

"After considering several area school districts, we chose Verona due to the awesome Mandarin Chinese immersion opportunity offered at VAIS in a public school setting. Bilingualism is something we can't provide our four kids at home. We are thrilled with the skill set they are developing, not to mention the amazing small-school feel, supportive parent community, and the staff who make our school shine!"

Tiffani and Mike Roltgen,
VAIS Parents



Our mission is to empower students with the knowledge, skills, and hands-on learning needed to be thoughtful, creative, and informed global citizens. Our unique approach helps students move fluidly between different cultures, languages, customs, and educational philosophies as part of their school experience.



Join the VAIS Community

If you're interested in touring our classrooms, learning more about immersion education, or enrolling your child, **please contact us today.**

Thinking of moving to Verona or Fitchburg? We'd love to talk with you about how our school stands out!



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Wisconsin's Only
Public K-5 Chinese Language
Immersion School



Verona Area International School (VAIS) is a tuition-free public charter school in the Verona Area School District offering Chinese-language immersion education since 2010.

We proudly provide a nurturing, world-class education to a culturally, racially, economically, and academically diverse group of elementary students.

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Why Chinese Immersion?

- Chinese is the most **marketable** language for today's professionals and provides a **competitive advantage** when applying to universities.
- Immersion learning **improves brain development** and **cognitive flexibility**.
- Immersion learning strengthens **problem-solving capacity** and **expands verbal skills** in native language.
- Children enjoy **learning traditions and academics** outside their everyday experience.

Why Start So Early?

- The best time for learning languages is when children are young.
- Children who learn a language before the onset of adolescence are more likely to have native-like pronunciation.
- Exposure to diverse cultures encourages acceptance and social curiosity at an early age.



What Makes VAIS Unique?

VAIS has unique aspects that you won't find in any other elementary school in Wisconsin:



Although our curriculum includes the usual core subjects of math, science, language arts, and social studies, 50-percent immersion setting means students spend half their day hearing, speaking, and writing in Mandarin Chinese and the other half in English.



Our curriculum has an international focus. Students regularly learn about other countries in the course of their studies.

VAIS also consistently scores in the Significantly Exceeds Expectations category on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction School Report Cards, even with students spending half their day learning Mandarin Chinese.