



# my school. my choice.

their journey starts with you

## Which Middle School is right for your child? Now YOU get to decide!

You know your child's unique interests, talents and dreams. And now through My School. My Choice. from Racine Unified School District, you have the chance to pick the Middle School that you feel is the best fit.\*

Choosing your child's school is just part of the My School. My Choice. story. RUSD Middle Schools have been reinvented – **new experiences, new opportunities, new learning environments** – to now give every family high-quality choices for the Middle School years.

You can choose your designated Boundary School, or pick from one of four Choice Schools. Simply rank your school choices in order of preference (1-3). A lottery that considers your ranked choices will be used to determine your child's school assignment.

\*Special education students and families are encouraged to make a school choice. However, please work with your IEP team to determine whether the school of choice can meet your student's needs.



### 1 RESEARCH

Learn about the new Middle School options and talk about them with your child.



### 2 VISIT

Tour your top schools and meet with staff.



### 3 CHOOSE

Decide which Middle School option is the best fit for your child.



### 4 APPLY

Beginning Dec. 1 go to [www.RUSD.org](http://www.RUSD.org) to rank your school choices in order of preference.

## Boundary School or Choice School. It's up to you.

### Boundary School options

Boundary Schools host 4-year-old kindergarten through 8th grades in the same facility. As a parent, one of your My School. My Choice. options is to select your Boundary School, which is based on your home address. The Boundary Schools are: Gifford, Jerstad-Agerholm and Mitchell.

### Choice School options

To broaden the options for Middle School parents, RUSD is opening enrollment in four Choice Schools to all Middle School students. Each of these schools offers unique learning environments and areas of educational emphasis for students. The Choice Schools are: Gilmore Fine Arts, Walden III, Starbuck Middle School and The R.E.A.L. School.

ChooseyourschoolDec.1,2017-Jan.15,2018 Enroll at [www.rusd.org](http://www.rusd.org)

## Boundary School options

### Gifford | 4K-8 (262) 619-4550

The largest 4K-8 campus in RUSD with a mission to prepare students for the future. The Gifford staff works daily to prepare children to reach their potential and beyond.



The Planetarium inside Gifford provides the most current trends in astronomy and space exploration.



Artist in Residence program works with students on an art project that becomes part of the collection at Gifford.



Gifford offers Reading Dog Therapy Teams that can help reluctant students become confident and motivated readers.



Gifford Big Buddies Program pairs older students with younger learners, who benefit from shared activities, mentoring and encouragement.



Gifford School offers intramurals including: boys and girls basketball, volleyball, track and cross country as well as band and choir.

### Jerstad-Agerholm | 4K-8 (262) 664-6050

The focus is on the future. Jerstad-Agerholm students are in a position to be 21st Century leaders in the Racine community and beyond.



Jerstad-Agerholm offers the dual language program which encourages students to become bilingual in English and Spanish.



Accelerated track classes are available for students who demonstrate strength in core academic subjects.



Arts electives include music, visual arts, drama and dance.



Basic business, finance and economics lessons serve the students and community as we develop leaders of tomorrow.



Many extracurricular activities including AfterZones, National Junior Honor Society, golf, basketball, cross country, volleyball, flag football, floor hockey and track.

### Mitchell | 4K-8 (262) 664-6400

A premiere choice for an academically challenging, personalized educational program. Featuring small learning communities, Mitchell offers the dual language program which encourages students to become bilingual in English and Spanish.



Mitchell offers four business electives, including a student-created daily news program. Students have an opportunity to take part in the student-led school news program.



Mitchell AfterZones after-school programs include dance, soccer, gamers' club, homework help, art, technical education, including Project Lead the Way, ELL support for reading and math, STEM clubs, Fine Arts Club and Youth Leadership Club.



Fine arts electives including choir and a national award-winning band.



Mitchell School will offer intramurals including: boys and girls basketball, volleyball, track and cross country.

## Choice School options

### Gilmore Fine Arts | K-8 (262) 619-4260

Gilmore Fine Arts offers students a world-class fine arts education from kindergarten through 8th grade.



Offering specialized instruction in these disciplines: art, instrumental music, choral music, drama and dance.



Located near the Racine Theater Guild and Wustum Museum of Fine Arts offering unique learning opportunities.



Encouraging students to develop creativity, self-expression, focus and identity, while increasing academic success.



Gilmore Fine Arts will offer intramurals including: boys and girls basketball, volleyball, track and cross country.

### Walden III | 6-12 (262) 664-6250

Walden III encourages its students to "march to the beat of a different drummer." Offering a small family atmosphere, that gives students the freedom of an open campus. Named one of the best high schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.



Student-centered and staff-driven, Walden III curriculum is designed to add educational value to each student's life.



Through individualized assessments, faculty members work to find unique ways to motivate each student.



Staff develops relationships with the students and their parents/guardians to effectively reach educational goals.



Walden III offers intramurals including: boys and girls basketball, volleyball, track and cross country as well as band and choir.

### Starbuck Middle School | 6-8 (262) 664-6500

A Middle Years Programme International Baccalaureate school that features a challenging framework to encourage students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world.



Curriculum is designed to develop active learners through rigorous curriculum and project-based learning.



Empowers students to inquire into a wide range of issues and ideas of significance locally, nationally and globally.



IB prepares students to enter the full Diploma Programme or career-related programme at Case High School.



The IB curriculum encourages independent thinking while developing skills in working with others. Additionally, Starbuck Middle School offers the dual language program which encourages students to become bilingual in English and Spanish.



Starbuck Middle School will offer intramurals including: boys and girls basketball, volleyball, track and cross country as well as band and choir.

### The R.E.A.L. School | 6-12 (262) 664-8100

The Racine Engineering, Arts & Leadership (R.E.A.L.) School was founded in 2000 to cultivate an environment that encourages young people to become excited about learning.



Offers a small, tight-knit, grade 6-12 learning environment in a beautiful, newly re-designed facility.



Service-learning projects and activities help develop awareness of responsibility to the community and others.



In partnership with Gateway Technical College, The R.E.A.L. School offers engineering classes at the SC Johnson iMET center for its High School students. Upon graduation, students who successfully complete all of the pathway courses could receive up to 27 college credits in engineering.



The R.E.A.L. School offers intramurals including: boys and girls basketball, volleyball, track and cross country as well as band and choir.

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