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Greetings from Mankato Area Public Schools and welcome to the 2020 to 2021 school year!

What a whirlwind it has been over these past six months! We appreciate your patience as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic to provide a high-quality, well-rounded educational experience for students while also ensuring staff and student safety. We enter the school year knowing that we could very well use one of three learning scenarios: in-person, hybrid and distance learning based on local public health data. While all of these options will be provided in a safe environment, we understand that there are families who prefer distance learning and they can choose to do so for medical or any other reason.

Our entire school district stands ready and eager to challenge, support, nurture and motivate each and every learner as well as help make adjustments needed should we need to transition between in-person, hybrid and distance learning. We are excited to welcome all students no matter which option we start the school year with.

Parent and community support in Mankato, North Mankato, Eagle Lake and Madison Lake is critical to the success of our students. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to public education in our communities. We look forward to partnering with you throughout another exciting year of learning in assuring learning excellence and readiness for a changing world.

Communication with our families is a priority. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or suggestions on how we can continue to work together for the benefit of all students. Contact us anytime through the district's website, by email or by telephone at 507-387-1868. Let's get started!

Please contact me if I can be of service.

Sincerely,

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Preparing for students to come back to school

Mankato Area Public Schools Back to School Plan outlines three learning options that will be used: in-person, hybrid and distance learning. It's expected that all three scenarios will be used as they may change based on local county data about COVID-19 throughout the school year. Families may opt to have their students fully participate in distance learning.

Helpful information specific to MAPS hybrid learning:

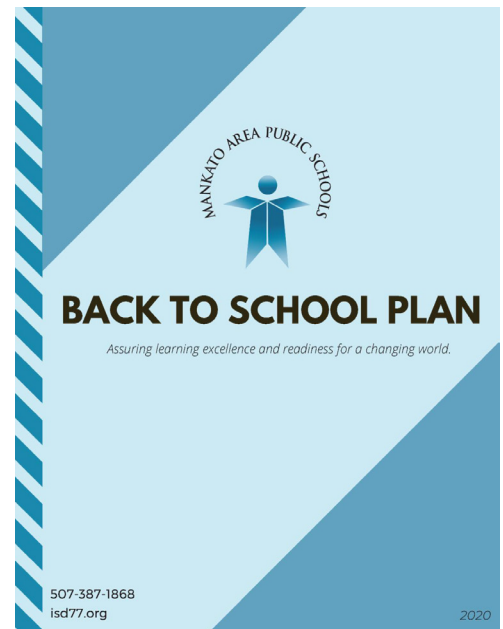
Students in grades PreK-5 will attend school daily with strict social distancing and capacity guidelines in place.

Students in grades 6-8 and 9-12 will follow a school schedule that rotates between in person and distance learning. Middle and high school schedules identifying individual student days on-campus will be shared by schools.

Other information within the plan includes daily health screenings, symptoms to look for, face coverings/masks, cleaning/sanitation protocols, transportation on school buses, safe food services, child care and other helpful resources.

Updated information will be posted on the school district's COVID-19 web page, which also includes district support links such as family resources, archived communications from the school district and resources from the Minnesota Department of Health. Specific details will also be shared by individual school principals.

For more information contact staff at 507-387-1868.



Bus rules put safety first

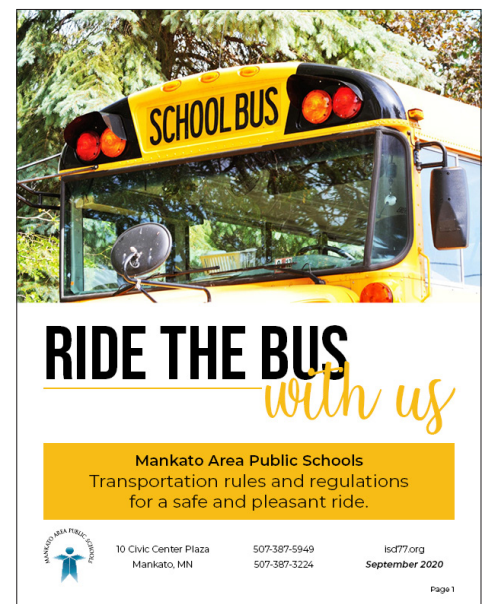
Mankato Area Public Schools (MAPS) provides transportation services for public and non-public students in the district. To be eligible for transportation, elementary students (grades K-5) must reside one mile or more from the school they attend, and middle and high school students (grades 6-12) must reside two or more miles from the school they attend.

Eligible riders will need to complete an annual transportation registration form, available by contacting Central Registration, 507-387-1868, or in the office of each school building. Requests for transportation to/from child care for grades K-5 can also be made by completing a MAPS daycare transportation form. This form is also available for pickup at all MAPS elementary schools.

Abiding by school district rules and policies while students are riding the bus is an important part of maintaining a safe and positive riding environment. View bus safety guidelines online.

For more information contact:

- MAPS Transportation Office: 507-387-5949 or 507-387-3224
- Palmer Bus Services: 507-386-0210. View service areas and schools online.
- Yaeger Bus Services: 507-345-5470. View service areas and schools online.
- MAPS inclement weather updates: 507-386-4777



Transportation enhancement outlines for fall launch

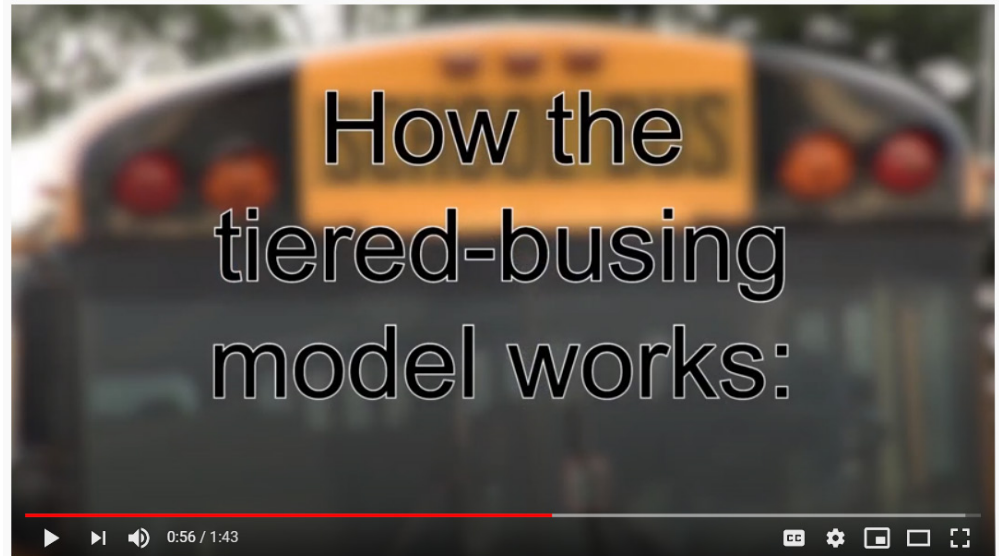
Youth at every age benefit

After careful review and study about tiered busing in detail, this transportation model will be deployed in the fall because it benefits youth of all ages.

How it works

Elementary students will be bused to school first, giving them a daily early start and dismiss each school day.

Middle and high school students will be transported on a second route so their school day will start and end later.



School start and end times for elementary, middle and high schools in Mankato Area Public Schools (MAPS) have been established for the 2020-2021 school year* to reflect the school district's transition next year to a two-tiered busing system:

- preschool 8 a.m. start time
- elementary schools 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Bridges Community School 8:20 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.
- middle schools 8:35 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.
- high schools 8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

*Due to COVID-19, school start and end times may be adjusted based on school delivery models.

Benefits and implementation

Through research, many advantages are reinforced:

- a later start aligns with older students' natural sleep cycles
- students spend less time on buses
- fewer transitions simplifies bus riding for students
- provides increased breakfast time for youth
- students ride with age-similar bus companions
- tiered-busing is a best fit to Mankato Area Public Schools' size
- opens space for families who want to contract for busing
- efficient and doesn't increase cost

Meaningful change and a commitment to continuous improvement is part of any organization's challenge. Especially when it's about providing excellent education to learners by continuing to offer the best possible experience for all students. Stakeholders, including bus companies, continue to part of the process to ensure a smooth transition. After-school care decisions were also important to outcomes. Learn more about the Mankato Area Public School Board's decision.

For questions or more information, contact Tom Sager, director of business services, at 507-387-3167.

Greater Mankato

Have a Heart.

LET'S DO  OUR PART

to get students back in school.

HOW YOU
CAN HELP:



Wear a face covering
or mask.



Stay home if sick or
have been exposed to
someone with
symptoms.



Wash your hands.



Stay 6 feet apart
from others.

We need your support to give as many students as possible the opportunity to return to in-person learning this fall. When everyone does their part, the community benefits:

- Students
- Parents/families
- Businesses
- Non-profit organizations
- Service groups

Diligence is important every hour, every day and in each personal decision made to safeguard our health and the health of others.

For students and the community, please do your part to help keep students in school.

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New multi-process welders expand student opportunities in welding labs

When Mankato East and West High school fabrication students return to the classroom, they'll have an opportunity to use the four new Miller Multimatic 220 welders, which were funded by an \$11,500 Educare grant.

The welders provide an upgrade and expansion within each school's welding lab. Students gain access and exposure to welding skills and techniques on industry standard equipment.

"Welding is in high demand locally and regionally," said Dave Evans, trade and industry instructor at East High School. "And fabrication has become more appealing to the younger generation with a few hundred students in the district taking welding courses. These classes give them insight into what a future career in welding looks like."

The welders have several capabilities including metal inert gas, flux core, stick and tungsten inert gas. Previously, demonstrations required four different welders. "The new welders provide versatility," says Kevin Dick, technology education instructor at West High School. "They streamline the learning process and allow for less downtime and more time working together."

Welding courses follow an industry-supported curriculum, which are guided by a community industry board focusing on meeting local needs. Many students connect with these community businesses and retain welding and manufacturing internships potentially leading to career opportunities.

Evans says students in welding courses learn 21st Century skills like critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity. "The welders not only bring new technology to our students, it also allows them to see a project come full circle while practicing essential skills."



East High School student Lindsey Lawton welds a lap joint in the welding lab at school. She plans to intern at a local business after graduation in preparation for a career in welding.

Mankato Area Public Schools' meal information

Studies show that quality nutrition optimizes student learning. Therefore, Mankato Area Public Schools strives to provide students with healthy food that tastes good.

Five healthy items are offered including milk, meat or meat alternative, fruit, vegetable and whole grain-rich items for each meal. Students are encouraged to take three which must include a half-cup serving of fruits or vegetables, which are provided in convenient packages can help students reach that goal.

For elementary students, breakfast costs \$1 and lunch is \$2.35.

For secondary students, breakfast is \$1.05 and lunch is \$2.65. Meals are provided at free or reduced cost for students who qualify. Families must reapply every year and may do so at any time by calling 507-388-7442 or emailing staff.



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 as 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.

Grensteiner can be reached at bgrens1@isd77.org or 507-345-4287.



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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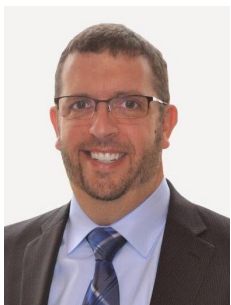


Michelle Kruize, Principal of Bridges Community School

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.

Kruize can be reached at mkruiz1@isd77.org or 507-387-2800.



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.

Lustig can be reached at jlusti1@isd77.org or 507-387-1868.



Mollie Meyer, Principal of Hoover Elementary School

Mollie Meyer serves as Principal of Hoover Elementary School. Prior to this, Meyer has served as K-6 principal in Tri-City United Public Schools. She has also taught at St. Peter and Mankato Area Public Schools; Minnesota State University, Mankato; and, as a teacher on special assignment in St. Peter Public Schools.

Meyer has bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and an education specialist degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

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Travis Olson, Director of Teaching and Learning

Travis Olson serves as Director of Teaching and Learning for Mankato Area Public Schools. Previously he served as principal at Franklin Elementary School. His experiences in education also include teaching elementary grade levels in Waseca and United South Central schools, elementary principal and assistant junior high principal in Glencoe and elementary principal at Kennedy Elementary School in Mankato.

Olson has a bachelor's degree from Concordia College, a master's and specialist degree from Saint Mary's University.

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Angela Potts, Director of Educational Technology and Information Systems

Angela Potts is the Director of Educational Technology and Information Systems. Her experiences in education include teaching at the middle and intermediate level in New Prague and Edina public schools, and an intermediate teacher and innovation coach in St. Peter Public Schools.

Potts has a bachelor's in elementary education and middle school science from Gustavus Adolphus College; and, a master's in differentiated instruction, education specialist degree in educational leadership and principal licensure from Concordia University, St. Paul.

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Marti Sievek, Assistant Principal of East High School

Marti Sievek is the Assistant Principal of East High School. Sievek's experiences include teaching high school Spanish, Instructional Technology Coordinator, Professional Development Coordinator and Interim Director of Teaching and Learning for Mankato Area Public Schools.

Sievek has a bachelor's degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato in Spanish Education, a master's degree of La Universidad de Salamanca, in Salamanca, Spain in Spanish Language and Cultures, a specialist degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato in Educational Leadership and K-12 Administration.

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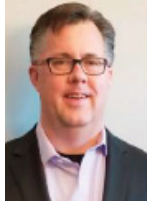
Kai Sill, Assistant Principal of East High School

Kai Sill is the Assistant Principal of Dakota Meadows Middle School. His experiences include teaching high school science and Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), coaching cross country and track and serving as the Continuous Improvement Coach at West High School.

Sill has a bachelor's degree from the University of St. Thomas, master's degree from Augsburg College and specialist degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

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Planning for the future to help students succeed

Environment and adequate space are important to student learning. Now, with COVID-19, ensuring there's adequate space is more important than ever to help keep students and staff healthy. One of the ways to help ensure spaces contribute to student success, Mankato Area Public Schools' officials have a long-range planning process. The community is an important part of this process because citizen input is important and helpful in shaping the future.

Data, including enrollment projections, are collected to help determine what to focus on, such as programs and activities, to best provide opportunities that benefit students and families. Examples of ideas that may be considered include building updates, increased learning space and activities.

"It's essential Mankato Area Public Schools' look ahead and prepare for changing demographics and student needs, while also considering how the current events can have an impact," says Superintendent Paul Peterson. "This aligns with our mission to assure learning excellence and readiness for a changing world."

For more information contact staff at 507-387-1868.



An elementary classroom before COVID-19. Adequate space is important to student learning.

Educare awards \$76,233 in Educator Initiative Grants to Mankato Area Public Schools

The Educare Foundation awarded \$76,233 in educator initiative grants to support innovative learning across Mankato Area Public Schools.

Grant awards for the current school year include: Virtual Reality Expeditions for East and West high schools; and, Prairie Winds and Dakota Meadows middle schools, \$31,223—brings the world to the classroom and provides opportunity for students to explore a variety of topics and experience immersive virtual settings from the Louvre to Mount Everest. Roller skating program for K-5, \$15,000—Elementary students will experience a roller skating program as part of their physical education curriculum.

Greenhouse for Mankato Area Public Schools' East High School and Prairie Winds Middle School, \$30,000—students will have the opportunity to study and apply topics including science, math agriculture and nutrition.

Support is also provided by Educare through Ed Waltman Mini Grants. Generally, up to \$24,000 are awarded annually in mini-grants.

A non-profit public entity, the Educare Foundation provides financial support to Mankato Area Public Schools beyond the normal operating budget. Since it's 1995 beginning, Educare has funded more than \$1.3million grants.

Educare supports programs and activities that enhance educational opportunities for all students and encourages teachers to explore new ways of learning and provides a vital link between the community and the classroom. Learn more about Educare.



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Support the wonder of learning

The Educare Foundation has provided more than \$1.3 million in financial support to Mankato Area Public Schools to fund programs and activities that go beyond the normal operating budget. Through this funding, teachers are enabled to enhance educational opportunities for all students, explore new ways of learning and provide a vital link between the community and the classroom.

For more information about the Educare Foundation, call 507-387-1868 or visit www.educarefoundation.org.

We appreciate your generous support of Educare.

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Private vs. public information - important to know

Information...what is private? What is public? The following information is provided to raise awareness about data privacy practices regarding student information.

Privacy rights

Education records are classified as private data on individuals by state law and are accessible only to the student's parent/guardian or a student who is at least 18 years old. The school district may not disclose private records or their contents except as summary data without the prior written consent of the parent/guardian or the eligible student. In some cases, private records may not be accessible to parents/guardians. State law provides that certain information in a student's education records be accessible only to that student and to the parent/guardian under special circumstances, if at all.

Directory information

What is directory information?

Directory information includes the student's name, address, telephone number, email address, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, attendance dates, grade level, enrollment status, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of athletic team members, degrees, honors and awards received, the most recent educational agency or institution attended by the student, photographs of students taking part in officially recognized activities, sports and academic or nonacademic classes or programs and other similar information.

Note: Directory information does not include information about a student's religion, race, color, disability, social position or nationality.

Is directory information public?

Yes. A school district may disclose this information from a student's education records. However, if a parent/guardian or student chooses, the information will not be released without prior written consent except to school officials as provided under federal law.

Disclosure of data to military recruitment officers

The school district will release names, addresses and home telephone numbers of secondary students to military recruiting officers within 60 days after the request date unless a parent/guardian or eligible student has refused in writing the release of this data to military recruiters. Data released under this provision may be used only to provide student information about military service, state and federal veterans' education benefits and other career and educational opportunities the military provides.

Do I have to release data to military recruitment officers?

A parent/guardian or eligible student has the right to refuse the release of directory information to military recruiting officers and must notify the Mankato Area Public Schools' director of human resources in writing by September 15 of each year. The written notification must include the names of the student and parent/guardian, home address, grade level, school, parent's legal relationship to student and the information that should not be released to military recruiters without prior consent. Keep in mind that refusal to release the information does not affect the school district's release of directory information to the rest of the public, including military recruiting officers. To make any directory information about a student private, follow the procedures under "How do I make directory information private?"

How do I make directory information private?

A parent/guardian or eligible student must submit a written request that includes the student's name, home address, school, parent's legal relationship and specific category or categories of directory information that should remain private to the building principal within 30 days after the date of the last publication notice. If parents/guardians do not want their child's or eligible student's directory information released to military recruiting officers, the school district must be notified that the directory information should not be released to any member of the public, including military recruiting officers.

How do I obtain nondisclosures of directory information?

A written notice from the parent/guardian or eligible student should be sent to the district's director of human resources and must include the student's name, home address, school presently attended by student, parent's legal relationship to student (if applicable), specific categories of directory information not to be made public without prior written consent, which shall be applicable for that school year.

For more information about public information guidelines, contact John Lustig, director of administrative services, at 507-387-3017. Written correspondence may be sent to Lustig at 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001.

School safety is a priority

Integrated Pest Management

In compliance with the Parents Right to Know Act of 2000, Mankato Area Public Schools has an integrated pest management plan designed to minimize the risk to human health and the environment as well as reduce use of chemical pesticides.

Mankato Area Public Schools does not apply pesticides on school property unless all other measures have not worked. If insect control sprays and dusts need to be applied, it is done when students are not in the area during application and until product has dissipated.

For questions, more information, or if there's interest in being notified prior to an application, contact Scott Hogen, director of facilities, at 507-345-5311.

Asbestos lookout

Mankato Area Public Schools, in accordance with the Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), has a stringent inspection and management program for all building materials containing asbestos.

The district strives to maintain a safe and healthful environment for students and staff. Every three years, all buildings owned and leased by the district are re-inspected by a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) accredited inspector for asbestos content. All materials containing asbestos are surveyed every six months along with visual inspections to ensure a minimal level of health risks.

For questions or more information, contact Scott Hogen, director of facilities, at 507-345-5311.

Any materials needing repair or removal are done safely and responsibly under the district's asbestos operation and maintenance program. Mankato Area Public Schools has a list of locations and types of asbestos containing materials found in its buildings. A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for review in the district's facility office, 10 Civic Center Plaza.

Indoor air quality

Mankato Area Public Schools is committed to providing and maintaining good air quality. During the COVID pandemic, please be assured that the MAPS facilities, maintenance and custodial staff is working diligently to ensure that the intake of fresh air throughout all our buildings is being monitored and maximized continuously.

Schools follow EPA guidelines to improve Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) by being proactive. Throughout the year, air quality is regularly monitored and air handling systems are maintained to ensure good quality.

District health and safety department staff follow-up on any reported items. Mankato Area Public Schools has agreed to administer an IAQ Management Plan, which includes taking a team leadership role, coordinating emergency response and serving as an information resource.

Water and radon testing for safety

Mankato Area Public Schools diligently tests for lead and radon during the required water and radon testing schedule. Buildings are placed on a five-year rotation and follow Minnesota statutes regarding lead in water (121A.335) and radon guidelines and protocols (123B.571). View information, testing schedules and results, or contact the facilities department at 507-345-5311.



2020 - 2021 Student Calendar

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Adopted 8/20/20

- ★ Classes Begin for Grades 9-12/ End for Grades K-12
- ★ Classes Begin for Grades K-8
- ◇ K-12 Distance Learning Days
- ◆ No School K-5
- No School K-8
- No School K-12

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Recognitions

Mankato Area Public Schools recognizes the following employees for their years of service and dedication to students.

35-year awards

Brian Eggersdorfer - Eagle Lake Elementary School
Kay Green - Roosevelt Elementary School
Sandy Hasse - Dakota Meadows Middle School

30-year awards

Terri Carroll - Roosevelt Elementary School
Heidi Dauer - West High School
Dianne Johns - Franklin Elementary School
Roxanne Leiferman - Dakota Meadows Middle School
Cindy Page - East High School
Kristen Toner - Dakota Meadows Middle School

25-year awards

Nancy Benson - West High School
Marilyn Biedscheid - Roosevelt Elementary School
Gerry Bowe - Prairie Winds Middle School
David Burgess - East High School
Scott Carlson - Monroe Elementary School
Kristin Dauk - Dakota Meadows Middle School
Laurie Erstad - Family Learning Center
Linda Gravley - Franklin Elementary School
Patrick Griffiths - West High School
Kelley Hokeness - Rosa Parks Elementary School
Pamela Kibble - Kennedy Elementary School
Kayle Koble - Roosevelt Elementary School
Laura Linde - Eagle Lake Elementary School
Christina Makela - West High School
Steve Matthes - East High School
Cheryl Menke - West High School
Jill Mueller - Rosa Parks Elementary School
Carol Oberle - Family Learning Center
Debra Peterson - Intergovernmental Center

Check your student's progress in real time

A tool to help students be successful is one where parents are able to check on student information using the Infinite Campus® Parent Portal—an online resource that's available by app too, so it can be used on a smartphone or tablet. At the elementary level, parents view basic demographic information, food service balance and attendance; at the secondary level, parents can also check grades, schedules and grade book assignments 24/7. Students like the online grade book too, because it helps them keep tabs on how they're doing.



Learn more about the Infinite Campus parent portal or go to Central Registration. To get started, visit one of your children's schools or Central Registration, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, to pick up a GUID number that will allow you to register online.

For questions or more information contact district media and technology staff at 507-387-7698.

How to find Mankato Area Public Schools' attendance areas

Finding school attendance areas and busing eligibility is as easy as 1, 2, 3. Determine eligibility for busing online:

1. Select student's grade.
2. Enter address.
3. Click Find School/Transportation Information button to start the search.

Benefits of this online search tool includes 24/7 access and convenience because it can be accessed from anywhere there's internet access.

Not riding the bus? View Safe Routes to School for Franklin, Jefferson, Kennedy, Roosevelt, Rosa Parks and Washington elementary schools.

Still have questions or need assistance? Mankato Area Public Schools' Central Registration office is another resource to help. Staff can assist with registration, attendance area and busing questions.

For more information contact staff at 507-387-2125.

School/Transportation

School/Transportation Search

Simple School/Transportation Search

Step 1: Select a grade
Select a grade from the drop down below. This will be used to determine school and transportation information.

Step 2: Enter address information
Minimally, a valid house number and street is required to obtain information.
Zip/postal code may be required for certain addresses.

House #: Street: Zip:

Step 3: Start the search
Click the "Find School/transportation Info" button below.
Versatrans e-Link will retrieve pertinent transportation information for you.

Special education services helping students be successful

Mankato Area Public Schools serves students with disabilities from birth through age 21. Federal and state laws guide the school district in identifying, evaluating and serving students with disabilities. A team of special educators, general educators and families work together to develop an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) for students who meet the criteria for services. The team considers the student's present level of performance, identifies educational needs and develops goals to meet those needs in the least restrictive setting.

Mankato Area Public Schools provides a continuum of services for students with disabilities. Special instruction and services are provided in: autism spectrum disorders, blind-visually impaired, deaf-blind, deaf and hard of hearing, developmental cognitive disabilities, developmental delay, emotional or behavioral disorders, other health disabilities, physically impaired, specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairments and traumatic brain injury.

Prior to age six, a child who needs special instruction and services because of a substantial delay or identifiable physical or mental condition that hinders normal development is considered a child with a disability. Most students receive special education in their neighborhood school. The district also has specialized programs for students who need more support.

For more information on identifying, evaluating and providing service to students with disabilities, contact your child's school principal or student support services at 507-387-1818.

Follow Mankato Area Public Schools on social media



Whether its photos of Vex Robotics teams competition results, Math League teams, kindergarten classrooms or weather-related announcements, a variety of recognitions and information can be found on Mankato Area Public Schools' social media feeds. The district uses its social media presence to share about the great things happening in its schools, including information about no school days and late starts, to name a few.

Accountability is important to school officials and social media provides another great communication medium for sharing information and engaging with public school stakeholders. Follow Mankato Area Public Schools on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

For more information contact Mankato Area Public Schools at 507-387-1868.

Health services helps start the year off right

Immunizations

For the health and safety of all children in the schools, immunizations must be current to begin the school year. Children who cannot be immunized for medical reasons or whose parents are opposed to immunizations need to provide proof of legal exemption. Use the Minnesota Department of Health immunization law chart to view immunizations that are required to begin the school year. Please contact your health care provider if you have questions about immunizations.

Health census form

Please complete an annual health census form indicating any life-threatening allergies or chronic health conditions.

Consent for administration of medication during the school day

A medication consent form called “Consent Form for Administration of Medication During the School Day,” must be completed and on file with Mankato Area Public Schools’ Health Services before a student takes any medications including inhalers, insulin or epinephrine auto-injectors at school. Medication consent forms are provided by health services, area medical clinics or online. A parent/guardian must provide and bring all medications in their original containers to the school.

When to stay home

Children should stay home if they have a fever of 100.4 degrees or more. They should remain at home until they are fever-free without the use of medications for 24 hours. If a child is vomiting or has diarrhea, he or she should remain at home 24 hours after the last episode. If a child has a rash or skin condition of unknown cause, it is important to check with a health care provider before sending him or her to school. If a child is ill, please call the school each day the child is absent and what the symptoms of illness are. Parents/guardians are expected to monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day. Students who are sick should not attend school in-person.

For more information contact Mankato Area Public Schools’ Health Services: East High School at 507-207-3730, or West High School at 507-387-3488. Information is available at online.



The Public Information Office publishes Mankato Area Public Schools’ Focus newsletter annually to share school news with parents and guardians.

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Education for all

Mankato Area Public Schools' staff and faculty are committed to helping everyone succeed. Discrimination is prohibited in policies and practices regarding district personnel and students under section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act. Discrimination against anyone with a disability* will not knowingly be permitted in any school programs or practices.

Staff and faculty work to effectively communicate with those who have disabilities to ensure they are given educational opportunities they have the right to receive. Staff and faculty will help eligible students by identifying, evaluating and providing access to needed educational services.

Parents/guardians who disagree with the district's staff determination have a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act provides parents/guardians rights related to educational records by allowing them to:

Inspect and review their child's educational records.

Make copies of these records.

Receive a list of all individuals sharing access to these records.

Ask for an explanation of any item in the records.

Ask for an amendment to any report if it is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the child's rights.

Receive a hearing if the school refuses to make the amendment.

*Qualified disability: Mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working.

For more information, contact student support services at 507-387-1818.

Right to know

Parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student who attends Mankato Area Public Schools have a right to know about the professional qualifications of the teachers who instruct their child(ren). The Every Student Succeeds Act provides the right to ask for the following information about each child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the State of Minnesota has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status by which state licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any instructional aide or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

To receive any of the above information, contact John Lustig, director of administrative services, at 507-387-3017.

Accident insurance option available

Parents/guardians have an option to purchase accident insurance for their children through Student Assurance Services, Inc. of Stillwater, Minnesota. This plan will provide benefits for medical expenses incurred because of an accident.

For more information, contact Mankato Area Public Schools' administrative offices at 507-387-3167.

Mankato Area Public Schools does not provide health or accident insurance for injuries children incur at school.

Mankato Area Public Schools

School	Grade(s)	Times*	Contact	Phone
Bridges Community School 320 Garfield Avenue North Mankato	K-5	8:20 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.	Michelle Kruize	507-387-2800
Central Freedom School 110 Fulton Street Mankato	9-12	8:20 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Brian Hansen	507-387-3047
Central High School 110 Fulton Street Mankato	K-5	8:30 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.	Brian Hansen	507-387-3047
Dakota Meadows Middle School 1900 Howard Drive North Mankato	6-8	8:35 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Carmen Strahan	507-387-5077
Eagle Lake Elementary School 500 Le Sueur Avenue Eagle Lake	K-5	8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Jason Grovom	507-257-3530
East High School 2600 Hoffman Road Mankato	9-12	8:45 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.	Jeff Dahline	507-387-5671
Futures 1610 Commerce Drive North Mankato	K-12	8:35 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.	Sara McMonagle	507-387-1455
Franklin Elementary School 1000 North Broad Street Mankato	K-5	8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Brian Grensteiner	507-345-4287
Hoover Elementary School 1524 Hoover Drive North Mankato	K-5	8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Dan Kamphoff	507-388-5202
Jefferson Elementary School 100 James Avenue Mankato	K-5	8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Scot Johnson	507-388-5480
Kennedy Elementary School 2600 East Main Street Mankato	K-5	8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Steve Rustad	507-387-2122
Monroe Elementary School 441 Monroe Avenue North Mankato	K-5	8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Steve Johanson	507-387-7889
Prairie Winds Middle School 1200 Prairie Winds Drive Mankato	6-8	8:35 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Monde Schwartz	507-345-6625
Roosevelt Elementary School 300 West Sixth Street Mankato	K-5	8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Ann Haggerty	507-345-4285
Rosa Parks Elementary School 1001 Heron Drive Mankato	K-5	8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Dan Kamphoff	507-387-7672
Washington Elementary School 1100 Anderson Drive Mankato	K-5	8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Shane Baier	507-345-3059
West High School 1351 South Riverfront Drive Mankato	9-12	8:45 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.	Sherri Blasing	507-387-3461

*Due to COVID-19, school start and end times may be adjusted based on school delivery models.

Answers to frequently-asked questions about attendance exceptions and open enrollment

Enrollment options

Q: What is open enrollment?

A: Open enrollment creates opportunities for those who live outside of district boundaries to attend Mankato Area Public Schools. Kindergarten through 12th grade students may apply to attend a school outside of their district. For example, if a family that lives in another community wants their children to attend Mankato Area Public Schools, they fill out an application to do so.

Open enrollment applications must be submitted by January 15 for fall enrollment. Students who are accepted agree to attend Mankato Area Public Schools for the upcoming school year.

Attendance exceptions

Q: What are attendance exceptions?

A: Attendance exceptions are designed for those who live inside district boundaries and want their children to attend another school building outside of their neighborhood. To be eligible for an attendance exception, families must meet one of three criteria:

childcare;
legal matters;
residential (family moves during the year and they apply to finish the school year at their respective school).

Kindergarten through 12th grade students may apply to attend another Mankato Area Public School building. Attendance exception applications are due by April 1 and need to be done annually.

Exceptions depend upon meeting criteria and space availability. Families authorized for an attendance exception provide their own transportation to the school they've been approved to attend.

Q: Why are there criteria for open enrollment and attendance options?

A: Mankato Area Public Schools' strives to provide a quality, well-rounded education to students at all 16 schools within the district. In fact, more than 95 percent of students go on to college, technical and trade schools, full-time employment or military service. When considering open enrollment and attendance exception options, it's important to balance family and district needs. The district works to avoid overcrowding at schools. Other considerations are expected growth within the schools and how to best meet needs across the district. Criteria encourage consistency and equity with quality education as the goal.

Q: How do I learn more about open enrollment or attendance exceptions?

A: Call the Mankato Area Public Schools' central registration office at 507-387-2125 or email staff for assistance.

Education for life

If you know someone who wants their children to attend Mankato Area Public Schools, they can enroll by calling 507-387-2125. Detailed information about Mankato Area Public Schools is available at online and by telephoning 507-387-8516.

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