

NATURE HILL INTERMEDIATE



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After five years of serving the Oconomowoc community, Nature Hill Intermediate School has established itself as a warm and welcoming environment where students excel in academics, the arts and athletics. We serve more than 800 students in 5th through 8th grades, who come to us from Meadow View, Ixonia and Greenland Elementary schools. With the rigorous preparation we provide our students in mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, music, visual arts, physical education and technology education, they leave us poised and ready to be successful at Oconomowoc High School and beyond!

The professional educators at Nature Hill believe that all students are capable of reaching high academic expectations when given the care, support and encouragement needed to do so. Our students perform exceptionally well on the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam, exceeding the state averages for students who are proficient or advanced in reading and mathematics. We attribute our success to giving students large blocks of time in which to engage with core academic subjects, a



highly skilled staff and a rigorous curriculum that embodies our belief that all students are capable of achieving at the highest levels.

With the push for academic success comes the need for strong, caring relationships between staff and students. Our teachers go above and beyond the call of duty to meet the social and emotional needs of our students. Our numerous extracurricular activities, including Photography Club, Robotics, and Backyard Games, further serve to connect our students to our school. Working collaboratively with our Parent-Teacher Organization, we are proud to offer a number of engaging events for students, such as the Fall Harvest Bash, Staff Sponsored Dance, NHI Talent Show and

more. It is these deep relationships within our school that make NHI such a special place.

Personalized learning is emphasized at Nature Hill Intermediate School. Our belief is that all students deserve an education that is customized around their unique skills, interests and abilities. This manifests itself in a variety of ways. Our Reader's and Writer's Workshop model allows students to build their skills in literacy by capitalizing on their interests and passions. Using the most up to date technologies, our teachers can assist our students in connecting themselves with the world outside of our walls. Cross-curricular projects, such as our 7th grade solar car project that combined art and mathematics, help our students see the relevance of their learning and the interconnectedness of our world. Building 21st-century learners is a constant goal at NHI.

During the 2013-14 school year, we look to build upon our prior achievements and take our students even further! Through a reorganization of our school day, we will be able to provide students with intensive, personalized interventions that will support our struggling learners and grow our advanced learners. We will continue to develop relationships by focusing on classroom meetings and fostering community within grade levels. Our teachers continue to grow in their knowledge of literacy to better accelerate our young readers and writers. As always, it will be a busy year at NHI.

The staff, students and families of NHI welcome the opportunities and challenges that a new school year always bring. We look forward to doing great things together!

Michael O'Connor, Principal

My four years of having both my children at Nature Hill has been a positive experience for our family. I appreciate the administration and teachers' commitment to a safe and successful learning environment.

—Nature Hill Parent Survey

Fast Facts

Wisconsin Knowledge & Concepts Exams

WI Accountability Rating: 75.6

Nature Hill

Exceeds Expectations!

Enrollment

- Students: 820
- Female: 51.2%
- Male: 48.8%
- Econ Disadvantaged: 21.7%
- Disabilities: 11.8%
- English Lang Learners: 1.5%

- American Indian: 0.5%
- Asian: 1.8%
- Black: 1.6%
- Hispanic: 3.5%
- Pacific Islander: 0.1%
- White: 91.5%
- Two or More: 1.0%

Attendance

- Attendance Rate: 95.9%
- Truancy Rate: 2.5%

Behavior

- Suspension Rate: 2.5%
- Expulsions: 0%

Class sizes

- G5: 25.1
- G6: 25.9
- G7: 28.3
- G8: 27.4

Teachers

- Full Time Equivalent = 45.2
- WI Teaching License: 100%
- Master's Degree+: 51.1%

School Facilities

- Grades: 5—8
- Opened: 2008
- Updated: NA
- Space: 124,000 Sq. Ft., 77.0 Acres
- Private Fiber Optic Wide Area Network

WKCE—Reading

		2009	2010	2011	2012 Legacy	2012 New
Nature Hill—	Number of DFAY Students:	—	—	—	41	41
Grade 4	Proficient or Advanced (%):	—	—	—	95	22
	Mean Scale Score:	—	—	—	478	478
	SD:	—	—	—	28	28
	WI Percentile Rank:	—	—	—	48	48
Nature Hill—	Number of DFAY Students:	168	168	187	156	156
Grade 5	Proficient or Advanced (%):	93	89	89	93	39
	Mean Scale Score:	497	485	491	495	495
	SD:	45	45	41	35	35
	WI Percentile Rank:	65	52	58	59	59
Nature Hill—	Number of Students:	150	171	182	193	193
Grade 6	Proficient or Advanced (%):	96	97	91	92	40
	Mean Scale Score:	518	522	510	513	513
	SD:	37	39	43	40	40
	WI Percentile Rank:	61	65	56	56	56
Nature Hill—	Number of Students:	176	157	177	185	185
Grade 7	Proficient or Advanced (%):	92	98	96	95	37
	Mean Scale Score:	532	528	537	524	524
	SD:	43	33	42	38	38
	WI Percentile Rank:	61	58	67	56	56
Nature Hill—	Number of Students:	152	182	163	178	178
Grade 8	Proficient or Advanced (%):	92	90	95	97	49
	Mean Scale Score:	540	541	539	549	549
	SD:	43	53	39	39	39
	WI Percentile Rank:	61	56	61	61	61

WKCE—Math

		2009	2010	2011	2012 Legacy	2012 New
Nature Hill—	Number of DFAY Students:	—	—	—	41	41
Grade 4	Proficient or Advanced (%):	—	—	—	86	46
	Mean Scale Score:	—	—	—	468	468
	SD:	—	—	—	27	27
	WI Percentile Rank:	—	—	—	46	46
Nature Hill—	Number of DFAY Students:	168	168	187	156	156
Grade 5	Proficient or Advanced (%):	90	89	92	93	71
	Mean Scale Score:	521	505	514	518	518
	SD:	46	43	42	37	37
	WI Percentile Rank:	68	56	61	65	65
Nature Hill—	Number of Students:	150	171	182	193	193
Grade 6	Proficient or Advanced (%):	89	95	89	93	69
	Mean Scale Score:	533	548	528	540	540
	SD:	39	43	40	39	39
	WI Percentile Rank:	65	70	59	63	63
Nature Hill—	Number of Students:	176	157	177	185	185
Grade 7	Proficient or Advanced (%):	89	94	93	94	69
	Mean Scale Score:	560	564	568	560	560
	SD:	43	44	44	43	43
	WI Percentile Rank:	68	73	73	68	68
Nature Hill—	Number of Students:	152	182	163	178	178
Grade 8	Proficient or Advanced (%):	90	87	91	89	68
	Mean Scale Score:	565	557	569	573	573
	SD:	42	43	41	44	44
	WI Percentile Rank:	65	58	67	68	68