Leadership

Mankato Area Public Schools makes great efforts to select leaders who strive for high-performance results. Shifts in leadership provide opportunities to benefit the overall district team. Throughout the organization, people are the most important asset.



Brian Grensteiner, Principal of Franklin Elementary School

Brian Grensteiner is Principal of Franklin Elementary School. He previously served has PreK-8 principal in Tri-City United Public Schools. He also served as a teacher in New Prague Schools.

Grensteiner has a bachelor's degree in secondary education from the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse, and master's and specialist degrees in educational administration from St. Mary's University.

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Dan Kamphoff, Principal of Rosa Parks Elementary School

Dan Kamphoff is the Principal at Rosa Parks Elementary School. Prior to Rosa Parks, he served as the principal at Hoover Elementary school in Mankato Area Public Schools for 11 years. Kamphoff also spent a year at West High School as the assistant principal. Previously to coming to Mankato Area Public Schools, he served as assistant principal at Guilford Middle School in Greensboro, North Carolina. He taught grades 3, 4, 6 and 8 in Greensboro as well as Independence Iowa.

Kamphoff received his bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa and a master's in school administration from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

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Michelle Kruize, Principal of Bridges Community School

Michelle Kruize serves as Principal of Bridges Community School. She previously served as principal at Rosa Parks Elementary School in Mankato Area Public Schools. Kruize's previous experiences include being an instructional coach for the Owatonna school district, administration at Willow Creek and as a teacher at Owatonna and Apple Valley high schools.

Kruize earned a bachelor's in elementary education from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls; a master's in educational leadership from Southwest Minnesota State University; and a specialist degree in administration from Minnesota State University.

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John Lustig, Director of Administrative Services

John Lustig is the Director of Administrative Services. His experiences in education include teaching social studies and serving as the Alternative Learning Center coordinator and technology integration specialist in Le Sueur-Henderson Public Schools, technology director for St. Peter Public Schools, principal and executive director for the Minnesota Valley Education District.

Lustig has a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, a master's in educational technology and specialist degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

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