

WHY CHOOSE MINNETONKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

If you are looking for a school district that's focused on world-class, child-centered excellence in early childhood, elementary and secondary education, you've just found it!

The Minnetonka Public School District is known for academic rigor, excellence in the arts and athletics and flexibility for students and families. Strong schools are vital to a strong community and serving the greater good is a key component of our mission.

The Minnetonka Public School District is among the highest performing school districts in Minnesota—and the nation.

Minnetonka High School graduates 98 percent of its students, and 90 percent are college-bound. The Class of 2018 posted an average ACT Score of 27.7, with nine students from the class of 2018 earning a top score of 36.



TECHNOLOGY AND STEM COURSES RAISE ACHIEVEMENT



Minnetonka is a national leader in putting **educational technology tools** in the hands of students and master teachers. We are the first district in Minnesota to offer K-5 computer coding curriculum. Grades K-8 have HUB Maker and Coder Spaces (Minnetonka Foundation Endowment Project) that support creative, hands-on learning experiences around technology, design, making and engineering.

Our **1:1 iPad® program** (grades 5-12) offers digital curriculum, collaborative tools and planning applications.

Students can complete and submit homework, download books, watch recorded lessons, take notes and complete quizzes and assessments directly from the iPad. Highly trained staff use technology to personalize learning.

Our innovative curriculum equips students with the knowledge to solve problems, gather evidence and make sense of information by studying science, technology, engineering and math—subjects collectively known as STEM.

WORLD-CLASS FINE ARTS BUILD SELF-ESTEEM

Minnetonka is committed to excellence in Fine Arts and has been named one of the **Best Communities for Music Education** by the NAMM Foundation.

Classroom and choral music instruction begin in Kindergarten. Students can participate in instrumental music in grades 4 (orchestra) and 5 (orchestra or band). Small group and individual lessons are available to help students excel in vocal and instrumental music. Our high school choirs and orchestras perform and compete locally, nationally and internationally.

Students can also **develop their passion for the arts** through drawing and painting, art and design, 3D art, woods, creative writing and drama—all available as 8th grade electives.

Studio art students learn artistic expression through art production, art history and aesthetics.

Musicals are offered in our elementary, middle and high school. Minnetonka Theatre is recognized as one of the premier programs in the Midwest. It prepares cast and crews to be creative, critical thinkers, successful scholars and advocates for the arts.



Minnetonka Preschool

At Minnetonka Preschool, children explore the world around them and grow in a safe environment that focuses on **social, emotional and cognitive development**. Preschool curriculum aligns with District curriculum, making the transition to Kindergarten smooth and familiar.



- All preschool teachers **are licensed** in Early Childhood Education
- NAEYC accredited
- 4-Star Parent Aware Rating
- Combine with Junior Explorers for full-day care

Community Education

- Hundreds of enrichment, recreation, music and academic classes
- Explorers Club childcare at all elementary schools
- Parent-child classes for children birth to five years through ECFE

Minnetonka Community Education offers early childhood, enrichment, recreation, music and academic programs for children birth to 18 years. From art to archery, STEM to soccer and everything in between—there's a class or program that appeals to every child's interests and passions. Visit www.minnetonkacommunityed.org for more information.



Financial Stewardship

Minnetonka is one of just three school districts in Minnesota (and roughly 70 school districts in the nation) with a Moody's Aaa Bond Rating—the highest bond rating possible for any government or corporate entity.

School Board Policy directs **77% of the District's annual operating budget to instruction**. District administration consumes only 4% of the budget.

Buildings are **renovated** for long-term use and collaborative learning. Thanks to generous **private community funding**, kids enjoy modern sports fields and facilities. In 2015, voters approved local operating & technology funding which is expected to provide budget stability through 2025.



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Proudly Serving:

Chanhassen
Deephaven
Eden Prairie
Excelsior
Greenwood
Minnetonka
Shorewood
Tonka Bay
Victoria
Woodland

Minnetonka welcomes out-of-district students through Open Enrollment.



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Elementary^{K-5}

Minnetonka's K-5 class sizes are among the smallest in the metro area. Families choose **Chinese, English or Spanish language immersion** beginning in Kindergarten.

High Potential and Special Education services are offered at all schools. A unique Navigator Program, for the exceptionally gifted, is at Excelsior and Scenic Heights. We offer hands-on science curriculum for all grades. Early intervention/support is available to all students as needed.

Clear Springs: *English and Spanish*
Deephaven: *English and Spanish*
Excelsior: *English and Chinese*
Groveland: *English and Spanish*
Minnewashta: *English and Spanish*
Scenic Heights: *English and Chinese*



Middle School⁶⁻⁸

Language immersion in Chinese or Spanish continues at both middle schools, with the addition of French and German introductory courses for grades 7-8. Minnetonka offers **general, honors and some accelerated courses** in English, math, science and social studies.

Our middle schools offer rigor, choice, flexibility and support for students to discover talents and explore interests. More than 80% of our middle school students are involved in at least one after-school activity.

Minnetonka Middle School East
Fed by: Deephaven
Groveland
Scenic Heights

Minnetonka Middle School West
Fed by: Clear Springs
Excelsior
Minnewashta



High School⁹⁻¹²

Minnetonka High School is ranked among the **best high schools in America** with nearly unlimited opportunities for students to find and pursue their passions. Eighty-one percent of students participate in co-curricular activities.

Students excel in the four A's: **academics, arts, activities and athletics** while developing a moral compass that will guide them beyond high school.

- 28 **Advanced Placement** courses are offered beginning in 9th grade.
- As an **International Baccalaureate (IB)** World School, MHS offers 28 IB courses, including the full IB and IB Bilingual Diploma Programmes.
- **VANTAGE** melds rigorous learning with hands-on experience in a variety of professional settings.
- **Project Lead the Way** focuses on engineering curriculum and activities.
- **Tonka Online** offers flexibility with more than 50 online courses—from AP to PE.
- **Minnetonka Research** offers an authentic scientific inquiry and discovery experience for highly motivated students.

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