



BURLINGTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Welcome to Karcher Middle School!

We are excited for your child to continue with us and/or join the Karcher Family within the BASD community!

For the 2024-2025 school year, we will have 5th-8th grade students at Karcher this year.

Please take the time to read through the 2024-25 Karcher Middle School guide.

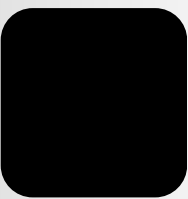
I hope this message finds you excited and energized just like the atmosphere at Karcher Middle School. We are so excited to kick off the 2024-2025 school year with amazing staff, students, a beautiful school and a wonderful outside facility space! Burlington Area School District, along with Karcher Middle School, are excited about being Compassionate, Committed and Comprehensive to ensure a wonderful experience for all of our students!

At Karcher our wonderful staff is Compassionate about our students. We allow all students the opportunity to learn and be successful while maintaining positive, high quality relationships. We encourage students to try numerous classes, activities, clubs and athletics during their middle school years as an excellent part of the journey through adolescence.

Karcher is Committed to serving over 800 amazing students, with fantastic teachers and support staff who build and maintain high quality relationships with every student.

Finally, we at Karcher are Comprehensive, with our rigorous curriculum which allows students to explore many options of coursework and our "house system" for 5th and 6th grade which allows a family atmosphere as students navigate their way through the middle school years.

A message from the Principal, Nick Ryan



Message from the Superintendent



District Families,

As we approach the end of another school year, I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones looking forward to the opportunities and adventures that lie with summer approaching. However, before we bid farewell to the current school year, I must address a matter of great importance regarding our school district's budget.

Despite our best efforts and the unwavering support of many in our community, we find ourselves in the unfortunate position of having to reduce our budget by \$5 million due to the failure of the operational referendum. This is not a decision we take lightly, as we fully understand the impact it may have on our students, families, and staff. However, we want to assure you that even in the face of these challenges, our dedication to providing an excellent education remains steadfast.

While the budget reduction will require adjustments, it will not compromise the quality of education your students receive within our school district. Here are some key points to emphasize:

- **Commitment to Academic Excellence:** Our educators are dedicated professionals who will continue to provide high-quality instruction that meets the academic needs of every student. We will maintain our focus on rigorous curriculum standards and innovative teaching practices to ensure your student(s) receives a top-notch education.
- **Preserving Essential Programs:** Despite financial constraints, we will prioritize essential programs and initiatives that directly benefit student learning and development. This includes maintaining core academic subjects, enrichment opportunities, and activities that contribute to a well-rounded education.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** In light of the budget reduction, we will implement measures to maximize efficiency and ensure responsible stewardship of our resources. This involves streamlining operations and seeking cost-saving solutions wherever possible to minimize the impact on educational programs and services.

We recognize that overcoming budgetary challenges requires a collective effort. As we navigate this period of adjustment, we are committed to working hand-in-hand with our community. Your active participation is vital in shaping the path forward for our school district and community. Together, we can weather this storm and emerge stronger, united in our shared commitment to providing an exceptional education for every student.

The following page outlines adjustments we will need to make for the start of the 2024-2025 school year to balance our budget along with our strategic plans for 2024 through 2029.

Thank you for your continued partnership, understanding, and support as we continue to provide an exceptional education for all students within BASD.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jill Oelslager

2024-2025 District Changes



Budget Adjustments

As a system we have to reduce our budget by \$5 million dollars as we move into the 2024-2025 school year due to the failure of the February 2024 operational referendum.

Below are the larger adjustments the district will need to execute to balance our budget:



Closing of Lyons Center Elementary School

One way to reduce our expenses is to operate with less buildings. Therefore, the district/school board decided to close Lyons Elementary School for the start of the 2024-2025 school year.



Staffing

The closing of a school building allows the district to become more efficient with staffing. Therefore, BASD will be reducing staff by 40 + employees as we move into the 2024-2025 school year.



Grade Configuration & Redistricting

With the closing of a school building and reduction in staffing the district took a look at our grade configuration and saw the opportunity to create a new grade configuration that will allow a more effective and efficient educational system for our students and families:

- 4K will be housed at Dyer Elementary School
- 5K - 4th grade at Dyer, Waller, and Winkler
- 5th - 8th grade at Karcher Middle School
- 9th - 12th grade at Burlington High School



Number of School Days Adjustment

As another cost-saving measure the district/board has adjusted the school calendar with a start date of September 3 and end date of May 23. The new 2024-2025 school calendar is included within this guide and is located on our basd website.



Student Fees & Facility Use Fees

Additionally, to assist with expenses the district has to increase student and facility use fees. Therefore, there will be increases in fees for:

- Clubs, athletics, fine arts, and/or other extracurriculars
- Beginning of the year registration fees
- Outside user groups

Once the increases are finalized and approved by the school board the district will communicate the changes with families and the community.

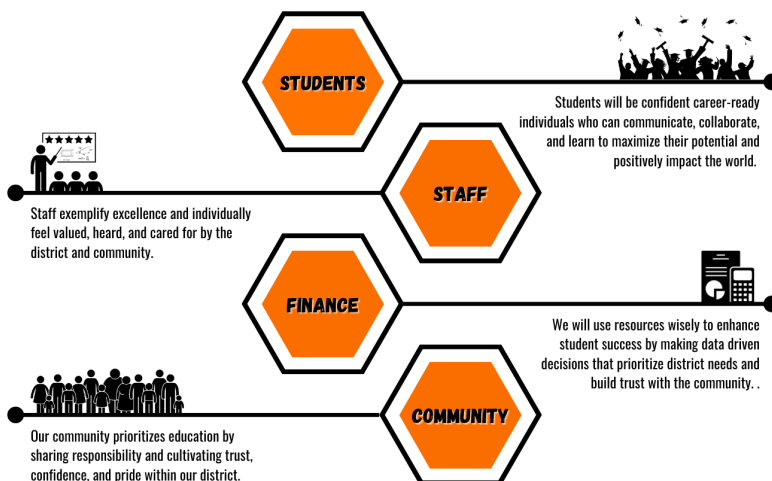
2024-2029 Strategic Plan

In January 2024 the school board approved the following strategic plan for 2024 through 2029.

The development of this strategic plan involved the engagement, recommendations, and opinions of students, parents, business owners, community members, and staff.

As the district progresses forward, specific strategies will be developed on a yearly basis to guide our work and achieve our goals.

To view the full strategic plan click [HERE](#).



Grade Level Information



As shared, Karcher is excited to have 5th - 8th grade students. Our teachers and students are amazing and have consistently exceeded state expectations for the past 5 years!

Below are our teaching staff for the 2024-25 school year!



5th

Mr. Weinkauf
Mrs. Koldeway
Mrs. Mangold
Mr. Conrardy
Mrs. Fleischman
Mrs. Trewyn



6th

Mrs. Tenhagen
Mr. Staude
Mrs. Maike
Mr. Sulik
Mrs. Hancock
Mrs. Botsford



7th

Mrs. Pribek
Mrs. Smith
Mrs. Murphy
Mrs. Berezowitz
Mr. Ferstenou



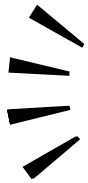
8th

Mr. Jones
Ms. Sturdevant
Mr. Rummmler
Mrs. Rummmler
Mrs. Weis
Mr. Schmidt

Electives:

Art, STEM, Spanish, Physical Education and Music Electives

the Best teachers



Mrs. Dennert
Mrs. Salbreiter
Mrs. Ullenberg
Mr. Hoffman
Mrs. Hoffman
Mr. Grochowski
Mrs. Weis

Mr. Tonn
Ms. Wegner
Mr. Stoughton
Ms. Wisniewski
Mrs. Unger
Mr. Redmer



School Tours: When can new families come see the school?



Karcher will be hosting a pop in night on May 16th for **new students** to Karcher Middle School.

Date: May 16, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Karcher Middle School

We will also be open for school tours after summer school between June-August by appointment.

5th & 6th Grade Information



5th and 6th grade will run a **mini house system** where students will have the same ELA, Social Studies, Science and Math Teacher as their peers. This helps relationships form and allows teachers to help support students not only academically but also socially. In 5th and 6th grade students get to try an array of classes to see what they enjoy. Elective offerings are 40 minutes, while core classes are 90 minutes each day.

Students in **5th grade** will also get an array of elective offerings including:

- Art
- STEM
- Typing
- Physical Education
- Music

Students in **6th grade** will also get an array of elective offerings including:

- Art
- Spanish
- Typing
- Physical Education
- Music- Students will need either Band, Orchestra, Choir or a General Music



7th & 8th Grade Information



7th and 8th grade will run a model where students will travel from ELA, Social Studies, Science and Math Teacher among their grade level peers.

Students in **7th and 8th** grade will also get an array of elective offerings including:

- Art
- STEM
- Spanish
- Physical Education
- Music electives.

POSITIVE
VIBES
ONLY

When will school start & end?



Karcher Middle School's daily schedule is from **7:15 AM-2:47 AM**, with the **doors opening at 7:05 AM**.

All BASD schools start and end times can be accessed at www.basd.k12.wi.us or on the Family Calendar on page 7.



**Karcher
Start time:
7:15 AM**

Transportation



Parent Drop Off Procedures

- Parent/Guardian drop off will be on Robert Street.
- This is through the activities door, closest to the basketball courts.
- Please park on the side of the road closest to Karcher if possible. Dropping off your child off around 7:05 AM would be ideal.

Parent Pick Up Procedures



- Parent/Guardian pick up will be on Robert Street.
- Students will exit the activity doors and walk to their vehicle.
- 8th grade safety patrol will also be outside to assist with pick up.
- Please be here by 2:47 PM to get your child.



Student Walker Procedures

- Student who walk to school will enter on Robert St.
- This is through the activities door, closes to the basketball courts.
- If you are a bike rider, there is a bike rack located in the front of school.

Students Riding the Bus

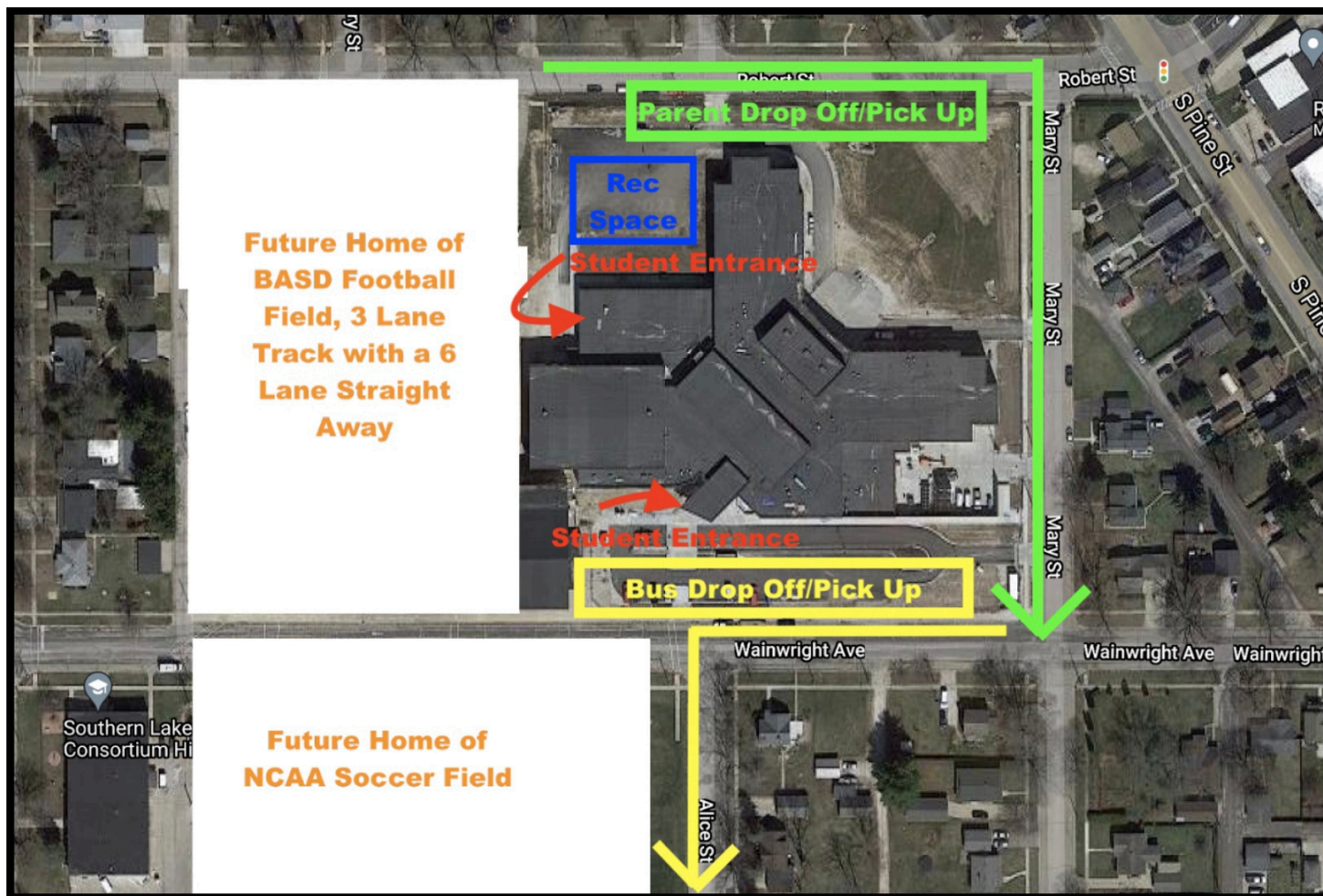


- Bus drop off/pick up will be in front of Karcher and on Wainwright and Alice Street.
- Thomas Bus Service will email (Subject: "Bus Info") bus cards with the morning and afternoon route numbers, locations, and times before the beginning of the school year. If there isn't an email address on file in Skyward Family Access, the bus card will be mailed in early August. Questions about bus transportation can be directed to **Thomas Bus Service (262-763-7564)**.

Helpful pick up / drop off maps



- Please note that if you walk or get picked up/dropped off at school you will enter in the activity/student entrance and your parent or guardian will follow the green instructions.
- If you are picked up/dropped off by the bus, you will utilize the main entrance off of Mary Street and the bus will follow the yellow instructions.
- All after school activities should park in the Rec Space parking lot and enter at the bottom student entrance.



Wednesday Late Start Information



BASD will be utilizing Wednesday late starts during the 2024-2025 school year. There will be 17 late start Wednesdays throughout the school year which are indicated in “yellow” on the family school calendar (noted within this guide and on the BASD website). The start time for late starts at Karcher will be **8:50 AM** with drop off at **8:40 AM**.



Karcher Start time
on Wednesday Late
Start:

8:50 AM

THE WHY?

- Due to the failed referendum, BASD needs to make cost saving adjustments with our calendar. This results in 10 less school days per year.
- By adding late starts to our calendar, we are able to provide mandatory trainings and professional development to our staff, while not adding additional days to the calendar.

Back to School Open House



**OPEN
HOUSE**

**AUGUST
28TH**

4K: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM @ Dyer Elementary School
Cooper Montessori: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Elementary Schools: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Karcher Middle School: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Burlington High School: 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

What to Expect: Students and families will meet with staff & enjoy the beautiful facility.

NOTE: Students should not bring any school supplies to the KMS open house

Contact Information



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FAMILY CALENDAR 2024-2025

JULY 2024						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30	31			

JANUARY 2025						
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SEPTEMBER 2024						
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MARCH 2025						
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30	31					

OCTOBER 2024						
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APRIL 2024						
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NOVEMBER 2024						
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MAY 2025						
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DECEMBER 2024						
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22	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	28
29	NA	NA				

JUNE 2025						
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- Sept. 2 Holiday/Labor Day
- Sept. 3-6 4K/ 5K Staggered
- Sept. 3 1st Day for 1-4, 5, 7, 9
(no school for 6, 8, 10-12)
- Sept. 4 1st Day Grades 6, 8, 10-12
(no school for 5, 7)
- Sept. 11 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Sept. 25 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Oct. 9 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Oct. 23 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Oct. 25 Day of Non-attendance
- Nov. 6 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Nov. 18 End of Trimester 1 (PreK-8)
- Nov. 20 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Nov. 27-29 Days of Non-attendance
- Dec. 4 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Dec. 18 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Dec. 23-Jan. 3 Winter Break
- Jan. 6 School resumes
- Jan. 15 Late Start, End of Semester 9-12
(Mandatory Staff Training)
- Jan. 20 Day of Non-attendance MLK Jr.
- Jan. 29 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Feb. 12 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Feb. 26 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Feb. 28 Day of Student non-attendance
(Mandatory Staff Training)
- Mar. 12 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- Mar. 21 End of Trimester 2 (PreK-8)
- Mar. 24-28 Spring Break
- April 2 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- April 16 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- April 18 Day of Non-attendance
- April 30 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- May 14 Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
- May 23 Last Day of School
-End of Trimester 3 (PreK-8) & Sem. 2 (9-12)

LEGEND	
**	First Day / Last Day of School
	Late Start (Mandatory Staff Training)
()	End of Trimester (PreK-8)
*	End of Semester (9-12)
NA	Day of Non-Attendance

Start / End Times:

BHS	7:15-2:47	Late Starts 8:50-2:47
Karcher	7:15-2:47	Late Starts 8:50-2:47
Cooper	8:05-3:30	Late Starts 9:55-3:30
Dyer	7:55-3:20	Late Starts 9:45-3:20
Waller	8:05-3:30	Late Starts 9:55-3:30
Winkler	8:15-3:40	Late Starts 10:05-3:40

PreK-4 (T1: 56 T2: 55 T3: 56) 9-12 (S1: 84 S2: 83)

Total Student Days: 167

Updated: April 1, 2024

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Do 5th and 6th graders see 8th graders throughout the school day?



A: 5th and 6th graders will mostly see 5th and 6th graders. 8th graders are located in a completely separate wing. The wing breakdown is 5th and 6th, 6th and 7th, and 7th and 8th.

Q: How do lunch times look at Karcher for next year?

A: 5th and 6th grade students will have the same lunch time together. They will have 20 minutes of recess and 20 minutes for lunch.

7th and 8th grade will have the same lunch time together. They will also have 20 minutes of recess and 20 minutes for lunch.



Q: How long are classes at Karcher?



A: For 5th and 6th grade students, the core classes are 90 minutes and the elective classes are 40 minutes.

For 7th and 8th grade students, all classes are 50 minutes.

Q: How does Mr. Ryan communicate with families?

A: Every day a video announcement will go home via email for families to keep up with everything at Karcher.

Other reminders will go out periodically as well via email.



Questions students frequently ask:



Q: Who do I go to if I have an issue with another student?

A: Any student conflict should be brought to the office and you will be directed to the correct person.



Q: What sports can I participate in at Karcher?

A: There are clubs for all grade levels at Karcher that change each year.

6th grade students can compete in cross country and wrestling for Karcher against other teams. 6th graders can also participate in intramural basketball and volleyball.

7th and 8th grade can participate in cross country, basketball, volleyball, wrestling and track and field.

Q: How do I get a breakfast and lunch?

A: All students have the ability to get a breakfast and lunch each day.

Students go through the line and can pick what they want to eat; you do not need to order lunch in advance.

Students will type in their student ID number into a keypad to purchase lunch.



Q: What can I do at Recess?

A: At recess students can play games, sports, walk on the track and play on the soccer and football fields.

Please do not bring your own playground equipment, we will provide recess supplies.

Q: Can you carry your backpack around or should I use a locker?

A: Students are able to carry a backpack with them throughout the day. Students may choose to use a locker, but it is not required.

When students transition from lunch to recess there is a place for students to place their belongings.

Q: Can I use my cell phone?

A: Cell phones must be turned off and in their locker or backpack during the school day.

