OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS

ISD 279

ACHIEVING DREAMS

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In Osseo Area Schools, we inspire and prepare all students to achieve their dreams, contribute to community, and engage in a lifetime of learning. Our scholars benefit from exceptional opportunities, support and partnerships that help them graduate with the confidence, courage and competence to make their dreams a reality.

OUR SIZE IS AN ADVANTAGE

As Minnesota’s fifth-largest school district, Osseo Area Schools serves all or parts of Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Corcoran, Dayton, Maple Grove, Osseo, Plymouth and Rogers.

Our size is an advantage, allowing us to offer more academic and extra-curricular opportunities for your child to thrive; greater access to technology to enhance learning; and more staff to support your student’s individual learning needs.

ISD 279 students reflect our vibrant global community, coming from homes where more than 100 dialects or languages are spoken. Our schools are racially and culturally diverse, and students experience rich, real-life learning environments that prepare them for success in the 21st century workplace.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR STUDENT TO THRIVE

From your child’s first day of preschool or kindergarten until high school graduation, Osseo Area Schools offers students unparalleled learning opportunities—in the classroom, in the community, on stage and on the field.

In collaborative teams, our educators focus on equitable student achievement, which means ensuring high levels of achievement for all students, and accelerating growth for students of color and other student groups in order to close the achievement gap.

As students move from elementary through middle school to high school, they encounter increasingly complex ideas that build critical thinking skills.

In addition to academics, we leverage the performing arts, co-curricular and leadership activities, sports, and community service to give students a wide range of opportunities to find their path and round out their educational experience.

SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIPS OPEN DOORS TO AMAZING LEARNING

Our students don’t just sit in classrooms—they actively engage in learning and benefit from the added value offered by community partners. On any given day, you may see corporate mentors advising students of all ages, students raising money for international disaster relief efforts, or students video conferencing with subject matter experts around the world.

Thanks to a supportive community, our digital learning plan promotes personalized learning, which means students receive instruction that is delivered at the appropriate pace, is tailored to their learning styles, and motivates them based on their individual interests. The plan includes a one-to-one mobile device program; a learning management system (Schoology) that makes it easy to organize schoolwork and communicate with teachers; and teacher training in using digital tools for personalized learning.

Leadership activities—such as Model United Nations, Mock Trial and National Honor Society—enable your student to rise to the challenges of our globally connected world.

There’s no need to travel to earn a diploma that’s recognized around the globe; your child can enroll in our International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, recognized by the world’s leading colleges and universities.

Students in our automotive maintenance and light repair program can earn industry certification and gain access to corporate experts for first-hand information about the automotive field.

If your child’s interests lie in the medical arena, choose our health sciences program where students prepare for certification in a variety of health care careers and may be eligible to earn college credit.

In designated engineering and manufacturing courses, students have the opportunity to attain college credit from the University of Minnesota or St. Cloud State University.

In each of our comprehensive high schools, students can earn workplace-ready certifications in culinary arts and information technology.
OUR MISSION IS TO INSPIRE AND PREPARE ALL STUDENTS WITH THE CONFIDENCE, COURAGE AND COMPETENCE TO:

• ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS

• CONTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY

• ENGAGE IN A LIFETIME OF LEARNING
PREKINDERGARTEN & ELEMENTARY

A child’s first years of school provide a foundation for lifelong learning. Prekindergarten programming—available at every elementary school—incorporates research-based early learning standards developed by the Minnesota Department of Education. Our teachers and staff work together to ensure the concepts and skills taught in prekindergarten lay the groundwork for those taught in kindergarten.

Elementary students are introduced to a range of subjects, from reading/language arts to math, science, social studies, art, music (vocal and instrumental) and physical education. Students in fourth- and fifth-grade can audition for the Children’s Chorus, a districtwide performing group that has served the community for more than 50 years. Services are also provided at each elementary school to support gifted learners and students with special needs.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

In middle school, young minds thrive on active learning. Our middle school program keeps students engaged and challenged; helps them discover new interests; and supports their growth.

An interdisciplinary team of teachers focuses on your child’s academic, social and emotional needs. Students also have a regular advisory period that provides time for extra attention to academics, along with opportunities to build relationships with teachers and other students.

While in middle school, your child may even take courses eligible for high school credit.

HIGH SCHOOL

High school offers opportunities for students to explore, grow and prepare for entering the workplace or college. In addition to choosing core subjects and a wide range of electives, your child can participate in sports, theater, arts, clubs, music, community service and leadership opportunities.

Students have several options for earning college credit while in high school, including Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses, credit agreements with local community and technical colleges, and Post-Secondary Enrollment Options.

Our robust career and technical education offerings can help your child gain career-connected knowledge, skills and competencies that will help them succeed in life after high school. Students can even receive workplace-ready certifications in fields such as automotive technology, culinary arts, health care, and information technology.
CHOICES TO MEET YOUR CHILD’S NEEDS

As a large district, we’re able to offer a wide range of programs and school choices, making it easier for you to find options that meet your child’s needs.

**Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)** magnet program at Weaver Lake Elementary

**Arts magnet** integrating fine arts, drama, dance and music at Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts

**Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM)** magnet programs at Zanewood Community School and Brooklyn Middle

**International Baccalaureate** Middle Years and Diploma Programmes at Park Center Senior High

**Health Sciences magnet** program at Osseo Senior High

**Nationally certified automotive maintenance** and light repair program at Osseo Senior High

**Career certifications** in several fields including automotive technology, culinary arts, health care and information technology

**Advanced Placement** college-level courses at all high schools

**Gifted Education** services

**All-day kindergarten** at every elementary school

**Free or tuition-based** prekindergarten at every elementary school
LIFELONG LEARNING FOR ALL

Our Community Education program offers something for everyone. Whether your interests lie in travel, cooking, teen adventures, early childhood classes or swimming, you’ll find classes that are just right for you. We also offer outstanding after-school programs and Adult Basic Education classes for those who wish to learn English, improve academic skills, become U.S. citizens or polish their skills for the workplace.

SOME OF OUR SPECIAL HONORS

• Maple Grove Senior High and Osseo Senior High are two of the nation’s Best High Schools, according to U.S. News & World Report
• Weaver Lake was named one of the nation’s top three elementary STEM schools in 2015
• Minnesota School of Excellence honors awarded to Elm Creek Elementary (2017) and Woodland Elementary (2011)
• National Merit students honored each year
• Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars, Gates Millennium Scholars, Wallin Education Partners Scholars
• Award-winning staff: Minnesota National Outstanding Assistant Principal, Minnesota Elementary School Counselor of the Year, Minnesota Educational Support Professional of the Year, Minnesota School Business Official of the Year, Minnesota Council on the Teaching of Languages and Cultures Teacher of the Year, and more
• Only Minnesota school district named one of nation’s “Best Communities for Music Education” every year since 2009
• State and national award-winning magnet schools
• Recognized for excellence in financial reporting by the Minnesota Department of Education and the Association of School Business Officials International
• All-conference musicians in band, orchestra and choir
• State, section and conference champions in athletics
• Hennepin Theatre Trust Spotlight Award honorees, including statewide Triple Threat winners