

# About District 196

Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools



**DISTRICT196**<sup>®</sup>

One District. Infinite Possibilities.

Educating our students to reach their full potential

At District 196, the sky's the limit. That's because our committed team of educators is dedicated to helping learners explore the outer limits of their vast potential.

## OUR MISSION

Educating our students to reach their full potential



## OUR BELIEFS

- Students come first
- All students can learn
- High expectations inspire students and staff to excel
- Learning is maximized in a safe, respectful and inclusive environment
- A well-rounded education includes opportunities in academics, the arts and athletics
- Learning is a lifelong pursuit
- Effective management of resources is critical
- Partnerships and collaboration enhance educational programming
- A culture of innovation and continuous improvement prepares students to be college and career ready
- An informed and engaged community guides effective decision making

Independent School District 196 is a public school district of choice located in the southern suburbs of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. District 196 is nationally recognized for providing boundless opportunities for students to learn and grow. Whether they have an affinity for academics, arts and/or athletics, our "Triple A" approach exposes students to the infinite possibilities within the district and throughout the nine communities we serve (cities of Rosemount, Apple Valley, Eagan, Burnsville, Coates, Inver Grove Heights and Lakeville, and Empire and Vermillion townships). Together, we encourage students to pursue excellence along their exciting educational journey.

## Our Strategies

District 196 has a reputation for providing high-quality educational opportunities and a record of being fiscally responsible stewards of the public's resources. To continue this tradition of excellence in times of changing needs and workforce expectations, the district is guided by strategies that focus on providing:

- Expanded early learning opportunities;
- A high-quality instructional program that anticipates and meets the needs of each student;
- Equitable access to opportunities for all students, and
- Strengthen collaboration between district and community partners.

## Our Schools and Learning Centers

- 19 elementary schools (grades K-5), including 5 magnet schools with themes focusing on STEM, international studies, leadership, environmental and health sciences, arts and science, and engineering and technology
- 6 middle schools (grades 6-8), including 1 magnet school focusing on STEM
- 4 four-year high schools (grades 9-12)
- An optional high school for juniors and seniors at the Minnesota Zoo
- An Area Learning Center high school
- An online school (grades K-12)
- A special education school focused on developing students' academic and social-emotional skills (grades K-12)
- A special education school serving young adults ages 18-21
- 3 learning centers for early childhood programs and adult basic education

2022-2023

## Our Demographics

- 29,000 students
- 155,000 total residents
- 37% students of color (34% statewide)
- 22% of students qualify for Educational Benefits (38% statewide)
- 15% of students receive special education services (16% statewide)
- 7% of students qualify for English Learner services (8% statewide)
- 40% of district households have preschool and/or school-aged children
- 87% of school-age students who live in District 196 attend District 196 schools, one of the highest capture rates in the state



## Our Achievements

District 196 is a high-achieving school district with a record of outstanding achievement both in and out of the classroom. District 196 students consistently win large numbers of scholarships, as well as state and national awards in a variety of academic, arts and athletic competitions. Approximately 89% of District 196 students graduate after four years of high school, and 90% of graduates indicate plans to continue with their education.

- Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments – The percentage of District 196 students who scored proficient in reading, math and science exceeded statewide averages for all grades tested in 2021.
- ACT – District 196 students had an average score of 22.9 in 2021. This is 1.3 points higher than the Minnesota average, which was highest in the nation among states that offer the ACT to all students.
- College Credits – In one year, 646 District 196 students were named AP scholars for earning a score of 3 or higher (on a scale of 1 to 5) on three or more AP exams. In that same year, District 196 students earned 5,232 college credits from the University of Minnesota, valued at more than \$2.7 million.

## Our Awards and Honors

In the 2021-22 school year:

- 7 District 196 teams and performance groups earned state championships, including marching band, dance, girls' track and field, adapted softball and adapted floor hockey.
- 23 District 196 students won individual state or national titles in speech, debate, golf, wrestling, boys' and girls' track and field, boys' swimming and diving, and business competitions.
- 2 District 196 high schools were named top 10 Schools of Outstanding Distinction and 1 was named a Speech School of Excellence at the 2022 National Speech and Debate Association National Tournament.
- 2 District 196 high schools were named top 10 high schools in Minnesota in *U.S. News & World Report's* ranking of the nation's Best High Schools.



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