







Welcome to Eastern Carver County Schools: Learning for the 21st century

Here within the Twin Cities suburbs we are replacing the factory model of education by asking the question, “What’s best for the academic and social growth of each learner?” Our students are given the power to shape their education, supported by high academic standards and guided by caring and knowledgeable staff. Personalized learning creates learners who

are motivated and excited about coming to school. Students have opportunities to develop passion projects where they can make connections between school and topics that they care about. High-achieving students are never held back, but are encouraged to go as far and as fast as they can. Students who need additional support can choose to learn in the ways that

work best for them. We are student-centered with teaching practices that adapt to the student.

Eastern Carver County Schools is a model for a 21st century education. Visit us and see what’s possible.

See more at:
WeArePersonalizedLearning.org



Traditional classrooms	Personalized classrooms
One-size-fits-all	Options – how do you learn best?
Teacher dispenses knowledge	Students seek knowledge, based on standards
Passive learning	Active learning
–	Teachers direct & shape learning experiences
Rows of desks	Adaptable, comfortable environments
Age/grade determines what you learn	Knowledge determines what you learn
Fail test = failing grade	Focus is on learning & mastery, not failure

What do parents think about our schools?



See the full results at tiny.cc/ECCS-survey.



Preschool & Early Childhood

Students love our caring staff and fun activities that challenge their developing brains. Parents appreciate an academic focus that makes learning enjoyable for young children.

- Full-day and half-day preschool
- Spanish immersion preschool
- Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Family Literacy and Early Intervention

96% of our 4-year-olds and 85% of 3-year-olds are at or above MATH growth range



Early Childhood Screening

If your child is between three and five years of age and you are a resident of our district, we have caring staff who can help you with an early childhood screening free of cost. This is a simple screening that every child is required to complete before entering kindergarten.

Call us at 952-556-6400 or schedule an appointment online at tiny.cc/Screening.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten is the beginning of a child’s learning journey. We offer an outstanding all-day program that has been carefully developed to challenge each learner at the appropriate level. We’ve embedded STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) into our kindergarten curriculum to provide opportunities for problem-solving and critical thinking. Students are engaged and take ownership of their learning as they are guided by excellent teachers who utilize the right technology tools. Creativity is fostered through student participation in Music, Art, Physical Education and Media classes.

Kinder Academy

Unsure whether your child is ready for kindergarten? Consider Kinder Academy. It is kindergarten for young five-year-olds, such as those with summer birthdays. Kinder Academy allows children who are ready to progress to first grade after one year. Those who would benefit from additional time stay in Kinder Academy for a second year, with curriculum customized to their learning needs. They become the classroom leaders, helping the teacher and being role models for their younger peers. This program requires up to a two-year commitment by parents.

Visit tiny.cc/KinderPage for more information.



Elementary school

- Art - featuring Teaching for Artistic Behavior (TAB)
- Music
- Physical education
- Media, including digital literacy
- High-quality curriculum for language arts, math, science and social studies

Offering these opportunities during the school day gives students variety in their schedules and allows more time to experience activities they might pursue later in life.

WHEN YOU VISIT US, ASK US ABOUT: The voice and choice students have with personalized learning.

ONLY IN EASTERN CARVER COUNTY SCHOOLS

Hands-on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) lessons are integrated into every classroom at all grade levels.

More than 900 elementary students districtwide work above grade level — because we challenge all students at their learning level, removing artificial barriers to authentic learning.

COMMITMENT TO LOW CLASS SIZES

K = 20.5 • 1-2 = 23.5 • 3 = 25 • 4-5 = 27

Middle School

Support for maturity and excellence

Students are carefully guided as they explore their evolving interests and build independence. Our middle school staff are dedicated to fostering their learning and maturity. Award-winning teachers personalize lessons for each student, respecting their individuality.

Fostering responsible young adults

Students meet daily in an advisory program that addresses the affective needs of young adolescents. The curriculum includes character education, academic skills for success, service learning, team building and post-secondary exploration. Advisors support each student in healthy development, smart choices in and out of the classroom, and academic success.

Inspiring your student

- **Reading between the lines.** Students are introduced to literature, different forms of writing and speaking, and critical thinking through our Language Arts program.
- **Adding it all up.** In mathematics students can access high school curriculum (Algebra II and Geometry) when they are ready. Additional support is available to help students progress at the pace that is right for them.
- **Taking a closer look.** In science, we mirror the practices of professional scientists and engineers in fully-equipped laboratory classrooms.
- **Past, present and future.** The social studies curriculum prepares students for research, documentation and analytical skills to think like a historian.

Students go beyond the core curriculum with more choices to suit their individuality and their interests:

- art • business • computer technology • family and consumer science • music • personal wellness
- technology education • world language

WHEN YOU VISIT US, ASK US ABOUT: How middle school students can earn high school credit.

Middle school students have a range of choices for after-school activities:

- Sports (track & field, tennis, fencing, soccer, basketball and more)
- Robotics (FIRST Tech Challenge)
- Youth leadership and service learning
- Music academy (private lessons, marching band, garage band, country/bluegrass ensemble)

Visit www.ce4all.org to see a complete list of middle school athletics and activities.



High School

You won't get lost in the crowd

Our small schools allow each student to be in the limelight. While other high schools in our area have been expanding beyond 2,500 students, residents of Eastern Carver County Schools voted for smaller high schools — doubling the opportunities for your student while maintaining small-school environments!

Two new high schools

Chaska High School opened in 1996, received an expansion in 2004, and completed \$2.5 million in renovations in 2015, with more planned in following years.

Chanhassen High School opened in 2009 and has maintained state-of-the-art facilities.

Two campuses, identical opportunities

- 27 AP courses, including high-level options like Multivariable Calculus
- Exceptional ACT and Advanced Placement exam results
- Teachers and staff who are concerned about what's truly best for your student – not just about their test scores
- State-winning athletics and competitions for speech, debate, Knowledge Bowl, and robotics
- High achieving arts, theater, musicals and one-act plays housed in world-class theaters
- Some academic and extra-curricular opportunities are shared between Chanhassen and Chaska High Schools, and we run shuttle buses between schools for those who participate

A third, arts-focused high school

Integrated Arts Academy (IAA) is the district's arts-focused high school. It is designed for students who want something different from the traditional high school experience. Students earn their required graduation standards through hands-on projects in culinary arts, horticultural arts and visual arts. Integrated Arts Academy has partnerships with community organizations that provide unique experiences for students including the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and ProStart, the National Restaurant Association's educational initiative. Schedule an interview to see if IAA is right for you: 952-556-6200.





Capstone: A bridge to a real-world experience

Capstone is a defining experience in Eastern Carver County Schools, unique to our district. Capstone is not about filling in answers on standardized tests. It is about in-depth engagement with a topic or problem and connecting with the world outside of school. Students look to solve a real-world problem or, depending on their talents, present their artistic gifts to the public.

All students in their junior or senior year complete a Capstone course. Students create a project that is developed over the course of the semester. The student conceives the idea, finds a mentor and develops the plan. The teacher provides support and guidance.

Capstone is the third class in a course of study, a culmination of the student's knowledge and experience. The course is designed to be a bridge between the learning in high school and the expectations of careers and college in the 21st century. When students graduate, their college professors or future employer will expect this kind of initiative — accountable people who can problem-solve and know how to accomplish long-term projects.

Learn more at tiny.cc/Capstone.



Spanish language immersion

Spanish language and culture surround the personalized learning experience at La Academia, our two-way dual-language immersion school. Unique to the west metro, this style of immersion is known as the preferred way to learn a new language. The advantage of a two-way dual-language program is that it combines native Spanish speakers with Spanish-language learners. Each student has the opportunity to be both a first-language model and a second-language learner.

In an immersion setting, 80 to 90 percent of teaching in the primary grades (K-2) is in Spanish. For English-speaking students, Spanish quickly becomes a second language. As children progress through the grades, more English instruction is added until both languages are taught 50 percent of the day. This aids in the transition to middle school.

Students have the option to continue in middle school with some classes taught in Spanish. The middle school option is available to students matriculating from La Academia. Eastern Carver County Schools will consider on a case-by-case basis students new to the district who are interested in middle school courses offered in Spanish.

The University of Minnesota's Center for Advanced Research of Language Acquisition (CARLA), which works to improve the nation's capacity to teach and learn foreign languages, shares this benefit of two-way dual immersion: "An academically challenging learning environment is provided to bring children from two different language groups together to learn from and with each other in an integrated setting. Instruction through the minority language is viewed as an enrichment experience for all, not as remedial or compensatory education for the language minority students in the program."

WHEN YOU VISIT, ASK US ABOUT: Two-way, dual-language immersion versus English-dominant immersion.



Teaching character

The exceptional approaches we use for teaching extend to our behavior support system.

Every school in Eastern Carver County Schools uses a research-based system that teaches positive social expectations and holds students to those expectations. The **Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS)** system recognizes and rewards positive behaviors and seeks to eliminate negative ones, such as bullying. The PBIS system (also called PRIDE) is not a curriculum, an intervention or practice. It is a decision-making framework that guides students to identify and select positive behavior choices.

Schools have seen declines in referrals to the main office for behavior by as much as 70% as a result of our data-driven approach.

The program is consistent across a school, so students and staff know and understand the system. Schools track behavior incidents along with areas in the school and times of day in order to focus support where it's needed.

Eastern Carver County Schools was awarded 2017 Exemplar District Recognition for its work with PBIS.





Learning & Technology

Technology-rich environments to accelerate personalized learning

Eastern Carver County Schools' technology plan is designed with one purpose in mind: to increase student learning. You will find technology in every corner of our district, including Wi-Fi on school buses, but we view devices and technology tools as just that – tools for students and teachers. We do not lose sight of the human element of teaching – the people who guide, shape and direct learning experiences for students. Even if the learning is exclusively online, it still requires the intuition, creativity and experience of our teachers.

Eastern Carver County Schools has adopted web-connected laptops (Chromebooks) as the primary tool for students to manage their portfolio of learning. These devices support close collaboration between students and their teachers. They seamlessly connect to online student accounts, which are managed by the district. They run web-based software which is continually expanding to support nearly every possible student use.

WHEN YOU VISIT, ASK US ABOUT: How students use technology tools to accelerate learning.





Areas of special interest: Arts & Music

There are multiple options for Music, Theatre and Art at every level:

- Band, orchestra and choir are offered in the curriculum
- After-school opportunities in middle school for rock, hip-hop, bluegrass, electronic and more, [see ce4all.org](http://ce4all.org)
- Exceptional studios in modern high schools for the visual arts (ceramics, painting, drawing, design)
- Engineering courses for students to meld creativity and science
- World-class theaters and award-winning productions

Elementary schools employ Teaching Artistic Behavior (TAB), an education approach that is consistent with personalized learning. It allows students to experience art on their terms while introducing them to a variety of materials and methods.

WHEN YOU VISIT, ASK US ABOUT: Examples of art and music — they're available to all students in every school.



Areas of special interest: Science, Medicine & Engineering

Even the youngest students start with science in Eastern Carver County Schools. The engineering design process is introduced in kindergarten. They learn the process as “Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create, Improve.” In every elementary classroom, students have hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) lessons. Students do not experience STEM as an add-on to the curriculum, instead science is embedded in teachers’ lessons at each grade in elementary school.

Eastern Carver County Schools has been a state leader in our science education. Our “physics first” approach provides a better sequence for learning science in high school.

Project Lead the Way

Students who choose Project Lead The Way (PLTW) work with industry-standard tools in hands-on laboratories. They leave high school a step ahead in the education and preparation required for science and engineering. Some of our PLTW courses also qualify for college credit.

PLTW ENGINEERING SEQUENCE

- Civil Engineering and Architecture
- Aerospace Engineering
- Engineering Design and Development
- Computer Integrated Manufacturing
- Biotech Engineering
- Computer Science and Technology

PLTW ENGINEERING BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE SEQUENCE

- Principles of Biomedical Sciences
- Human Body Systems
- Medical Intervention
- Biomedical Innovations

How we serve all students

GIFTED & TALENTED

Personalized learning challenges high potential students by giving them freedom to work at a faster pace based on their needs. Eastern Carver County Schools provides Gifted Services Facilitators in every elementary school who work alongside classroom teachers to guide high-ability students. These facilitators add challenges and opportunities tailored to each student.

As a student progresses into middle school, our unique curriculum allows students to accelerate learning in core classes. As part of personalized learning, middle school students can access high school courses early if they are ready. There also are more opportunities for individual choice as students mature — they can be part of a group that best fits their learning needs.

In high school, students continue to accelerate. Once a student completes required high school credits he or she has more time to explore a variety of courses, including ones to potentially earn college credit. Our high schools offer accelerated classes and 27 Advanced Placement courses. Our skilled high school teachers can accept students for independent study, allowing students to work at a customized pace to pursue a passion project.

We know that today's students will need to continue to learn throughout life in order to be successful. Helping them grow in independence as learners will best prepare them for their future successes. To learn more, visit tiny.cc/ECCSgiftedservices.

SPECIALIZED EDUCATION

Our commitment to personalized education means all students will achieve their personal best. Our goal is to see students with disabilities succeed in mainstream classrooms and, if possible, overcome a disability. We also offer customized options for students who have disabilities that may require the student to spend time out of traditional classrooms. We have staff with special expertise in autism with nearly two dozen special education teachers having an autism spectrum disorder license.

Our Steps Toward Adult Responsibility (STAR) program prepares students for life after age 21, including independent living and job skills.

If your child has an Individualized Education Program/Plan (IEP) and you are enrolling in our district, please contact Dr. Laura Pingry-Kile, director of specialized services at 952-556-6170 or Pingry-KileL@district112.org.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD NEEDS EXTRA HELP? WHAT DO I DO IF I'M WORRIED ABOUT A DISABILITY?

This type of question is very common, something that any parent may wonder during a child's early years. If your child is not in kindergarten yet and you live in Chaska, Chanhassen, Victoria or Carver, we have caring staff who can help you with an Early Childhood Screening. This is something that every child should complete after age 3. Call us at 952-556-6400 or schedule an appointment online at tiny.cc/Screening.

Common topics & answers

TRANSPORTATION

Depending on your student's age and how far you live from school, Eastern Carver County Schools will provide free transportation.

Grades K-5: .5 mile

Grades 6-8: 1.0 mile

Grades 9-12: 2.0 miles

If you have a question or need to verify the distance of your residence to school, please call our transportation department at 952-556-6160.

You can track your student's bus to and from the bus stop to school using MyStop. Learn more at tiny.cc/MyStop.

ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

School boundaries are based on neighborhoods. This helps us balance class sizes and opportunities at each school. Our School Board policy and district strategic plan ensure that every school offers the same high-quality curriculum and personalized learning. An Eastern Carver County Schools education is exceptional, wherever you attend school. **Find your attendance boundary at: apps.district112.org/boundaries**

HOW ARE YOUR TEST SCORES?

They're among the best in the Twin Cities metro area. But personalized learning is not about memorizing facts just to score well on tests. If you believe, as we do, that every learner is unique, you know that some students will move quickly through the curriculum and others will progress deliberately. A school's test scores tell you very little about how subjects are taught. We believe that a score on a test is a starting point for learning. It is only one point of data to help the teacher and learner know what to accomplish.

NURSING CARE & ALLERGIES

Each school has a dedicated nurse who works individually with families on special health care needs. Accommodations can be arranged for students with allergies.

Welcome Center: Getting Enrolled!

YOUR ENROLLMENT QUESTIONS ANSWERED!

Whether you’re relocating or already a resident, our knowledgeable Welcome Center staff are here to support you.

Get Started with online enrollment: tiny.cc/EnrolleCCS

Looking for attendance boundaries? Find out with our handy web app: apps.district112.org/boundaries

Your home address determines your school(s). Eastern Carver County Schools’ exceptional curriculum and highly-trained teachers are available in each of our schools. All students experience our excellent quality of education, regardless of their school boundaries.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

If you live outside of Eastern Carver County Schools, we welcome you. Our Welcome Center staff can help you complete the open enrollment process.

WELCOME CENTER

Make an appointment: 952-556-6112 (fax: 952-556-6109)
Visit us: 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 11 Peavey Road, Chaska
Email: WelcomeCenter@district112.org

Our community

Something for everyone

Our commitment to growth and learning does not stop at grade 12. Our Community Education programs serve everyone, from newborn infants and their families to senior citizens. We design classes and programs based on community demand, so there is always something fun, interesting and relevant to experience. Take classes with your infant or toddler to boost early learning. Join a sports league or learn Kung Fu. Play music with a group or learn to play the guitar. Community Education offers something for everyone in the family. Look for the Community Education catalog in the mail or go to www.ce4all.org.

Carver County Map



Carver County is southwest of Minneapolis and St. Paul, the “Twin Cities.” It is a 30 to 40 minute drive from Minneapolis to Carver County. Carver County is the least populated of the seven metropolitan counties of and around the Twin Cities. It is the state’s fastest growing county. The county is picturesque with bluffs on the Minnesota River, rolling hills and lakes dotting the region. Carver County is the 30th wealthiest county in the nation, according to the U.S. Census. It is the most highly educated county in Minnesota according to the census. County Health Rankings named Carver the healthiest county in the state based on a variety of factors including length of life, physical activity, clinical care and more.

Our school district serves the eastern portion of Carver County that includes the cities of Chanhassen, Chaska, Victoria and Carver and the townships of Dahlgren, Laketown and San Francisco. About 40 percent of the district’s 87 square miles are developed. Our roots go back to the earliest settlers in the area. The original Chaska High School opened in 1905 (while its present building dates to 1996). In 1971 rural school districts joined with Chaska-area schools to create Independent School District 112. In 2008, we adopted the name Eastern Carver County Schools.

School Contact Info

Effective September 2017

BLUFF CREEK ELEMENTARY

2300 COULTER BLVD. • CHANHASSEN, MN 55317
OFFICE: 952-556-6600 FAX: 952-556-6609
NURSE/ATTENDANCE: 952-556-6619
SCHOOL HOURS: 8:40 AM – 3:10 PM

CARVER ELEMENTARY

1717 IRONWOOD DR. • CARVER, MN 55315
OFFICE: 952-556-1900 FAX: 952-556-1909
NURSE/ATTENDANCE: 952-556-1919
SCHOOL HOURS: 8 AM – 2:30 PM

CHANHASSEN ELEMENTARY

7600 LAREDO DRIVE • CHANHASSEN, MN 55317
OFFICE: 952-556-6700 FAX: 952-556-6709
NURSE/ATTENDANCE: 952-556-6719
SCHOOL HOURS: 8 AM – 2:30 PM

CHANHASSEN HIGH SCHOOL

2200 LYMAN BLVD. • CHANHASSEN, MN 55317
OFFICE: 952-556-3500 FAX: 952-556-3509
ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS: 952-556-3530
CAREER RESOURCE CENTER: 952-556-3545
NURSE: 952-556-3519
SCHOOL HOURS: 8 AM – 2:50 PM

CHASKA HIGH SCHOOL

545 PIONEER TRAIL • CHASKA, MN 55318
OFFICE: 952-556-7100 FAX: 952-556-7109
ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS: 952-556-7130
CAREER RESOURCE CENTER: 952-556-1433
NURSE: 952-556-7119
SCHOOL HOURS: 8 AM – 2:50 PM

CHASKA MIDDLE SCHOOL EAST

1600 PARK RIDGE DR. • CHASKA, MN 55318
OFFICE/ATTENDANCE: 952-556-7600 FAX: 952-556-7609
NURSE: 952-556-7619
SCHOOL HOURS: 8:40 AM – 3:30 PM

CHASKA MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST

140 ENGLER BLVD. EAST • CHASKA, MN 55318
OFFICE/ATTENDANCE: 952-556-7400 FAX: 952-556-7409
NURSE: 952-556-7419
SCHOOL HOURS: 8:40 AM – 3:30 PM

CLOVER RIDGE ELEMENTARY

11400 HUNDERTMARK ROAD • CHASKA, MN 55318
OFFICE: 952-556-6900 FAX: 952-556-6909
NURSE/ATTENDANCE: 952-556-6919
SCHOOL HOURS: 8 AM – 2:30 PM

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

110600 VILLAGE ROAD • CHASKA, MN 55318
MAIN RECEPTION: 952-556-6400
WWW.CE4ALL.ORG

DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTER

11 PEAVEY ROAD • CHASKA, MN 55318
MAIN RECEPTION: 952-556-6100 FAX: 952-556-6109
WELCOME CENTER: 952-556-6112

EARLY CHILDHOOD & FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

110600 VILLAGE ROAD • CHASKA, MN 55318
MAIN RECEPTION: 952-556-6400 FAX: 952-556-6409

EAST UNION ELEMENTARY

15655 COUNTY ROAD 43 • CARVER, MN 55315
OFFICE: 952-556-6800 FAX: 952-556-6809
NURSE/ATTENDANCE: 952-556-6819
SCHOOL HOURS: 9:20 AM – 3:50 PM

INTEGRATED ARTS ACADEMY

11 PEAVEY RD. • CHASKA, MN 55318
OFFICE: 952-556-6200 FAX: 952-556-6209
NURSE: 952-556-6200
SCHOOL HOURS: 8:05 AM – 2:43 PM

JONATHAN ELEMENTARY

110300 PIONEER TRAIL WEST • CHASKA, MN 55318
OFFICE: 952-556-6500 FAX: 952-556-6509
NURSE/ATTENDANCE: 952-556-6519
SCHOOL HOURS: 8:40 AM – 3:10 PM

LA ACADEMIA & KINDER ACADEMY

1800 CHESTNUT STREET • CHASKA, MN 55318
OFFICE: 952-556-6300 FAX: 952-556-6309
NURSE/ATTENDANCE: 952-556-6319
SCHOOL HOURS: 9:20 AM – 3:50 PM

PIONEER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

1085 PIONEER TRAIL • CHASKA, MN 55318
OFFICE/ATTENDANCE: 952-556-7800 FAX: 952-556-7809
NURSE: 952-556-7819
SCHOOL HOURS: 8:40 AM – 3:30 PM

STEPS TOWARD ADULT RESPONSIBILITY (STAR)

309 LAKE HAZELTINE DR. • CHASKA, MN 55318
952-556-6120

VICTORIA ELEMENTARY

9300 RED FOX DRIVE • VICTORIA, MN 55386
OFFICE: 952-556-3000 FAX: 952-556-3009
NURSE/ATTENDANCE: 952-556-3019
SCHOOL HOURS: 9:20 AM – 3:50 PM

Schedule a Tour

SEE PERSONALIZED LEARNING IN ACTION

Come see our wonderful students and extraordinary staff as they bring personalized learning to life. You'll find out why we're recognized as a national leader in personalized learning.

Request a tour today: tiny.cc/tourECCS



