Preparing all students for post-secondary success.

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The Mounds View Public Schools Experience

At Mounds View Public Schools, students feel connected to their school. They feel safe in a learning environment that embraces diversity. They benefit from a Personal Learning Plan (PLP) focused on post-secondary success.

It’s Personal

Mounds View Public Schools teachers and staff get to know each of their students personally. The District’s Dean Model prompts students to develop a supportive relationship with an adult who maintains contact with students and their families regularly to ensure a personalized comprehensive learning experience.

Personal Learning Plans

Every Mounds View Public Schools student has a Personal Learning Plan (PLP). Teachers use students’ test scores and achievement data to tailor their daily instructional approach, and students and parents can view progress and receive performance benchmark data throughout the year by logging into the online parent portal, SchoolView. This online system allows parents and deans to receive performance benchmarks and track progress being made toward proficiency and preparedness for graduation and a post-secondary success.

A Personalized Educational Program

Mounds View’s comprehensive curriculum is based on the District’s learner outcomes, which incorporate state and national academic standards. Teachers concentrate on skills-based lessons at all levels of learning and differentiate their instruction to meet the learning needs of each student. Every student has different academic and social needs.

★ A wide range of world language offerings.
★ A variety of enriched and accelerated courses.
★ Online hybrid courses where the majority of the instruction is delivered online, supplemented by face-to-face instruction in a regular seminar.
★ Flipped instructional model in which the traditional teaching model is flipped. Students can use class time to work on assignments with help from the teacher and they can view pre-recorded lessons at home and as needed.

Individualized Attention

Every student has different academic and social needs. The District provides a variety of programs, courses and services tailored to all students.

★ Honors courses, independent study experiences and more high performance programs.
★ A full complement of mandated special education and related services for students with educational disabilities.
★ Services from birth to age 21 including Title I, English Language Learning, Indian Education, speech and language services, psychological services, occupational and physical therapy, school health services, social work services, chemical health services, emotional-behavioral disorder education, developmental adapted physical education and other state-mandated services.

All students receive individualized attention from Mounds View Public Schools, not simply the high performance groups and the at-risk students. Alternative learning programs within the District include the Area Learning Center, REACH Academy, BRIDGES Program, the Career and Life Transition Program and Adult Education.

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It’s About Post-Secondary Success

A Focus On College And Career Planning

At Mounds View Public Schools, the focus on college and career planning starts as early as kindergarten and continues throughout the K-12 experience. State-aligned assessments and a series of assessments created by the ACT organization help teachers advise students, target their instruction and provide the necessary intervention to guide students to meet academic and post-secondary school goals.

- In kindergarten, students take the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) exams. The MAP helps teachers make student-focused, data-drive decisions by providing growth and achievement data for every student in kindergarten through eighth grade.
- In eighth grade, all students take the EXPLORE test, providing a baseline assessment for future ACT results and offering an effective tool for planning future high school coursework to prepare for success.
- In 10th grade, students take the PLAN exam, providing a midpoint assessment and a powerful prediction of future ACT success.
- Mounds View Public Schools was the first school district in the state to offer a free onsite administration of the ACT to all high school juniors. The ACT allows students in 11th and 12th grade to demonstrate what they have learned and increase their post-secondary readiness levels.

Mounds View Public Schools Offers:

- Minnesota’s first comprehensive early college high school program.
- More Advanced Placement (AP) course offerings than most school districts
- College in the Schools (CIS) courses in partnership with the University of Minnesota and career and technical education programs in partnership with the Northeast Metro Tech Center.
- College credit for full or part time college attendance under the Minnesota Post-secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program.
- A career and technical education program.
- Access to an online career planning system called Naviance that helps students align their Personal Learning Plan goals with their post-secondary plans. Students and parents can track college applications from start to finish, learn about financial aid and scholarship opportunities, research colleges, prepare for standardized tests and more.
- A supportive community. In 2014, nearly $287,000 in locally generated scholarships was granted to Mounds View and Irondale High School graduates.

Proven Results

Nearly 90 percent of Mounds View Public Schools graduates are attending colleges and universities around the state, nation and even the world. With dozens attending the colleges that are illustrated the largest and fewer enrolled at schools represented the smallest, this star acknowledges all of the universities that enroll Mounds View Public Schools alumni.

STEAM

Science · Technology · Engineering · Arts · Math

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By integrating an arts component to the concepts of science, technology, engineering and math, District middle schools offer the curriculum enhancements of a STEAM program. This innovative curricular focus offers standards-based learning activities for students that integrate inquiry, creative expression and problem solving. The use of technology and engineering processes are applied to learning activities to engage students and promote understanding of relevant societal realities. Community partnerships are drawing on the talents of local companies and organizations to help schools implement a program with real-world value for students.

Instructional Technology

Mounds View Public Schools is committed to implementing technologies that best align with instructional needs. All schools have wireless access points throughout the building to make the Internet accessible anywhere in the building. All instructional spaces are equipped with LCD projectors. Technology being used in Mounds View Schools includes SMART Boards, iPads and iPods, mobile laptop labs, Vernier LabPro, virtual software, remote control student response “clickers” and more.
It’s For Everyone

Programs are in place at Mounds View Public Schools to ensure that race, class and disability do not predict students’ success.

It’s About Connections

Mounds View Public Schools teachers and staff get to know each of their students personally. That’s a big reason why students feel connected to their school.

A wide range of curricular and co-curricular offerings at Mounds View Public Schools offer students a variety of opportunities to feel connected. Students are involved in award-winning vocal, band and orchestra programs as well as school publications, speech, athletics, academic problem solving and other special activities that regularly advance to state, national and international levels of competition.

District initiatives are in place to help ensure all students feel connected to their school – even during the transitional years. Transitions set the tone for a student’s experience in a new school. That’s why Mounds View Public Schools developed a variety of comprehensive early childhood and transition activities to help students make smooth adjustments.

Starting School

Early Childhood programs offer classes for parents and children ages birth-kindergarten. The District’s Early Childhood center offers families access to a wide range of resources, programs, classes and screenings prior to enrolling students in kindergarten.

Transitioning to a New School

Programs designed to ease transitions for students entering into middle and high schools include peer mentoring activities and a first day of school devoted solely to sixth-graders at the middle school and ninth-graders at the high school.

Laurentian Environmental Center

The Laurentian Experience

District students have the opportunity to attend a multi-day environmental team-building and leadership development experience at the District’s Laurentian Environmental Center in the Superior National Forest in Northeastern Minnesota. Students participate in hands-on exercises like navigation and mapping to learn science, math and environmental lessons. More importantly, students learn leadership and problem-solving skills by participating in team-building missions and rock-climbing exercises amid acres of wilderness and diverse wildlife habitat.

Please visit www.laurentiancenter.org for more information.

Parents Stay Connected

Mounds View Public Schools parents are encouraged to play an active role in their child’s school experience. Parents can stay connected to their student’s daily schedules, attendance records, assignments, lunch balances, test scores, grades, Personal Learning Plans and more using the Mounds View Public Schools online parent portal known as SchoolView. The online portal, combined with open communication with school deans, teachers and staff, offers parents real-time information about their student’s progress, goals and more.

Ongoing communications about District and school news and events are delivered to parents and subscribers regularly via paperless e-newsletters. Emergency notifications can be delivered to all families in a matter of minutes in the event of a school closing or critical situation. The Mounds View Messaging system sends personalized voice, mail and text messages to parents’ phones and email addresses simultaneously.

Community Education

The District’s Community Education Program offers a variety of academic, social and recreational activities designed for students of all ages and grade levels. For more information about Community Education including Adult Education, Early Childhood and Family Education, Youth Programs, Parenting Education and Service Learning, please visit the Community Education page at www.moundsviewschools.org.
Top Metro School District

Mounds View Public Schools has earned a reputation for high expectations and outstanding achievement. National high school rankings, as reported by Newsweek and U.S. News & World Report, consistently put District schools among the top schools in the country. Mounds View Public Schools is a school district of more than 10,000 students whose test scores routinely rank in the Top 10 metro districts. Mounds View Public Schools matches the performance and opportunities of area private schools, yet offers the value of public schools.

Assessments Results 2013-2014

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Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment: MCA Scale Score

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Enroll

Located approximately nine miles north of the downtown areas of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Mounds View Public Schools (District 621) provides instructional services for children and adult learners who live in the cities of Arden Hills, Mounds View, New Brighton, North Oaks, Roseville, Shoreview and Vadnais Heights.

Mounds View is among the largest districts in Minnesota. With six elementary schools, three middle schools, two high schools, one alternative school and an Area Learning Center, the District serves more than 10,000 students and employs more than 1,400 staff. Each year Mounds View Public Schools enrolls hundreds of new students at all grade levels. To enroll, District residents can call the school serving their attendance area. Non-residents can inquire about openings by calling 651-621-6013.

Kindergarten Centers

PIKE LAKE EDUCATION CENTER
2101 14th Street NW
New Brighton, MN 55112
651-621-6075

SNAIL LAKE EDUCATION CENTER
350 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126
651-621-6426

Elementary Schools

BEL AIR
1800 NW 5th Street
New Brighton 55112
651-621-6300

ISLAND LAKE
3555 N. Victoria Street
Shoreview 55126
651-621-7000

CHIPPEWA
5000 Hodgson Road
North Oaks 55126
651-621-6400

PINWOOD
5500 Quincy Street
Mounds View 55112
651-621-7600

EDGEWOOD
5100 N. Edgewood Dr.
Mounds View 55112
651-621-6600

TURTLE LAKE
1141 Lepak Court
Shoreview 55126
651-621-7700

SUNNYSIDE
2070 County Road H
New Brighton 55112
651-621-7600

VALENTINE HILLS
1770 West Cty Rd E2
Arden Hills 55112
651-621-7800

Middle Schools

HIGHVIEW
2300 NW 7th Street
New Brighton 55112
651-621-6700

Mounds View
2425 Long Lake Road
New Brighton 55112
651-621-6800

Mounds View
1900 Lake Valentine Rd.
Arden Hills 55112
651-621-7100