



Our Mission is to Ignite a passion in every learner to inquire, continuously improve, and engage in positively changing our world.

OUR VISION IS TO:

- **Prepare** each and every student for their next step
- **Provide** high quality, individualized programs, services and personalized learning for all ages and stages of a learner's life
- **Build** capacity in our learners to exemplify the SSP Core Values
- **Partner** with our families and community to develop shared ownership of student outcomes and family learning needs
- **Ensure** students and families have reliable and regular access to technology for accelerated learning



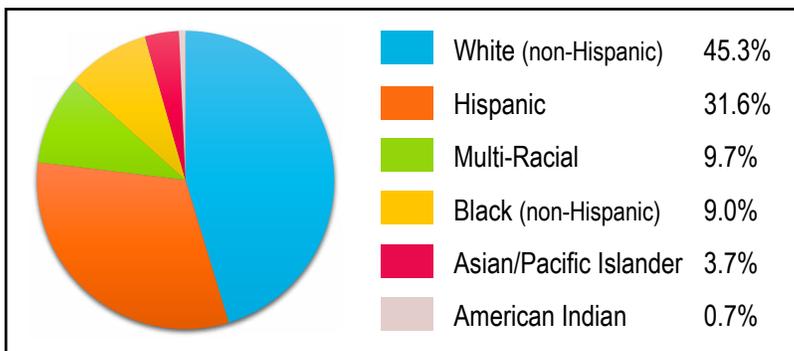
OUR CORE VALUES:



DID YOU KNOW?

South St. Paul Public Schools and the City of South St. Paul's boundaries are nearly the same.

2023-24 SSPPS STATISTICS



Student Enrollment	2,917
Early Learning (including Pre-K & ECSE)	217
Lincoln Center Elementary (K-5)	593
Kaposia Education Center (K-5)	549
SSP Middle School (6-8)	589
SSP High School (9-12)	868
Community Learning Center (10-12)	101

District Demographic Information	
Students eligible for free/reduced meal	54%
Students in Special Education	20%
English Language Learners	7%

South St. Paul Teacher Profile	
Master's Degrees	72%
More than 10 years experience	61%
Fewer than 3 years experience	11%

SSP Student Participation Statistics	
Students in at least one athletic program (grades 6-12)	641
Students in at least one activity (grades 6-12)	142
Students involved in more than one athletic/activity (grades 6-12)	468
Student who earned Academic Letter (grades 10-12)	53

SSP Community Education Participation	
Total Participation in all Youth Programs	5,882
Total Participation in all Adult Programs	8,022
SSP Senior Center Members	248
Adult Education Participants	261
Adult Education Graduates	15

Passionate Learners Positively Changing Our World

PACKER PATHWAYS: ACADEMICS

Our mission with the Packer Pathways is to ignite a passion in every learner to inquire, continuously improve, and engage in positively changing our world. This plan is dedicated to preparing each and every student for their future through high-quality, individualized programs, services, and personalized learning tailored to every stage of their educational journey. This comprehensive plan provides students with opportunities to fully engage with their learning paths.

Visit our website to learn more about Packer Pathways: <https://www.sspps.org/academics/packer-pathway>.

Early Learning

- Promotes healthy growth and development in children
- Provides families with child development resources
- Lays the foundation for academic, emotional, and social success
- Free Preschool for 4-year-olds

Elementary

- Teaches fundamental academic subjects that form the foundation of a student's educational journey
- Offers specialist classes for K-5 including science, media arts, visual arts, physical education, and music
- Safe and supportive learning environment

Middle School

- Builds on fundamental academic subjects
- Targeted support to help students build skills and provide enrichment at a more individualized level
- Class offerings for students to explore interests and career paths

High School

- Academic planning and counseling to assist students in navigating their educational path at SSPPS
- Provides students with tools, resources, and individualized college and career advising
- **Concurrent enrollment** courses for students seeking college-level experience/credits while still enrolled in high school
- **Career and Technical Education** for students looking to enter the workforce after graduation
- **TriDistrict Centers for Advanced Professional Students (CAPS)** collaboration creates opportunities for students to explore different careers and learn about ways to earn college credits, degrees, job-ready certifications, and internships while in high school
- **IB Diploma Program** for more rigorous academics studies further preparing grade 11 and 12 students for post-secondary options
- **Building Assets, Reducing Risks (BARR)** allows staff to better understand and proactively address non-academic reasons why a student may be falling behind and what they need to thrive

ADDITIONAL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Talent Development and Advanced Academics

The K-12 Talent Development Program provides equitable access in developing talents in students of all abilities, races, ethnicities, languages, gender, and socioeconomic circumstances.

Program Priorities

- Identifying and nurturing strengths and interests for all students
- Ensuring all students have the opportunity to enhance their critical thinking skills and develop high level educational routines
- Respecting students knowledge and empowering them to actively engage in their academic pathway
- Elevating the depth, complexity and acceleration to students who need advanced instruction
- Providing supplementary enrichment opportunities for support and success

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

Our academic and student support team in each school includes teachers and educational support assistants, mental health professionals (counselors, psychologists, and social workers), and instructional leaders (administrators and instructional coaches). This team works collaboratively to provide high-quality instruction and intervention support to match each student's needs.

The framework for MTSS in SSPPS includes:

- **Tier 1:** Academic and behavioral support with differentiated instruction for all students in a general education setting
- **Tier 2:** Targeted supplemental instruction and intervention
- **Tier 3:** Intensive individualized instruction and intervention

For more information on the district's MTSS model visit:

www.sspps.org/academics/mtss.

Safety and Security

SSPPS partners with local law enforcement and other agencies to plan, prepare, and implement a safe and supportive learning environment. Staff, students, and community partners are trained on a nationwide set of Standard Response Protocols aimed at creating common and consistent language in the event of an emergency www.sspps.org/departments/buildings-grounds/safety-security.

Community Education

Central Square Community Center is home to the district's Community Education programming. Community Ed features: Adult and Youth enrichment, Adult Basic Education, the Senior Center, Fitness classes, Swimming, Gymnastics and other youth recreation courses. Communityed.sspps.org

