

# Wauwatosa School District: Recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship as an apprenticeship ambassador

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WAUWATOSA, WI - The Wauwatosa School District has been recognized by the Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship as one of only 207 members of its initial cohort of Apprenticeship Ambassadors. As a result of this distinction, the Wauwatosa School District is now part of the Department of Labor's national network of employers, labor organizations, industry associations, program sponsors, educators, workforce intermediaries, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders that serve as champions for expanding and diversifying Registered Apprenticeships.

The DOL's Apprenticeship Ambassador initiative brings together organizations to communicate the value of Registered Apprenticeships as a workforce strategy in high-demand industries and to develop and expand opportunities for people who have been underserved historically. Apprenticeship Ambassadors are charged with supporting the Department of Labor's goals of modernizing Registered Apprenticeship; increasing diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs); engaging industry in new and emerging sectors; and expanding pre-apprenticeship, youth apprenticeship and degree apprenticeships.

"The District's recognition as an Apprenticeship Ambassador illustrates the emphasis that is placed on the trades in Wauwatosa," stated Dr. Demond Means, Superintendent. "In the past several years, with the tremendous support of Mr. Craig Griffie, we've not only increased the number of apprenticeship opportunities available to our students, but we have developed a pipeline that will set our students up for post-high school success in their chosen career field."

Applicants are required to submit an application that outlines annual commitments, which the District's representative is charged with meeting during the district's first year as an Apprenticeship Ambassador. Ambassadors that meet their annual commitments by the end of the year will be recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship.

Ambassadors are approved for a term of 2 years, and asked to make new annual commitments at the beginning of the second year.

A complete list of Ambassadors can be found [here](#). For more information, visit [www.apprenticeship.gov](http://www.apprenticeship.gov).

About the Wauwatosa School District:

The Wauwatosa School District is a high achieving, forward-thinking, richly diverse public school district serving approximately 7,200 students and families. The District consists of 16 schools: 11 elementary schools, two middle schools, two high schools and the Wauwatosa Virtual Academy. Among these are two charter schools: Wauwatosa Montessori and Wauwatosa STEM. A full STEM program is offered at Underwood Elementary and at both middle schools. Additionally, the District provides education for several county programs including Children's Hospital and Vel R. Phillips School. The educational community's long history of excellence has been recognized both regionally and nationally.

For more information, visit the Wauwatosa School District [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.