

# THE WISCONSIN EDUCATOR

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*Happy New Year! We anticipate the many blessings the Lord has in store for 2026. May your dedicated work in educating for eternity yield an abundant harvest this year.*

## AACS Creative Writing Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the WACS Creative Writing Contest! First-place entries have now been advanced to the AACS National Competition.

### Elementary Short Story

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Amylia Jackson | Academy of Excellence
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Josephine Lane | Bay City Christian School
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Tie):** Jonathan Rains | Mukwonago Baptist Academy
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Tie):** Finley Hines | Waupaca Christian Academy
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Tie):** Abigail Childers | Faith Christian School

### Elementary Poetry

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Evelyn Franklin | Calvary Baptist Christian School
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Cassidy Henning | Mukwonago Baptist Academy
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Tie):** Josiah Jordan | Academy of Excellence
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Tie):** Ivory Mohn | Faith Christian School

### Junior High Short Story

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Jinger Henning | Mukwonago Baptist Academy
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Amy Wright | Calvary Baptist Christian School
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Isabell Tachick | Bay City Christian School

### Junior High Poetry

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Harmony Burgoyne | Academy of Excellence
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Tie):** Cameron Schmit | Bay City Christian School
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Tie):** Brielle Ailie | Liberty Christian School

## Maximize Your Savings with BJU Press!

As a benefit of your AACS membership, your school is eligible for exclusive savings on BJU Press materials.

### Save Up to 10% This Spring

Plan ahead and save big during the Early Order Discount window. For qualifying orders over \$1,000 placed between April 1 and May 31, 2026, AACS members receive a total discount of 10% off the Christian School Catalog textbook prices. This includes:

- A 5% Early Order Discount
- An additional 5% AACS Member Discount

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# WACS EVENTS

To view and download the full WACS Events Calendar, visit [www.wacschools.org/events](http://www.wacschools.org/events)



## WACS Day at the Capitol March 17, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wisconsin Family Council (WFC), in conjunction with WACS, is hosting a WACS-exclusive *Day at the Capitol*. This is a day devoted to connecting students with state government. Officials from different branches of our government, along with others who influence public policy in Wisconsin, will speak to students. There will also be time built in for Q&A.

More information on signing up will be sent out in early February.



## WACS Athletics 2025-26 Basketball Seasons

The 2025-2026 WACS Basketball Season is in full swing!

Season standings are updated weekly online <https://www.wacschools.org/athletics>. Scroll down the page to see the boys' and girls' team standings under their respective tabs.

The Boys and Girls State Basketball Tournaments will be held at Maranatha Baptist University on March 6-7, 2026. Tournament brackets are posted on the website.



## WACS State Academics & Fine Arts Competition

Registration for the Middle School and High School State Competitions is due by **January 30, 2026**. Be sure to visit the WACS State Competition webpage to access essential resources, including:

- The **NEW 2026 WACS Manual**
- Updated Judging Forms
- The 2026 Competition Calendar

If you have students eligible for national-level events, please ensure your school has the updated **2026–2030 AACS National Competitions Manual**. You can find the most current guidelines and requirements on the AACS website.



## Christian Educators' Conference

Join us back at the Glacier Canyon Lodge in Wisconsin Dells on October 8–9, 2026. This year, WACS will be joined by schools from Minnesota and Illinois for this special regional event.

We are honored to welcome Dr. David Anderson, President of Maranatha Baptist University, as our keynote speaker. We are looking for impactful workshop ideas! If you have speaker suggestions, please contact the WACS office.

Recruit a new exhibitor for the convention and earn one free staff registration. Full registration details will be available in early February 2026.