



WELCOME TO VIROQUA AREA SCHOOLS

The Viroqua Area School District is located in beautiful, scenic, Vernon County in southwestern Wisconsin. Madison is 90 miles to the southeast and La Crosse is 35 miles to the northwest. This area in Vernon County is beautiful, with hills and valleys abound.

The Viroqua Area School District serves 1157 students within six schools including Viroqua Elementary School, Viroqua Middle School, Viroqua High School and three charter schools Viroqua Area Montessori Charter School, Laurel High School, and Vernon County Better Futures High School. We are very proud of our tradition of excellence, academic programming, and co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities available to our students.

The community passed a \$9,890,000 referendum for remodeling, improving and updating the middle school and high school in 2004. Referendums were passed in 2005, 2010 and 2015 to exceed the revenue limit for operating expenses.

The Viroqua Area Foundation raised \$1.8 million dollars to update the outdoor athletic facilities (track, football field and tennis courts). This community project was completed in 2010 through donations and support from alumni, community members, Viroqua school district staff and students.

The district supports 18 interscholastic sports programs including football, volleyball, boys/girls cross country, boys/girls basketball, wrestling, boys/girls hockey, boys/girls tennis, boys/girls golf, softball, baseball, and boys/ girls track. Viroqua Area Schools is a member of the Coulee Conference. The district also provides interscholastic opportunities for middle school students in volleyball, cross country, boys/girls basketball, wrestling, and boys/girls track. Students are very involved in drama, forensics, music (including orchestra) FBLA, FFA, Skills USA, Special Olympics and Visual Arts Classic. Letters are awarded for athletics, the arts and academics.

The Viroqua community has a long history of supporting education. Viroqua is also home to a satellite campus for the Western Technical College. Our new public library opened to the public on February 22, 2016. In partnership with Western Technical College, a common lobby space connects the Technical College building to the new public library building. This 3.6 million dollar project was funded through private gifts and grants.

Viroqua has a wonderful downtown and great recreation opportunities. Recreational pursuits available in the area include hunting, fishing, skiing, hiking, ice skating, swimming, hockey, snowmobiling, golf, biking, canoeing, camping, fitness classes, movies, seasonal farmer's markets, and other cultural arts activities. The Viroqua Parks and Recreation Department also has youth programs for all ages.

The Viroqua Hockey Association and the community built the local arena and a group of civic-minded individuals have restored the Temple Theater. The Viroqua Chamber Main Street assists with downtown revitalization, business enhancement and industrial development.

...because the children are our future.

Vernon Memorial Healthcare includes Vernon Memorial Hospital, six area physician clinics – Bland Clinic-VMH, Hirsch Clinic-VMH, VMH Family Practice and Complementary Medicine, La Farge Medical Clinic-VMH, Kickapoo Valley Medical Clinic-VMH and VMH Outpatient Specialty Care; home health and hospice services; three retail pharmacies; a Wellness Center and restaurant/grille. Gundersen Medical and Eye Clinic, two nursing homes and a hospice care facility are also located in Viroqua.

- Larger cities are easily accessible, but there is something for everyone in this eclectic community.
- The populations of Viroqua and Vernon County are 4,362 and 30,329 respectively.
- The local newspaper, *Vernon County Broadcaster*, is published every Thursday.
- There are four radio stations, Q102 WVRQ-FM, WVRQ-AM 1360, WKPO 105.9FM, WDRT 91.9 FM.

Check out these websites to see highlights of our area!

City of Viroqua	<u>http://viroqua-wisconsin.com/</u>
Vernon County	<u>http://www.vernoncounty.org/</u>
Southwest Wisconsin - Driftless Area	<u>http://driftlesswisconsin.com</u>