About the District

**Our mission** is to inspire and prepare our students to live creative, fulfilling and responsible lives.

**Our vision** is to challenge minds, build relationships and nurture individual growth to prepare all students for post-secondary success.

**Our slogan**: Where knowledge and inspiration meet to create the future.

The Eau Claire Area School District is committed to educating the whole child in partnership with our families and our community. Please contact us to share or to ask any questions you may have regarding your child’s education.

The Eau Claire Area School District, with an enrollment of approximately 11,300 students, is the eighth largest school district in Wisconsin. It covers approximately 200 square miles, which includes most of the city of Eau Claire and portions of the townships of Brunswick, Clear Creek, Drammen, Hallie, Pleasant Valley, Rock Creek, Seymour, Union, Washington, and Wheaton. There are 12 elementary schools in the district, 1 early learning center, 3 middle schools, 2 high schools, and 2 charter schools.

A seven member Board of Education elected at large for three-year terms governs the District. The Board normally meets on the first and third Monday’s of each month at the Administration Building, 500 Main Street, at 7:00 pm in the Board Room.

Questions?

Please contact:

If you need an interpreter, please call 715-852-3555 and leave a message. A bilingual interpreter will call you back as soon as possible.

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Our Mission

Increase English Learners’ English proficiency by supporting linguistic, academic, and social growth through evidence based practices that are culturally responsive.
Criteria for Determining English Learner Services:

1. The ECASD home language survey is administered during enrollment to determine if a language other than English is used. A language proficiency assessment will be administered by an English Learner (EL) Teacher.

To learn more, go to www.wida.us

2. If the language proficiency assessment indicates a student is eligible for EL instruction, the student must be assigned a Limited English Proficient (LEP) level. The family will be notified within 30 days and can either accept the LEP level or refuse English Language services.

3. The responsibility of establishing LEP Levels rests with the EL Consult building team.

4. Annually, all EL students’ levels of proficiency must be reassessed and updated.

English Learning Program Facts

- The ECASD employs Bilingual Educational Assistants (BEA’s) to bridge the gap between a student’s first language and English.
- Every elementary, middle, and high school in the ECASD has a certified English Learner (EL) teacher. Each EL teacher has received specific training on how to meet the needs of a student learning English as a second language.
- The BEA’s are also available to help with translation and interpretation needs of families.