

AN INVITATION TO APPLY...

Superintendent of Schools



Wynantskill
Union Free School District

Message from the BOE

The Wynantskill Union Free School District is seeking a strong leader with a vision for educational innovation and excellence to become our district's next superintendent of schools.

The new superintendent will be an integral part of our unique school community, one of the only Pre-K to grade 8 districts in New York State. Our district, comprised of a single school building, enjoys an excellent reputation for the quality of its programs and offerings and a supportive community.

The five-member Board of Education is deeply committed to finding an educational leader with the background, qualifications and character to support our continuing efforts to increase student engagement and achievement. Questar III BOCES is assisting us with our search process.

The Board of Education will offer a competitive salary ranging from \$127,000 to \$142,000 with an attractive benefits package based on professional qualifications and record of accomplishments.

For more information about the Wynantskill Union Free School District, please visit our website at www.wynantskillufsd.org, Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WynantskillUFSD or Twitter page at www.twitter.com/WynantskillUFSD.





About the Community

The Wynantskill Union Free School District is located about four miles southeast of historic Troy and eight miles east of Albany, New York State's Capital.

Located in picturesque Rensselaer County, Wynantskill offers the advantages of small-town suburban living and easy access to a broad range of regional cultural, educational and recreational activities for every age, lifestyle and interest. Wynantskill is centrally located, with Boston and New York City within three-hour drives.

Rich with local history, the area is home to numerous historic sites, parks, libraries and museums. The region attracts numerous live concerts, plays, musicals and sporting events to the Times Union Center, Troy Music Hall, Proctors Theatre, Palace Theatre, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Racecourse, Tanglewood Music Center and Joseph L. Bruno Stadium (home of the Tri-City ValleyCats minor league baseball team).

Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy four seasons of activities amid the natural beauty of the Adirondack, Catskill, Berkshire and Green mountain ranges. Residents have access to the very best in boating, golfing, skiing, fishing, hiking, hunting and camping.

Our region is well known for higher education. These include Albany College of Pharmacy, Albany Law School, Albany Medical College, College of St. Rose, Empire State College, Hudson Valley Community College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Russell Sage College, Schenectady County Community College, Siena College, Skidmore College, University at Albany, Union College and Williams College.

Who Should Apply

The school district is seeking a dynamic and energetic leader who must hold or be eligible for New York State certification as a school district administrator.

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate will possess the following qualities and characteristics:

- Proven collaborative leadership experience characterized by strong communication skills, teamwork, delegation, integrity, honesty, trust and open-mindedness.
- Knowledge and experience in all aspects of school district management and operations, including board relations, budget development, curriculum and human resources.
- The ability to clearly articulate and effectively implement a vision for excellence by engaging all stakeholders.
- A commitment to providing a learning environment that engages and challenges students with diverse learning styles, abilities and interests.
- A strong understanding of the New York State Learning Standards, instruction of 21st century skills, student assessment and new state initiatives.
- Experience leading in a changing environment, including demonstrated success as a classroom teacher or related position, and/or principal/administrative position.

TIMELINE

July 15, 2020 Deadline for applications

July 2020 Interviews

August 2020 Board appointment

September 1, 2020 . . Start date

APPLICATION

Candidates should submit the following materials by July 15, 2020:

- Letter of interest
- Completed district application and current resume
- Placement folder and academic transcripts
- Copies of administrative certification(s)

SEND MATERIALS TO:

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About the District

Wynantskill Union Free School District is a small, rural Pre-K to grade 8 school district serving a growing student body of nearly 400 students in the village of Wynantskill and surrounding communities.

Students attend our full-day kindergarten program to 8th grade classes at Gardner-Dickinson School, which features small class sizes and individual attention. A Pre-K classroom started in 2018 helps prepare our youngest learners for a successful school experience.

Graduates from 8th grade have their choice of five High School options: Averill Park, Columbia (East Greenbush CSD), Tamarac (Brunswick CSD), Troy or Tech Valley. Wynantskill UFSD pays tuition to the districts for students to attend their high schools.

While a small school community, the district strives to offer student opportunities similar to larger schools including accelerated Art, a library research skills class and afterschool activities. The district also believes in the importance of field trips and class trips to enrich classroom instruction and deepen student bonds.

Wynantskill USFD enjoys strong community support. In 2014, the community approved a \$5.1 million Capital Project by a vote of 119 to 17. The project included a new building addition with bright classrooms, innovative instructional spaces and a performance stage that opened in 2018.

The district has a long history of financial strength from school budgets overwhelmingly approved by the community to positive audits and Fiscal Stress reports from the NYS Comptroller's Office.

DISTRICT FACTS

Student Enrollment:

393 at Gardner-Dickinson (Pre-K to Grade 8)
140 at local high schools
533 total enrollment

Staff:

1 principal
35 teachers
6 aides
4.5 clerical

Finances:

2019-20 School Budget: \$9,864,410

Per Pupil Cost	General Education	Special Education
Wynantskill UFSD	\$9,215	\$21,637
Similar Districts	\$11,910	\$32,854
All Public Schools in NYS	\$13,370	\$32,280

* 2018-19 data per New York State Report Card



Mission Statement

The mission of our community-based school is to create a safe, compassionate, progressive learning environment that recognizes individual needs and encourages all students to strive for personal and educational excellence.

As a small, suburban school district, rich with pride, we believe that by working together we can: create a dynamic program based on character, tolerance and diversity; provide opportunities for all to reach their fullest potential; empower all to achieve personal excellence and encourage a life-long love of learning.

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