



Washtenaw Alliance for Virtual Education

What is WAVE?

Washtenaw Alliance for Virtual Education (WAVE) is a free, public high school program serving students from all Washtenaw County school districts. WAVE offers a flexible, student-centered approach to learning for students who need an alternative to the traditional high school model. Support is provided by a team of in-person and online teachers and staff. Staff work together to design and administer a program aligned with state standards to prepare each student for their next steps.

What's Our Mission?

The mission of WAVE is to inspire students of all backgrounds and experiences to achieve academic and personal success through their own unique paths. We support holistic student development, both personal and academic. Staff and students work collaboratively to nurture the skills of self-advocacy, respect for other cultures, and pride in themselves. Our ultimate goals are to give students opportunities to become productive citizens in their communities and empower them with skills and resiliency needed to embrace life.

How Does WAVE Work?

WAVE offers a hybrid model in which students can complete coursework both online and in-person. We offer an advisory model in which each student is connected with an advisor who will help them navigate the program, provide academic support, communicate progress with the student and family, and design an individualized plan to help the student meet their specific goals.

How to Apply?

Any high school aged student located in Washtenaw County can apply to WAVE. There is an application link provided on our website: www.wavewashtenaw.org.

Once a student or family has completed this application, a WAVE staff member will contact the student or family directly with information about next steps.

Who Are WAVE Students?

100% of WAVE students qualify as at-risk in at least one category. 28% of our students receive special education services, compared to 13.1% state-wide. 15% of our students are homeless, and 46% are economically disadvantaged. WAVE students include a high number of students with significant mental health needs that have caused them to become credit deficient due to chronic absences or hospitalizations. We also serve a large LGBTQIA+ population, many of whom have been bullied or harassed in the traditional school setting. We serve students who are pregnant or parenting, court-involved, recovering from substance use disorders, or working jobs to support themselves or their families. We also have students who self-select into WAVE for a student centered, self-paced experience.

FAQs

Q. Can unaccompanied or homeless youth enroll?

A. YES! We serve numerous students who are considered homeless or unaccompanied. Our staff are familiar with the needs of these students, and are great at helping track down any necessary documentation.

Q. Is transportation provided?

A. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide transportation at this time. We can provide bus tokens for students living on a bus route.

FAQs Continued

Q. Can I come tour the space?

A. Absolutely! We love visitors from other community agencies and prospective families and students.

Q. How do I get more information?

A. Please visit our website at www.wavewashtenaw.org, or call us at 734-761-7027, or email us at waveoffice@googlegroups.com

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