12
- Middle schools located near elementary schools do co-benefit from the elementary school crossing guard

School Traffic Safety Committee does receive requests for consideration of Middle School crossing guards

- Those locations are not studies
- School Traffic Safety Committee does take requests from any school to do transportation safety audits & work with staff on potential solutions

# Crossing Guard Placement Current Policy

- Total number of Elementary school students
- Available gaps in traffic
- Vehicle speed
- Crash history
- Physical conditions of location
- Crossing Guard assigned:
  - 25 or more elementary students crossing
  - Total hazard rating is more than 40 points
  - Elementary Schools below those levels are to be considered for other improvements
- No established hazard rating & number of students for Middle School locations

					a.m.	p.m.
<b>1) Number of elementary students crossing</b>	<u>number</u>	<u>points</u>	<u>number</u>	<u>points</u>		
0 - 19	0		50 - 74	20		
a.m. peak hour ( to ) _____	20 - 29	4	75 - 99	24		
	30 - 34	8	100-124	28		
p.m. peak hour ( to ) _____	35 - 39	12	125-149	32		
	40 - 49	16	150+	36		
<b>2) Gap Availability</b>						
	<u>% safe</u>		<u>% safe</u>			
crossing distance = _____ feet	<u>gap time</u>	<u>points</u>	<u>gap time</u>	<u>points</u>		
	80 +	0	45 - 49	20		
	70 - 79	4	40 - 44	24		
minimum safe crossing time = _____ seconds	60 - 69	8	30 - 39	28		
	55 - 59	12	20 - 29	32		
	50 - 54	16	0 - 20	36		
% safe crossing time = _____ % a.m.						
_____ % p.m.						
<b>3) Motor Vehicle Speed</b>	<u>mph</u>	<u>points</u>	<u>mph</u>	<u>points</u>		
85th percentile speed = _____ mph a.m.	0 - 25	0	36 - 40	6		
	26 - 30	2	41 - 45	8		
_____ mph p.m.	31 - 35	4	46 +	10		
<b>4) Sight Distance</b>			<u>design stopping distance</u>	<u>feet</u>		
available sight distance: _____ feet _____ bound			<u>85th %ile speed</u>	<u>feet</u>		
			25 - 30 mph	200		
			31 - 35 mph	240		
_____ feet _____ bound			36 - 40 mph	275		
			41 - 45 mph	310		
			46 + mph	350		
ratio: available sight distance / design stopping distance						
			<u>ratio</u>	<u>points</u>		
_____ feet _____ bound			2.1 +	0		
			1.5 - 2.0	1		
_____ feet _____ bound			1.0 - 1.5	5		
			< 1.0	15		
<b>5) Safety History - Previous Five Years</b>						
a) Number of reported crashes at study location involving elementary school children going to or coming from school.			<u>crashes</u>	<u>points</u>		
			0	0		
			1	5		
_____ reported crashes			each add'l	20		
b) Reported crashed not involving children going to or coming from school, but of types and/or at times that could conflict with school crossing at this location.						
_____ reported crashes. Type: _____				<u>points</u>		
				0 - 5		
_____ reported crashes. Type: _____				0 - 5		

# Crossing Guard Policy Review

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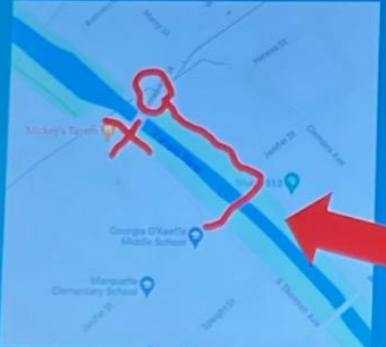
- In 2022, Transportation Commission asked staff to do a Racial Equity Social Justice Analysis on the crossing guard policy
- Team has met 4 times so far to work through RESJI analysis and discuss policy implications
  - Type of schools covered is part of analysis
- Anticipate reviewing analysis and potential changes in early 2024 with Transportation Commission

# Support for Middle Schools with late end times

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- Nov/Dec - mobile speed boards out near all middle schools with release time at 4:30pm
- Key crosswalk streetlights to be upgraded to LED (if not already)
- School Principals that no longer have crossing guard support notified with message for students and families
- Schools are being provided with reminder messaging on safe school area behavior (for parents driving and for families walking/wheeling)
- Working with Principals to make bike lights and light up bands available to students that need them
- Schools supporting safe behaviors through messaging & school staff outside supporting safe walking and biking
- Working with schools to determine other needs to support safety


PAY ATTENTION TO THE ROAD  
WHEN YOU ARE CROSSING THE  
STREETS NEAR SCHOOL



We no longer  
have  
crossing guards

USE CAUTION AND COMMON  
SENSE BEFORE AND AFTER  
SCHOOL WHEN CROSSING THE  
STREETS.


CROSS WILLY STREET AT THE  
STOP LIGHT / BIKE PATH




**PAY ATTENTION  
WHEN  
CROSSING THE  
STREETS**



**Slow down**  
in school zones



**15 MPH**





4:30 PM

# Release Time Schools

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SCHOOL REVIEW

# Black Hawk Middle School

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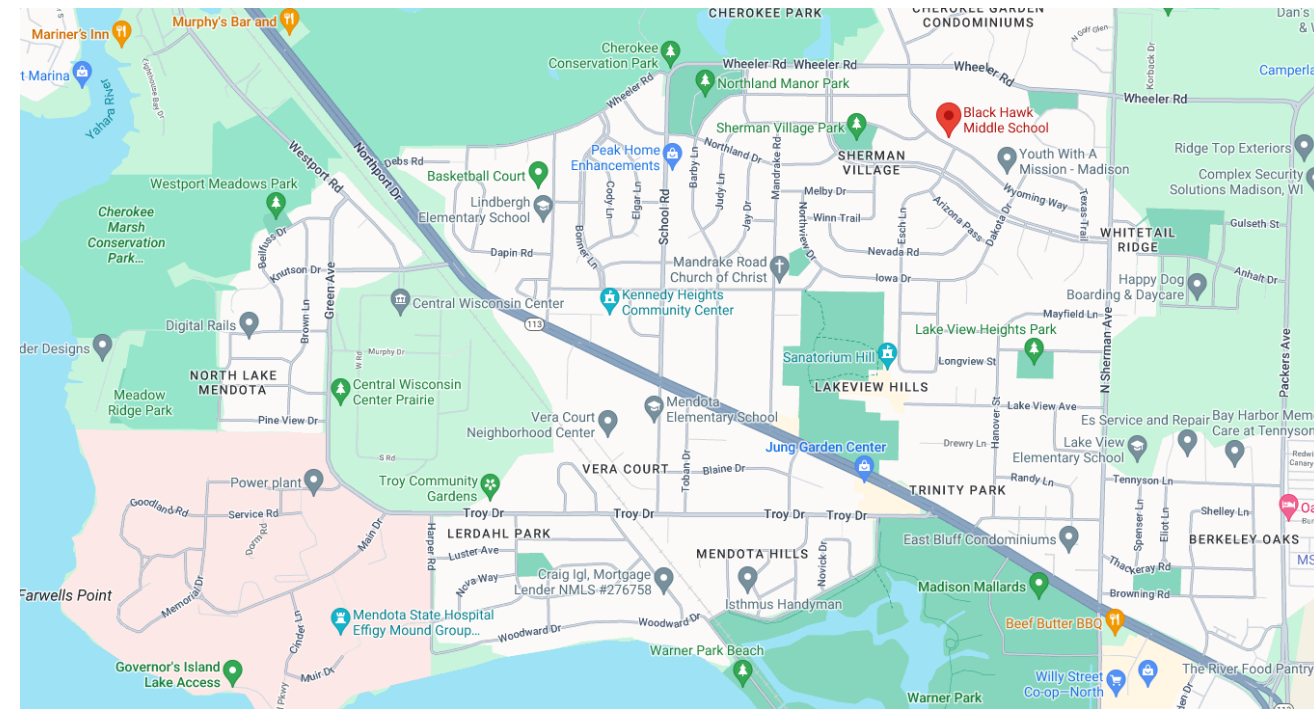
Located at 1402 Wyoming Way

Adjacent to Gompers Elementary which has 3 crossing guards

Serves Gompers, Mendota, Lindberg & Lakeview Elementary Schools

2 bus routes

- East of N Sherman Ave & South of Tennyson
- South of Northport Dr



# O'Keeffe Middle School

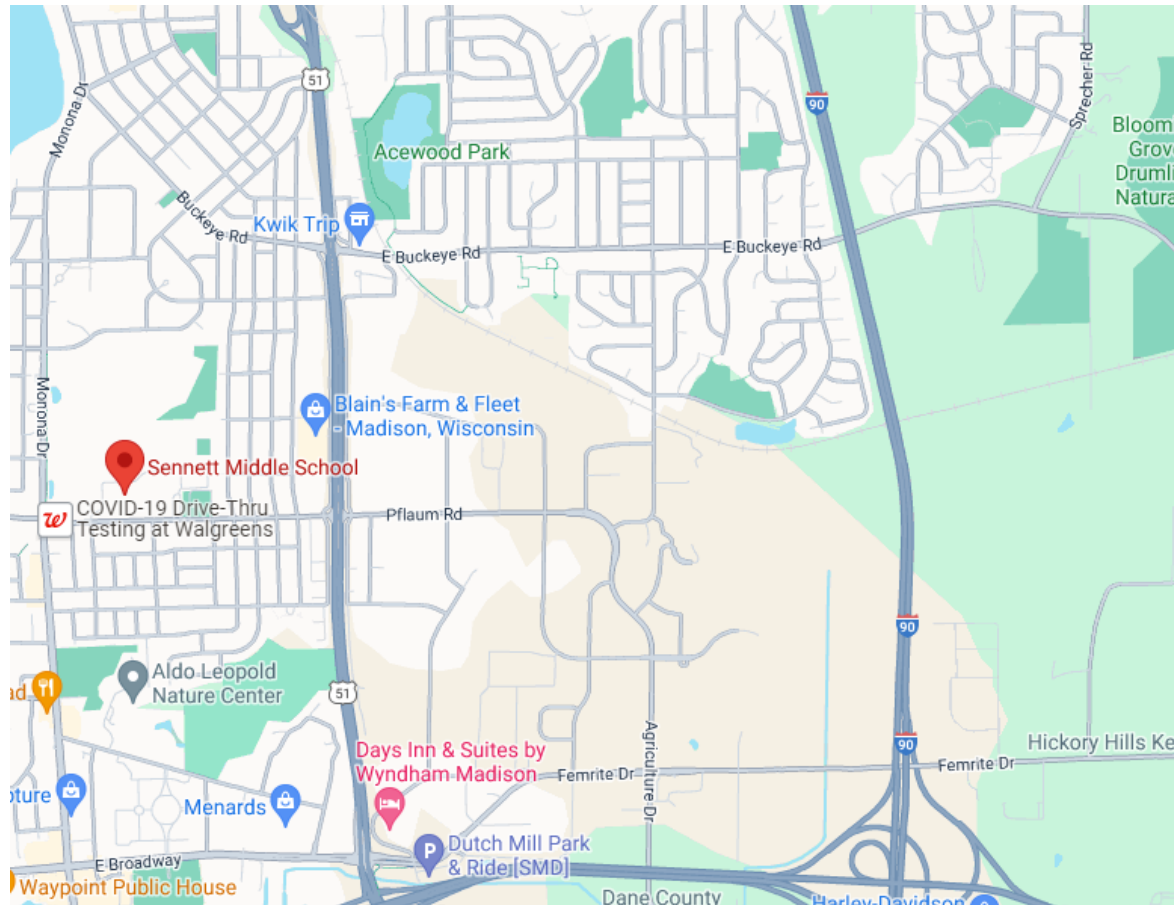
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- Located at 510 S Thornton Ave
- Adjacent to Marquette Elementary which has 2 crossing guard locations
- Serves Marquette, Lapham, Lowell & Hawthorne Elementary Schools
- 2 bus routes
  - Wright St/Lexington area
  - Darbo/Worthington area

# Sennett Middle School

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Located at 502 Pflaum Rd

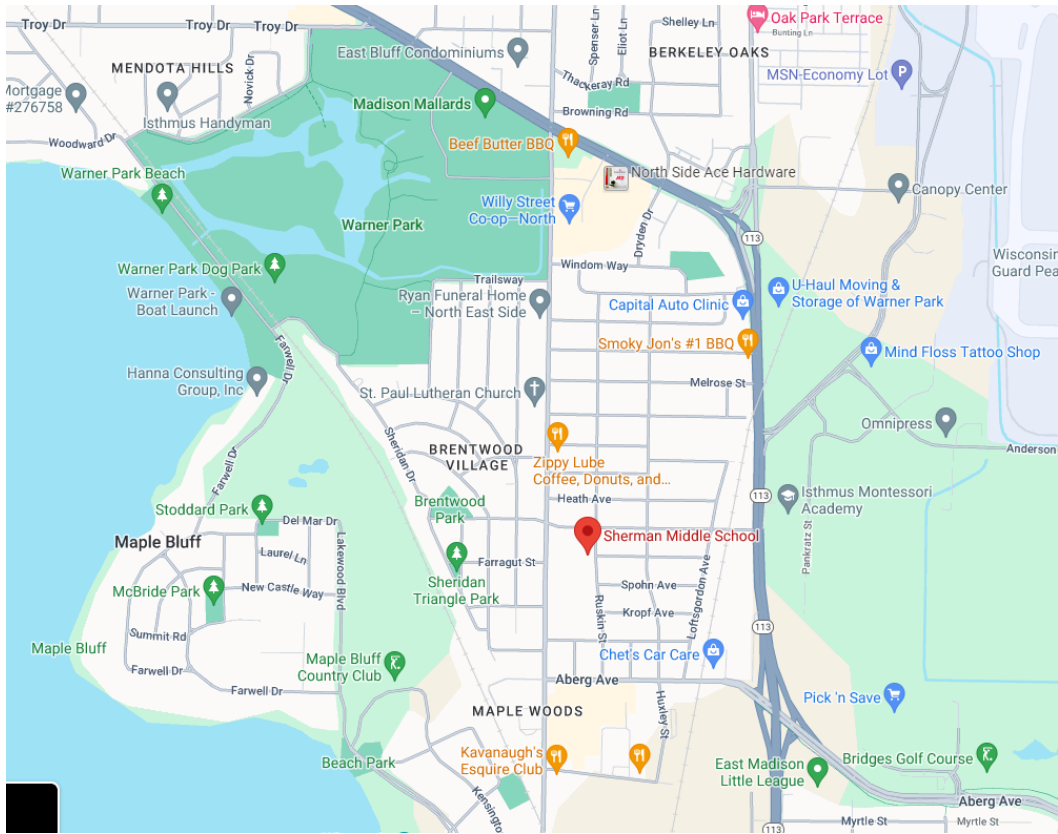
Serves Southside, Elvehjem, Henderson and Nuestro Mundo Elementary Schools

7 bus routes

- Moorland/Rimrock
- Lakepoint Dr Neighborhood
- Acewood Neighborhood
- Owl Creek Neighborhood
- S Thompson area
- Wyalusing/North Star
- East of Hwy 51

# Sherman Middle School

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Located at 1610 Ruskin St

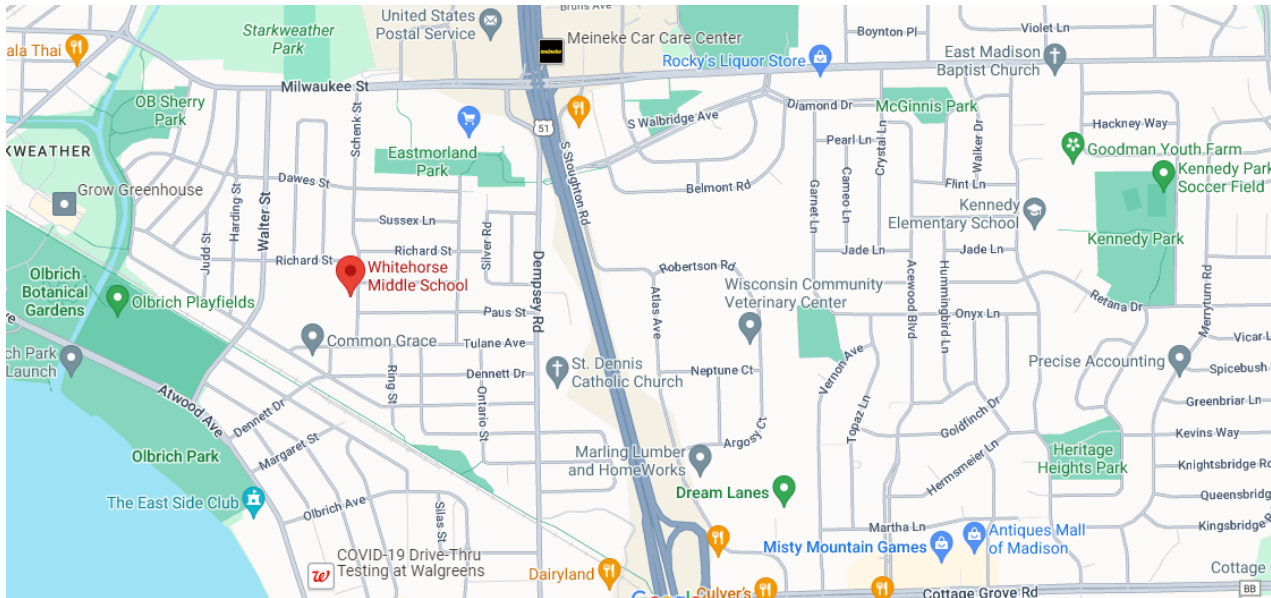
Serves Emerson, Hawthorne, Lake View, Mendota and Sandburg Elementary Schools

4 bus routes

- Eken Park Neighborhood
- Lien Rd/Glacial Hill Park area
- Portage Rd
- North of E Washington: Anniversary Ln, Dwight Dr area

# Whitehorse Middle School

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Located at 218 Schenk St

Serves Kennedy and Schenk Elementary Schools

5 bus routes

- Acewood Blvd area
- Sycamore area
- Wyalusing Dr area
- Milwaukee St – Daffodil to I90
- Nakoosa Trl

# Middle Schools – West & South

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- Badger Rock – 501 E Badger Rd (just off Rimrock Rd)
- Cherokee Middle – 4301 Cherokee Dr (at S Midale Blvd)
- Hamilton Middle – 4801 Waukesha St (near Segoe Rd/Mineral Point)
- Gillespie Middle – 101 S Gammon Rd
- Spring Harbor Middle – 1110 Spring Harbor Dr (just off University Ave)
- Toki Middle – 5606 Russett Rd (at S Whitney Way)
- Wright Middle – 1717 Fish Hatchery Rd

# Current Crossing Guard Staffing

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- Started 2023 fully staffed (not typical) based on original school start times
- Historically have around 20-25% staff loss during the school year
- School time changes have resulted in corner vacancies
- Hiring to try to fill those now
  - Must follow City hiring process and conduct training so takes time to fill openings
- Crossing Guards work split shifts (2 hours guaranteed per day) and in all weather that school is open
- Extending hours earlier and later for crossing guards also impacts substitute guards, supervisor hours and generally makes it more challenging to cover absences
- New locations are offered based on seniority which can cause other location vacancies



# Budget Per New Crossing Guard Location

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Budget Item	Base Cost
New Crossing Guard per location	\$6,876
Clothing Allowance	\$165 in 2023
Supplies for new location/new guard	\$380
Total for one new location	\$7,421

## Other Costs:

- Additional substitute crossing guard for later shifts (if current substitute staff don't volunteer to work later shifts)
- Additional Supervisor staff hours for monitoring sick calls, handling emergencies and filling in as needed
  - Currently Supervisors start at 6am to check sick calls and contact substitute crossing guards