

WELCOME TO PEDERSEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

We are a suburban K-4 school located to the east of Eau Claire in the Chippewa valley. Pedersen is a multi-unit school that serves approximately 525 students. Although we share a facility with the Middle and High School, we operate as separate entities.

Pedersen is a SAGE school which implements the program largely through dual classrooms containing up to 30 students and two certified teachers. Our school is named for Einar C. Pedersen who worked as an administrator, teacher, and coach in Altoona for 29 years until his retirement in 1975.

Our school community is made up of a dedicated staff, great students and many caring families. We look

forward to getting to know you and your child and having you actively take part in the strong traditions of caring, learning, appreciation of diversity, and commitment to high academic standards that make Pedersen so special.



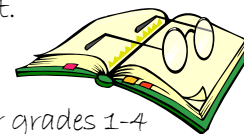
Pedersen Elementary provides many opportunities for our students and their families.

> **SAGE**- (Student Achievement Guarantee in Education) provides reduced student-teacher ratio, allowing more one-on-one interaction in grade K-3, rigorous curriculum goals, extended learning opportunities, and staff development.

> Extended opportunities with specialists in art, physical education, music and language arts.

> Title 1, Learning Disabilities, Emotional Behavior Disabilities, English Language Learner, as well as Gifted & Talented support.

> Study Club - skill building/remediation for grades 1-4



> Full time Reading Specialist, Guidance Counselor, and Library Media Specialist.

> Welcome Back to School Day in the fall to facilitate a positive relationship between student, family and the new teacher

> Numerous volunteer options as a classroom helper, mentor, tutor, or literacy buddy

> Active PTO that funds many important activities and events annually

> Breakfast Program

> Private before and after school daycare located on site



Pedersen Elementary is very proud of its numerous accomplishments.

*Consistently scoring above state averages on standardized test (WKCE and WRCT)

*Fully integrated, school-wide behavioral model based on the work of Corwin Kronenberg which teaches... students to live responsibly, be respectful, be safe, and work hard

*Altoona's largest barrier-free playground constructed in 2004

*Rigorous curriculum and report cards aligned with Wisconsin State Standards

*REACH (Resources for Educating All Children) Team which helps teachers design effective interventions for students struggling academically or behaviorally

*School-Based Mentoring program



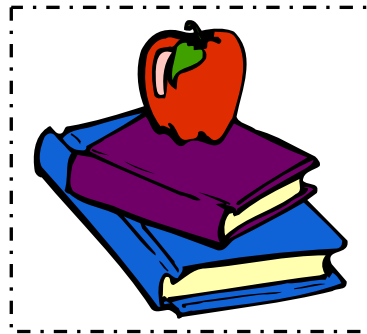
Philosophy of Pedersen Elementary

We believe... that Pedersen Elementary should provide the best possible education commensurate with our resources, so that each student will have an equal opportunity to achieve his

or her maximum potential as a member of our democratic society.

We believe... that the school should constantly strive to foster in each individual an appreciation of one's responsibilities to the society by providing him or her with the necessary knowledge and skills.

We believe... the school should encourage the development of aesthetic appreciation, critical thinking, self realization, physical fitness and creativity.



Here's what our students say about us:

"Pedersen is a great school!"

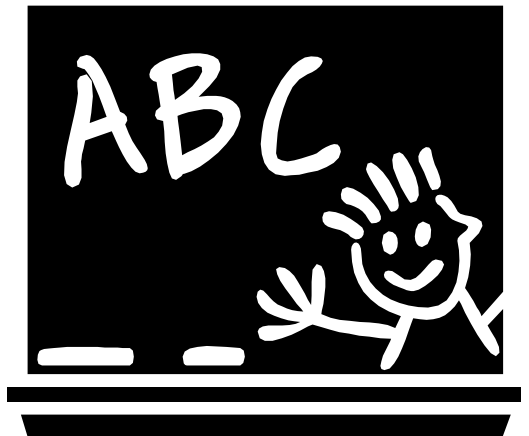
"Pedersen is fun and you learn a lot."

"I love this school!!"

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