

MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

FALL 2023 CATALOG

Featuring
Early Learning

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"Mankato Area Public Schools (MAPS) is committed to working together equitably, with families and communities, so that each learner has the knowledge and skills to be successful and contributing citizens in a diverse global society."

DATES TO REMEMBER

for Early Learning

FALL SESSION

Fall Registration opens July 31
 Fall Session Runs September 11-November 17
 No Class October 9, 19, 20
 NO Evening classes - Election Day November 7

WINTER SESSION

Winter Registration opens November 6
 Winter Session Runs December 4-February 26
 No Class December 19- January 2, 15 & 22

SPRING SESSION

Spring Registration opens February 5
 Spring Session Runs March 11-May 24
 No class March 25-29, April 10

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Community Education has partnered with Connecting Kids (a program of Greater Mankato Area United Way) to offer scholarships for K-12 out of school time activities. To apply for a scholarship, please visit Mankato Connecting Kids.



ARE YOU ON THE DISTRICT CENSUS? ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?

If you have children between the ages of birth and Kindergarten, please be sure each child is on the Mankato Area Public School's Census. The district uses census information for future planning and to send school information. Please contact the Central Registration office at 507-387-2125 or by email at centralregistration@isd77.org

FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can.



Volunteer with us!

Mankato Area Public Schools Community Volunteer Program

No prior experience necessary. Volunteers can serve in Early Learning programming, K-12 schools or in Adult Basic Education programs.

Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- weekly classroom volunteers
- reading and math tutors
- classroom parents or grandparents
- classroom speakers
- school-based mentors
- financial literacy volunteers
- AVID tutors

Adult Basic Education Volunteer

Opportunities Include:

- EL Volunteer
- GED Volunteer

Contact the Family and Community Engagement Office at volunteer@isd77.org or call 507-387-5501 or visit isd77.org and click on "Get Involved."

Contact us today!



EARLY LEARNING CENTER FOR LEARNING

PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE 5 AND THEIR FAMILIES

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

MAPS Preschool & ACES

Early Childhood Screening (ECS)

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)



PLAY BASED LEARNING 7 ACRES TO EXPLORE

We are excited to have access to several acres of outdoor space at our new location! At the Center for Learning, we are committed to creating an environment for the healthy development of our youngest learners. Therefore, our Early Learning classes will be utilizing our outdoor spaces on a regular basis with many opportunities for nature play and exploration. Please come prepared to play, explore, learn, and enjoy in the great outdoors!

EARLY LEARNING



Welcome



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) provides programming and service to families of young children. Parents and caregivers are critical to a young child's development and provide a foundation for young learners' success. Early Childhood Family Education works to strengthen families and encourages parents to provide the best possible environment for the healthy development of their children through facilitation of parent-child activities by a licensed early childhood teacher, and parent discussion facilitated by a licensed parent educator. A variety of classes and outreach activities are offered for families with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with varied topics and interests.

What does a typical ECFE class include?

Parent-Child Activity Time

Families explore a classroom filled with developmentally appropriate play and learning activities planned by a licensed early childhood teacher. These experiences foster a child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical and language and communication skills.

Parent Education Time

Parents meet with a licensed parent educator to share support, experiences and information about child development and parenting. Discussions are focused on early brain development, parent-child relationships, social-emotional learning, behavior guidance, language development, thinking skills, and physical development.

Children's Activity Time

Children explore, gain independence, and practice social skills while interacting with the early childhood teacher and paraeducator.

WHERE IT ALL BEGINS

INFANT/TODDLER

NEWBORN DISCOVERY BIRTH-12 WEEKS

Non-separating

For parents of newborns ages 0-12 weeks. Support and information will be provided through discussions that are facilitated by a licensed Parenting Educator, Public Health Nurse, and a Lactation Specialist and through connections with other parents and caregivers. Topics include: feeding, sleep, attachment, returning to work, family changes, and developmental milestones. Year Round

WELCOME TO THE WORLD

LITTLE ONE!

Congratulations on your new baby and welcome to Mankato Area Public Schools. Parents and caregivers are invited to register for one of our Great Start infant classes for support, more information, and to learn alongside other new parents. Please call to register for your first ECFE Great Start Infant class for FREE!

GREAT START 0-9 MONTHS

Non-Separating

Bring your baby to play in our ECFE classroom! You will find age appropriate activities to enjoy with your baby, simple ways to encourage your baby's development at home, and meet other parents with whom you can share ideas, concerns, and successes.

BUSY BODIES 10-18 MONTHS

Non-Separating

Rolling...Creeping...Crawling... Walking! Explore, play and learn with your little one alongside a licensed early childhood educator. Learn, support and grow with other parents and caregivers alongside a licensed parent educator. Topics range from child development to finding time for yourself.

BABY SIGN 3-18 MONTHS

Non-Separating

As parents, we wonder what is going on inside their little heads as we wait in anticipation for their first words. By teaching your child gestures or signs as well as spoken words, they are more quickly able to understand and communicate with the world around them. Come and learn what sign language is all about. Winter Only

LITTLE WIGGLERS

13-24 MONTHS

Non-Separating

Your one year-old is busy, curious and ready to play! Together you and your child will play with a variety of toys, use art materials, learn songs and finger plays and enjoy lots of movement. A benefit of this class is that you and your child will remain in the same room together while parent discussion takes place.

MUSIC, MOVEMENT & BOOKS

13-28 MONTHS

Non-Separating

Come and enjoy music, movement and books with your toddler! During this class, we will use songs, books, and large motor skills to help foster literacy development, active learning, and physical health.

SHAKERS AND MOVERS

18-33 MONTHS

Separating

Toddlers are always on the move! Enjoy some one on one time with your child while they learn a variety of skills through play. As a caregiver, you will gain knowledge and support with other caregivers when you separate for parent discussion time.

YOUNG 2'S

18-30 MONTHS

Gradual Separating

Toddlers are constantly on the go exploring with energy and wonder. That is their job. Join us in activities that encourage language development, self-help skills, and a variety of sensory activities. Gradually, as the class allows, parents will move on to the parenting education room. As a parent, you will gain knowledge and support from a licensed parent educator and other parents during discussion time.



AGES 2 & 3/MULTI-AGE

2'S-3'S YEAR OLDS 28-47 MONTHS

Separating

Being a two or three year old is a very unique time in your child's life. Language development is emerging, social skills are developing and physical and cognitive changes occur rapidly. The class will have parent/child interaction time followed by a parent only discussion time lead by a Parent Educator. Children remain in the classroom to experience learning activities, such as sensory exploration, dramatic play, large and small muscle experiences, in addition to storytelling, music and other literacy-rich activities under the guidance of an Early Childhood Teacher.

FAMILY NATURE MEET-UP FOR 8 WEEKS BIRTH - 8 YEARS

Non-Separating

Nature will be our guide as we explore, learn, and grow outside together. The Nature Meet-up is for all families whether you are an avid explorer with your little ones or just want to try something new. We welcome backpack babies and children birth - 8yrs. You, the parents, or caregiver, will stay with your children during the nature meetup. You get to explore and play too. Please come dressed to be outside. We'll be playing and hiking in all types of weather. Rain boots and raincoats make exploring more fun on wet days. Fall & Spring only

FANTASTIC 3'S 36-48 MONTHS

Separating

Parenting your 3 year old is exciting, fun, and also challenging at times. Spend some time with your child in our ECFE classroom with other children and parents or caregivers who are having similar experiences. Children will be able to play, explore, and learn new skills with the guidance of a licensed early childhood educator. You will value time spent with other caregivers to discuss child development, challenges, proud moments, and gain support with a licensed parent educator.

BOOKS AND BEYOND

3-5 YEARS

Non-Separating

Dive into the world of imagination with your child through books. In this non-separating class you and your child will experience art, math, science, music, and nutritional activities that will correspond with the books you'll be reading. Parenting tips will be shared.

MESSY ART

13-35 MONTHS OR 2-5 YEARS

Non-Separating

"Paint, chalk, flour, oatmeal, glue, glitter, hands and feet..." What do all these items have in common? These are just a few tools we will use to "mess around" in our class. So, come prepared to explore, create, and have fun!

STEM CLASS 3-5 YEARS

Non-Separating

Help your child explore the world using their senses. Join us as we explore, investigate, calculate, & experiment with hands-on math and science concepts. Learn with your child how fun, easy, and important it is to incorporate math and science into your everyday life. This is a non-separating class taught by an Early Childhood Teacher.

BUILDING EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Non Separating ages 12-24 months

Separating ages 24-48 months

"Building Emotional Intelligence" is a specialized parent-child class designed to foster social-emotional learning in children aged 0 to 5, while equipping parents and caregivers with the tools and knowledge to support their child's emotional development during these critical early years. Through age-appropriate activities, games, songs, and guided discussions, "Building Emotional Intelligence" provides a foundation for parents and caregivers to understand the importance of social-emotional development in their child's overall well-being. Led by licensed Early Childhood and Parenting Educators with expertise in early childhood development.

PARENTING FOR EQUITY

Virtual

There is no perfect way to talk with young children about race, racism, equity, anti-racism, and justice. Let's do this together! With the guidance of a licensed parent educator, parents will explore how racial identity develops, share how to use children's books to aid in conversations, and examine what role parent's play in raising race conscious children. There will be asynchronous and synchronous portions of this class.

Winter Only

ONLINE PARENTING DISCUSSION GROUP

Virtual

Come join us for a 10-week journey exploring what is vital to a strong foundation of parenting! Topics will focus on attachment, brain development, social emotional learning, and parenting philosophy and goals. This online discussion will be lead by a licensed parent educator by sharing videos, information, and posting discussion questions. Parents can participate and respond to the discussion questions throughout the week as it fits their schedules. A biweekly chat will also be held for those who are able to participate every other Wednesday evening, but not required.





**Call Central Registration
507-387-2125 to make an
appointment for a FREE
Early Childhood Screening**

HELP ME GROW

WHAT IS HELP ME GROW?

- Help Me Grow provides resources for families to understand developmental milestones and learn if there are concerns. This helps families take the lead in seeking additional support, or referring their child for a comprehensive, confidential screening or evaluation at no cost.
- Help Me Grow is an inter-agency initiative of the State of Minnesota Department of Education, Department of Health and Department of Human Services. We partner with all local service agencies.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW TO HELP A YOUNG CHILD DEVELOP, LEARN AND GROW?

- Developmental Milestones -Learn more about how a child develops from birth to five.
- Encouraging Healthy Development- Find ideas on how to support a child's development, healthy learning and growth.
- Get Help for a Child- Learn what to do if you have concerns about a child's development.
- Articles- Explore in-depth information on birth to five child development and growth and early intervention.



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Best to be screened at age 3 Required before Kindergarten Registration

Early Childhood Screening is a comprehensive developmental screening for children 3-5 years old.

The purpose of Early Childhood Screening is to...

- Increase parent understanding of child's health, development and school readiness
- Identify conditions and risk factors that may affect a child's ability to learn and develop, make referrals for further assessment
- Link families to parenting resources and preventive health care

A Parent Should Schedule an Early Childhood Screening because...

- It identifies, at an early age, any hearing, vision, growth or development needs.
- It gives the parent valuable information about their child, information about school readiness and community resources.
- It is required by the state of Minnesota before entrance into public school kindergarten.

HOME VISITING

Our Early Childhood Family Education Home Visit program is designed to provide individual support to parents and caregivers of children prenatal to age 5. A licensed parent educator will help support parents in their role as the most important and influential teacher of their child. For questions and to schedule an appointment with a home visitor, call the Early Learning Department at (507) 625-4620.

WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM ECFE HOME VISITS

- Families without access to reliable transportation
- Families with children and/or parents having special medical, physical, or developmental concerns
- Families referred by other programs
- Expecting mothers
- First-time parents
- Families who would benefit from individual support
- Families experiencing trauma or stressful family situations

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM OUR HOME VISIT PROGRAM

- Make connections with other community resources
- Encouragement, support, and strategies to create an environment for learning and growth
- Discuss current parenting and family issues based on individual family needs
- Learn developmentally appropriate activities to support your child's development.
- A safe, confidential, environment to share and discuss personal issues related to parenting
- Develop a better understanding of the importance of strong positive relationships.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

for Early Learning

FALL SESSION

September 11-November 17

WINTER SESSION

December 4- February 26

SPRING SESSION

March 11- May 24



To register, visit mankato.ce.eleyo.com or scan QR code.

If you are unable to register online, you may call our office at the Center for Learning (507) 625-4620.

PAYMENT/SCHOLARSHIPS

Fees are payable by cash, check or credit card. Scholarships for parent/child classes in the form of a reduced fee or waived fee are available for families in need of financial assistance (ECFE Fee Scale). Registrant wishing to withdraw their registration must do so no later than one week prior to the course start date. No refunds will be given if withdraw is made less than one week prior.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Please bring a copy of your child's immunization records to the first class. If your child has not been immunized, we will need you to submit a signed exempt form to the Early Learning office.

SIBLING CARE

Sibling care is available for most parent/child classes. Please make alternative care arrangements for your child if sibling care is not available. You will register and pay for sibling care at the same time you register for your parent/child class. We ask that you provide one healthy snack item per term. You are welcome to visit your child in sibling care at any time.

ECFE FEE SCALE

Income Range	Fee for 1.5 hr class	Fee for 1 hr class
\$0-19,999	\$0	\$0
\$20,000-29,999	\$15	\$10
\$30,000-49,999	\$40	\$20
\$50,000-74,999	\$65	\$40
\$75,000+	\$80	\$60

Registration for ECFE or Program Questions:

Center for Learning
15 Map Dr, Mankato
507-625-4620





WEATHER INFORMATION

On days when MAPS schools are closed or students are released early due to hazardous weather conditions, all ECFE Parent/Child classes are canceled.

When MAPS K-12 starts two hours late due to weather, all ECFE Parent/Child classes starting 10:30 or later will still be held.

If school is released on schedule and there is a threat of inclement weather, the Early Learning Department along with the Community Education Department will make a decision whether to hold evening classes or to cancel. Watch for announcements indicating MAPS Community Education classes or Early Learning or Early Childhood classes are canceled.

Caregivers are encouraged to use their own judgment in attending classes if weather is threatening.

We will announce any closures or cancellations on our Facebook page, MAPSEarlyLearning, and on local media outlets indicating ECFE classes, Early Learning and/or Community Education classes are canceled.

FAMILY OPEN GYM & PLAYTIME

Parents and their children Birth- Age 5 are WELCOME! Family Open Gym and Playtime is great for large muscle development. Riding toys, balls, and more will be available.

Join us for Open Gym

9:30am to 11:30am

September 15 and 29

October 13 and 27

November 3 and 17

December 8

January 12 and 26

February 9 and 23

March 15

April 5 and 19

May 3 and 17

Free! No need to register.

**Located at Lincoln Community Center Upper Gym :
110 Fulton Street, Mankato**



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MAPS PRESCHOOL



WHY PRESCHOOL IS IMPORTANT

- MAPS Preschool is a registration based program. Scholarships are available on a sliding fee scale.
- Family Involvement is essential to the MAPS Preschool experience.
- A research, play based, curriculum and authentic assessment are used across program classrooms.
- Play builds the brain! Play is a child's work! Play based learning is foundational at MAPS!
- The whole child is developed by offering activities and experiences through music, movement, outdoor, and hands-on learning to develop skills in the areas of math, literacy, cognitive, and social emotional.
- Alignment with Mankato Area Public Schools policies, practices and procedures for successful transition to Kindergarten and life long learning!
- Our classrooms offer inclusive settings for children with special needs.



<https://www.mankatocer.com/programs/early-learning/maps-preschool>

Registration is easy!

Register online at mankato.ce.eleyo.com; or go to the Center for Learning 15 Map Dr, Mankato
For more information call 507-625-4620



ACES

A FUN, EDUCATIONAL + RECREATIONAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
ALIGNING WITH MAPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS + EARLY LEARNING DEPARTMENT

EARLY LEARNING

3-5 YEAR OLDS

Once registered for MAPS Preschool at the Center for Learning, you can also register for ACES! Half day + full day options available!

Offering a year round experience, we are thrilled to complement your family's day, allowing you the peace of mind with the best education + services.



ACES EARLY LEARNING PERKS

- Year round options
- Available 5 days a week, 7a-530p
- Open for inclement weather
- Nature-based | *hello 7 acres of space!*
- Curriculum aligns with MAPS Early Learning + elementary schools
- Structured + unstructured play
- Educated + experienced staff
- Brand new facility
- Breakfast + lunch + snacks included
- Secure entrances

Registration
OPEN

 **ACES Early Learning**
Center for Learning
15 Map Drive | Mankato

ELEMENTARY

K-5TH GRADE

School Year ACES

Open before + after school at each elementary school, we provide care starting at 630am. After school ACES students will join us for play + recreation until picked-up ... and we close at 6p.

Summer ACES

During the summer we are open at select elementary schools from 630a-600p for all incoming K-5th students.

Summer ACES includes breakfast + lunch + snack, t-shirt and off-site adventures. Priority given to MAPS families.



ACES
Elementary
OPEN

All School Days
Summer
Non-Schools Days



IMPORTANT ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION DATES

23-24 School Year: Opens 05.10.23
2023: Non-School Days: Opens 09.13.23
2024 Non-School Days: Opens 12.06.23
2024 Summer: Opens 03.13.24
24-25 School Year: Opens 05.08.24
#allWednesdays

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ENRICHMENT + LEISURE

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ROBOTICS 2.1 FALL

Build a spy-bot, satellite or design your own earthquake alarm. Then program the spy-bot to be sneaky, the satellite to orbit, and the alarm to...be alarming. **Grades 1-5**

COURSE #: 5357-1	\$100
Mon, Oct 16–Nov 20; 2:30–3:30 pm	EL-Art RM
COURSE #: 5357-2	\$100
Tue, Oct 24–Dec 5; 2:30–3:30 pm	H-Dome
COURSE #: 5357-3	\$100
Tue, Oct 10–Nov 14; 6–7 pm	LCC 154
COURSE #: 5357-4	\$100
Thu, Oct 12–Nov 30; 5–6 pm	LCC 154
COURSE #: 5357-5	\$100
Fri, Oct 27–Dec 15; 2:30–3:30 pm	W-Art RM
COURSE #: 5357-6	\$100
Mon, Jan 29–Mar 4; 2:30–3:30 pm	EL-Art RM
COURSE #: 5357-7	\$100
Tue, Nov 28–Jan 16; 6–7 pm	LCC 154
COURSE #: 5357-8	\$100
Thu, Dec 14–Jan 25; 6–7 pm	LCC 154
COURSE #: 5357-9	\$100
Fri, Jan 12–Feb 16; 2:30–3:30 pm	W-Art RM

YEL MAD SCIENTISTS

In this class, you won't just learn science... you'll DO science. Make and take home a lava lamp, hover disc, explosive volcano, and...of course...SLIME! Use all of these experiments to explore and discover the scientific method. **Grades 2-5**

COURSE #: 5393-1	\$127
Sat, Oct 14–Nov 18; 11 am–12 pm	LCC 154
COURSE #: 5393-2	\$127
Mon, Oct 30–Dec 4; 5–6 pm	LCC 154

{YEL!} CODING ANIMATION WITH SCRATCH®

STEM Coding Enrichment for the 21st Century learner. Each {YEL!} Coding class follows four basic components.

COURSE #: 5392-1	\$105
Tue, Oct 10–Nov 14; 4:30–5:45 pm	LCC 154
COURSE #: 5392-2	\$105
Tue, Nov 28–Jan 16; 4:30–5:45 pm	LCC 154

VEX IQ ROBOTICS AT LCC

The VEX IQ program is an early experience for elementary youth, interested in competing in VRC (VEX Robotics Challenge) in middle school or high school. **Grades 4-6**

COURSE #: 4355-1F	\$200
Mon, Sep 25– Mar 11; 6–7:30 pm	LCC 202
COURSE #: 4355-2F	\$200
Tue, Sep 26– Mar 12; 6–7:30 pm	LCC 202

MANDATORY MEETING

Tue, Sep 19; 7–8 pm	LCC 157
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INTRO TO AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING AND TESTING

This hands-on camp will give youth a look inside a real engineering lab where research, design and innovation come together for real world solutions. **Ages 12-15**

COURSE# 4356	\$50
Thu & Fri Oct 19 & 20; 1-3 pm	Center Of Renewable Energy MSU- Mankato

HALLOWEEN CLAY CREATIONS

Pumpkins, bats, candy corn, we have it all! We will be building our own haunted creations out of air dry clay, paint, and whatever your spooky heart desires. **Grades 3-8**

COURSE #: 4768-1	\$35
Mon, Oct 23; 6–8 pm	LCC 154

PAINT A CERAMIC HOLIDAY MUG

Come in and decorate a mug for the holidays! We will paint and decorate a ceramic mug. **Grades 3-8**

COURSE #: 4766-1	\$35
Mon, Dec 4; 6–8 pm	LCC 154

INTRO TO HAND AND MACHINE SEWING

Introduction to hand sewing and machine sewing! Come learn the basics! A parent or adult guardian should attend with the youth. Double the fun by learning a new skill together. **Grades 3-8**

COURSE #: 4112	\$65
Mon, Nov 6–20; 6–8 pm	LCC 154

ARTFUL AUTUMN PAPER MAKING

Come make your own paper! Learn how it is made the old fashioned way! We will use our new skill to make a spooky fun art project. **Grades 3-8**

COURSE #: 4767-1	\$35
Mon, Oct 9; 6–7 pm	LCC 154



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ZAPS ACT TEST PREP SEMINAR

ZAPS® test preparation seminars are carefully designed to help each student do their personal best on the ACT.

Grades 9-12

COURSE #: 4700-1F **\$131**
Sat, Oct 7; 9 am-3 pm EHS 100
COURSE #: 4700-2F **\$131**
Mon, Jan 22; 9 am-3 pm WHS 103



5TH GRADE TRANSITION TO MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

5th Grade students attending Dakota Meadows or Prairie Winds in the Fall of 2024 are invited to spend some time at their new school, learning some of the basics of middle school.

DAKOTA MEADOWS

COURSE#: 8989-1 **\$15**
Fri, Nov 10; 8-11:30 am DMMS
COURSE#: 8989-4 **\$15**
Mon, Jan 22; 12-3:30 pm DMMS

PRAIRIE WINDS

COURSE#: 8989-2 **\$15**
Fri, Nov 10; 12-3:30 pm PWMS
COURSE#: 8989-3 **\$15**
Mon, Jan 22; 8-11:30 am PWMS

PET CARE 101

Are you a pet owner or planning on becoming a new pet owner? Nicole Lueck, Certified Veterinary Technician from MN Valley Pet Hospital is here to help! From reading your pets body language to tips on keeping your furry friend healthy and happy during the winter, Nicole is knowledgeable and eager to help pets and their owners stay safe and happy. Bring questions! **Grades 2- 8**

COURSE #: 5108-1 **\$15**
Tue, Nov 7; 6-7:30 pm LCC 152

DRAMA KIDS

At Drama Kids the "Difference is Dramatic!" Developing important lifelong speaking, leadership, and social skills through FUN drama activities is our specialty! The copyrighted curriculum features original creative lessons with a built-in advancing scale of language development that enables students of different ages and abilities to progress at their own rate.

To Register for all of the elementary schools and middle schools visit Drama Kids-Take 2- " a Christmas carol " Registration opens in September



HOME ALONE SAFETY (PARENT & CHILD CLASS)

Staying home alone for the first time is an opportunity eagerly anticipated by most kids; but with opportunity comes responsibility. This course covers a variety of common scenarios and topics specific to children preparing to stay home alone, or stay home with younger siblings. **Grades 2-6**

COURSE #: 5107-1F **\$20**
Mon, Oct 9; 6-7:30 pm LCC 157
COURSE #: 5107-2F **\$20**
Mon, Jan 15; 6-7:30 pm LCC 157

RED CROSS ADVANCED BABYSITTER TRAINING

The American Red Cross Babysitter's Training course prepares youth with the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or adult guardians. This course will help participants develop skills in leadership and professionalism, basic care, safety, safe play and first aid.

Ages 11-15

COURSE #: 4850-1F **\$120**
Mon, Oct 9; 9 am-3 pm LCC RM 157
COURSE #: 4850-2F **\$120**
Wed, Nov 22; 9 am -3 pm LCC RM 157
COURSE #: 4850-3F **\$120**
Mon, Jan 15; 9 am -3 pm LCC RM 157

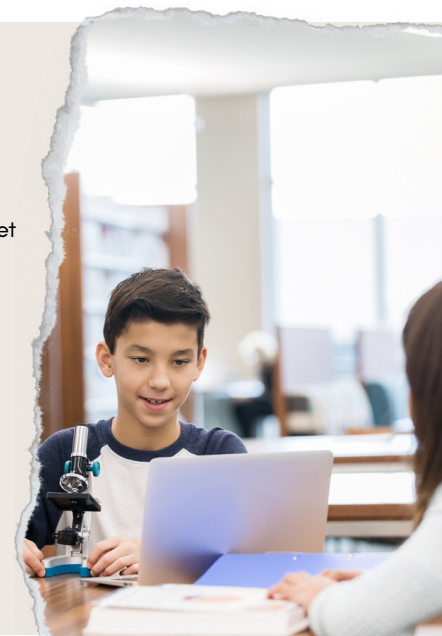
Middle School After School

At Dakota Meadows & Prairie Winds Middle School

Middle School After School is an after school program for youth in grades 6-8, located at Prairie Winds & Dakota Meadows Middle Schools. Students have the opportunity to register for clubs of their choice that meet on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday afternoons from 3:20-5 pm at each school. Club topics vary by school and season, but popular themes include: Dungeons and Dragons, Art Club, Robotics (non-competitive), Chess, Theater, and more. Registration for Fall MSAS clubs will open July 31, 2023.

The Fall Session of Middle School After School starts Monday, September 25 and closes on Thursday, December 21, 2023. Middle School After School runs all school year. Winter program information will be released after the start of the school year.

For more information about Middle School After School, contact Melanie Schmidt, Enrichment Coordinator at mschmi3eisd77.org or call 507-387-5501. Register online at mankato.ce.eleyo.com



ENRICHMENT + LEISURE



AMERICAN INDIAN LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

American Indian Life Skills Development & Cultural Activities is an opportunity available to any student interested in learning about the American Indian Culture. Course is taught by Megan Schnitker & Lydia Larson.

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 2 – JANUARY 29
 3:00 – 4:00 PM (GRADES 2-5)
 4:00 – 5:00 PM (GRADES 6-12)
LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER RM 154
 Preregistration required at mankato.ce.eleyo.com

This is a FREE program made possible by the Mankato Revitalization Project and funded by Build & Believe Afterschool Grant from Ignite, Youthprise & MDE in partnership with MAPS.

YEL GRANDMASTERS OF CHESS 1.1

New and returning students invited. Learn, Practice and Play chess each class. **Grades K-5**

FALL SESSION
COURSE #: 5294-1 **\$107**
 Sat, Oct 14-Nov 18; 9-10 am LCC 154
COURSE #: 5294-2 **\$107**
 Mon, Oct 23-Nov 27; 5-6 pm LCC 152
COURSE #: 5294-3 **\$107**
 Fri, Oct 6-Dec 1; 2:30-3:30 pm R-Art RM

WINTER SESSION
COURSE #: 5295-1 **\$107**
 Fri, Jan 5-Feb 9; 2:30-3:30 pm R-Art RM

CHESS TOURNEY & COSTUME PARTY

Our regional chess tourneys are fun, competitive and an all around good time. It's the season of costume fun. Dress up and play a friendly game. This event is co-sponsored by South Central Service Coop & Mankato Community Ed. **Grades K-12**

COURSE #: 5295 **\$25**
 Sat, Oct 28; 7:30 am-12 pm LCC 152



Community Education has partnered with Connecting Kids (a program of Greater Mankato Area United Way) to offer scholarships for K-12 out of school time activities. To apply for a scholarship, please visit Mankato Connecting Kids.



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Mankato Children's Chorus

is now

Mankato Area Youth Choirs

Five Premier Choirs Include Students Across South Central MN

Registration Open through September 29
for the 2023-24 season

Participation open to students entering grades 1-12
in the 2023-24 school year

For more information, and to register
online: MankatoAreaYouthChoirs.org

Monday evening rehearsals start Sept. 11
Christ the King Church, Mankato

Concerts in December & April, plus a
variety of community performance events



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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CONTACT commed@isd77.org

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FOR MORE INFORMATION



Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra

Educating young musicians in a professional symphony atmosphere

Information at
www.mayso.net



Who can join?

Students grades 3-12 who play String,
Woodwind, Brass, or Percussion instruments.

Ensembles

- Youth Symphony Orchestra
- North Star Strings
- Chamber Strings
- Percussion Ensemble
- Pops Orchestra (Summer Session only)

3 Sessions Offered

- Fall session (September - November)
- Winter session (January - March)
- Summer session (April - June)



ENRICHMENT + LEISURE

ARCHERY- GRADES 4-6

A fun way for kids to get involved in something new! Our program utilizes NASP curriculum and equipment and will teach the basics of using a compound bow. Learn about equipment and participate in a low-pressure and supportive environment!

BEGINNING ARCHERY

COURSE #: 8514-1F **\$65**
Tue, Sep 19- Oct 24; 4:30-5:30 pm
LCC Lower Gym

COURSE #: 8514-2F **\$65**
Tue, Nov 14-Dec 19; 4:30-5:30 pm
LCC Lower Gym

INTERMEDIATE ARCHERY

COURSE #: 8515-1F **\$65**
Tue, Sep 19- Oct 24; 5:40-6:40 pm
LCC Lower Gym

COURSE #: 8515-2F **\$65**
Tue, Nov 14-Dec 19; 5:40-6:40 pm
LCC Lower Gym

**Students must have successfully completed the Beginning Archery class to register for Intermediate Archery.

TEEN ARCHERY-GRADES 7-12

Teens now have the opportunity to become involved in something new and explore the world of target shooting!

COURSE #: 8516-1F **\$65**
Tue, Sep 19- Oct 24; 6:50-7:50 pm
LCC Lower Gym

COURSE #: 8516-2F **\$65**
Tue, Nov 14-Dec 19; 6:50-7:50 pm
LCC Lower Gym

SATURDAY MORNING SPORTS

Rules and fundamentals are covered at the beginning of each session, followed by low-key competition.

BASKETBALL-COED-GRADES PK-4

COURSE #: 8501-PK **\$65**
Sat, Nov 11-Dec 9; times vary RP Gym

COURSE #: 8511 **\$65**
Sat, Nov 11-Dec 9; times vary RP Gym

FALL VOLLEYBALL-COED-GRADES 3-6

COURSE #: 8510f **\$65**
Sat, Oct 29- Nov 19; times vary LCC Gym

WINTER VOLLEYBALL-COED-GRADES 3-6

COURSE #: 8510w **\$65**
Sat, Jan 6-27; times vary LCC Gym

JUNIOR COUGAR BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP- GRADES 1-5

The emphasis of the clinic will be placed on ball handling, dribbling, pivoting, passing, and one-on-one moves, perimeter shots, and free throws.

COURSE #: 8205-1/2 **\$65**
Thu, Oct 26-Nov 16; 6-7 pm RP Gym

COURSE #: 8205-3/5 **\$65**
Thu, Oct 26-Nov 16; 7:10-8:10 pm RP Gym

MANKATO WEST BASKETBALL

Join West Basketball coaches for this basketball skills camp. Skills camp & introduction to 3 on 3 team play.

GIRLS CAMP-GRADES K-2

COURSE #: 8117-K/2G **\$65**
Sun, Oct 8-29; 2:30-3:30 pm WHS Gym

BOYS CAMP-GRADES K-2

COURSE #: 8117-K/2B **\$65**
Sun, Oct 8-29; 1:15-2:15 pm WHS Gym

COURSE #: 8117-3-5B **\$65**
Sun, Oct 8-29; 12-1 pm WHS Gym

SKATING SCHOOL

Skating classes are offered through the Ice Skating Institute of America for all recreational skaters at all levels. **Ages 3+ Beginner 1, Beginner 2, Pre-Alpha, ALPHA, BETA, Gamma/Delta, Freestyle 1**

All Seasons Arena

FALL SESSION:

COURSE #: 2301 **\$65**

Sat, Oct 28- Dec 16



FENCING 1.1 FALL-GRADES 2-5

COURSE #: 5970-1F **\$120**
Wed, Oct 18-Nov 29; 6-7 pm LCC Gym

COURSE #: 5970-2F **\$120**
Wed, Dec 6-Jan 17; 6-7 pm LCC Gym

FENCING 1.2 FALL-GRADES 6-12

COURSE #: 4970-1F **\$120**
Wed, Oct 18-Nov 29; 7-8 pm LCC Gym

COURSE #: 4970-2F **\$120**
Wed, Dec 6-Jan 17; 7-8 pm LCC Gym

AQUATICS *at East High School*

PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS

Individual and Small Group lessons available 30-minute sessions
Saturday Afternoons

Individual \$30/Lesson

Ages 3 and up

Small-Group \$20/Lesson per participant

Ages 6 and up

ADULT PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS

Individual and small group lessons to help adults learn to swim or refine their skills. Sessions are 45 minutes long.

Lessons are available Sundays 10am - 2pm.

Call 507-387-5501 to schedule or email Tia Dupont tdupon1eisd77.org



Swim with us!

ADULT AQUATICS

MASTERS SWIM

Tuesdays & Thursdays

5-6:45 am

Saturday

6-8 am

October 3 - January 30

\$40 Monthly

\$5 Drop In

***ENTER EAST HIGH SCHOOL DOOR 9**

WATER AEROBICS & LAP SWIM

Wednesday Evenings

6:30-8 pm

September 13-January 31

\$4.50 / punch

All abilities welcome for water aerobics!

Punch cards available in increments of 5, 10, or 20

Attend CPR Training Following the American Heart Association Guidelines



COURSES (Class Size is Limited):

BLS Provider

- EMTs
- Lifeguards
- Dental
- Students
- Nurses
- Firefighters
- Physicians
- Law Enforcement

Heartsaver First Aid CPR/AED

- Childcare Providers
- Workplace Responders
- Nursing Assistants
- School staff
- Home Health
- Camp counselors
- Teachers

WHERE:

Rasmussen University
1400 Madison Ave Suite 510
Mankato, MN. 56001

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Call Jessica Martinez - (507) 779-5252
Visit the American Heart Association website:
cpr.heart.org/en/course-catalog-search



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ADULT

BOAT TOUR & LUNCH, PADELFORD

Sightseeing cruise along the Mississippi River departing from Harriet Island in St Paul including a picnic lunch. Also on board is a fully stocked bar with beverages and snacks available for purchase.

COURSE #: 1266-1S \$85

Wed, Oct 4; 8:30 am-5:30 pm

WOW! Zone parking lot

Guests boarding the bus in St. Peter should arrive at the St. Peter Community Center at 8:45 am for a 9 am departure.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Fri, Sep 1, 2023

FAGEN FIGHTERS WWII MUSEUM

Guided tour and time to explore the aviation museum in Granite Falls, MN. Lunch is on your own, stopping at the local Hardees Restaurant

COURSE #: 1264-1S \$66

Thu, Oct 26; 9 am-5:30 pm

WOW! Zone parking lot

Guests boarding the bus in St. Peter should arrive at the St. Peter Community Center at 9:15 am for a 9:30 am departure.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Fri, Sep 29, 2023

CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES - "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR BASEMENT"

Join us this November for an enchanting bus trip to experience the heartwarming performance of Church Basement Ladies in "A Mighty Fortress Is Our Basement." Immerse yourself in the lives of captivating characters as they navigate the challenges of a changing world, all while enjoying a delectable buffet lunch that will satisfy your taste buds. Don't miss out on this memorable combination of delightful theater and mouth watering cuisine!

COURSE #: 1267 \$93

Wed, Nov 8; 9:15 am -5 pm

WOW ZONE Parking Lot-

Guests boarding the bus in St. Peter should arrive at the St. Peter Community Center at 9:30 am for a 9:45 am departure.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Fri, Oct 6, 2023

THE GUTHRIE PERFORMANCE OF "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

Experience the magic of the holiday season with us this December on a bus trip to the iconic Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis. Get ready to be enchanted as you witness the timeless tale of "A Christmas Carol" come to life on stage. Immerse yourself in the heartwarming story of Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation, and let the Guthrie Theater's renowned production create unforgettable memories for you and your loved ones. We will stop for "brunch" at Perkins in Bloomington at 10 am on the way to the show. The cost of brunch is on your own. If you wish to bring a light snack for the ride home, you may do so.

COURSE #: 1268 \$66

Thu, Dec 7; 9:15 am -5 pm

WOW ZONE Parking Lot-

Guests boarding the bus in St. Peter should arrive at the St. Peter Community Center at 8:45 am for a 9 am departure.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Fri, Oct 6, 2023

Bus Trips



MINNESOTA HISTORY CENTER FEATURING CHARLES SCHULZ EXHIBIT

Start the new year with a journey into Minnesota's rich history on our bus trip to the Minnesota Historical Center this January. Immerse yourself in captivating exhibits that showcase the state's vibrant past, from its Native American heritage to its modern innovations. Explore interactive displays, discover fascinating artifacts, and gain a deeper appreciation for the diverse stories that have shaped Minnesota. The Charles Schulz exhibit will be featured in January for all of you fans of the beloved Peanuts Gang! We will stop at Culvers in Shakopee for lunch. Lunch is on your own.

COURSE #: 1269 \$55

Wed, Jan 24; 9:15 am -5 pm

WOW ZONE Parking Lot-

Guests boarding the bus in St. Peter should arrive at the St. Peter Community Center at 9:30 am for a 9:45 am departure.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Mon, Jan 8, 2024

REGISTRATION TIPS

- When paying with credit card it will show up on your statement as Mankato Area Public Schools.
- NO REFUNDS can be given for trips after the registration deadline.

Contact Mel at 507-387-5501 for any trip ideas.

TRAVEL TIPS

- Register early to get your spot on the coach bus.
- Arrive 15 minutes prior to departure and locate travel companions.
- We contract out transportation. Our provider does not provide wheelchair accessible seating at this time. Participants must be able to travel independently.
- No glass bottles or containers on the bus.

ADULT

SEWING SURVIVAL

Need to sew a button? Repair a hem? Your favorite ripped jeans distressed a little *too* much? Sewing Survival is the class for you! The basics of hand and machine sewing! Bring your own sewing machine on class two, or try out one of ours!

COURSE #: 1400 **\$50**
Tue, Oct 10 & 17 6-7:30pm LCC 152



MONDAYS & THURSDAYS OPEN POTTERY

Purchase a punch card and clay coupon to use the Pottery Studio facilities: potter's wheel, slab roller, extruder, glazes, greenware storage, and NEW electric kilns. This is not an instructional class; previous experience required. The studio manager will be present to help with technical questions.

Start date Monday, Oct 3
Mon & Thu, Oct 2-Jan 29; 6-9 pm
LCC 153

COURSE #: 1520s 8-Punch Card \$40
COURSE #: 1519s Clay, Glaze, and Firing coupon per 25-lb bag
(brown or white stoneware) \$25

RELEASING YOUR INNER DIVA (HARMONIZING FOR WOMEN)

Whether you only sing in the shower or you love karaoke, or you want to improve your singing and harmonizing, this class is for you. Minnesota Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines will help you to develop your singing through vocal instruction, warm up exercises for the voice, and singing in a vocal unit. The class also offers a voluntary opportunity to learn 4-part harmony barbershop style, and perform for an audience. No strings attached!

COURSE #: 1510-1 **\$15**
Tue, Oct 3-Nov 7; 6:30-7:30 pm
Grace Lutheran Church -
320 East Main Street (Mankato, MN)



INTRODUCTION TO CERAMICS

Cups, bowls, vases, oh my! This introductory class is designed to build the foundations for ceramic wheel throwing. Learn how to form, trim, glaze works with your own two hands!

COURSE #: 1521-1 **\$88**
Thu, Nov 2-Dec 7; 6-9 pm LCC 153



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

55+ DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Receive a certificate for a 10% discount on insurance upon completion. After the 8-hour course, you need the 4 hour course every 3 years.

Students need to register by calling 1-888-234-1294, or online at www.mnsafetycenter.org under Driver Discount Program.

4-hour refresher classes (1 session)

Sep 18
Oct 23
Nov 9
Dec 18

8-hour classes (2 sessions)

Oct 11 & 12
Dec 11 & 12

LCC RM 157



POUR YOUR OWN RESIN EPOXY RIVER BOARD

In this class you will be provided with several quality options to pour your own resin epoxy serving board. YOU select the wood (typically black walnut or cherry options), YOU select the colors of resin, and YOU pour your own board with a little help. WE take your piece of art and finish it for your personal use.

COURSE #: 1500-1F **\$130**
Sat, Oct 7; 11 am-12 pm
LCC Woodshop
COURSE #: 1500-2F **\$130**
Sat, Oct 7; 1-2 pm
LCC Woodshop

ADULT

FINDING GRATITUDE IN NATURE THRU MINDFULNESS

Let's take the time to really stop and smell the fall season. This course will provide education on mindfulness and the significant benefit even practicing this technique during this class will bring to your overall wellness. We will be spending time in nature and using our five senses to embrace our surroundings and learn the importance of incorporating gratitude in the moment.

COURSE #: 1800-1F **\$165**

Sat, Oct 7-21; 10:30 am- 12 pm Sibley Park Pavilion

BAI (BASIC ARCHERY INSTRUCTOR) CERTIFICATION

This course will be the traditional in-person training method. All NASP regulations will be covered, along with additional skills lessons to help you assist your archers in becoming the best that they can be.

COURSE #: 7400-1 **\$100**

Sat, Sep 9; 9 am-5 pm LCC Gym

ADULT SOCIAL PICKLEBALL

Come anytime and stay as long as you like! Meet new people and get some great exercise while playing pickleball. Anyone can play. Players of all ability levels are welcome. We even have equipment for you to try out! Come join us!

COURSE #: 3331-1F **\$40**

Sun, Nov 5-Dec 17; 5-7 pm PWMS Gym

COURSE #: 3331-2F **\$40**

Sun, Jan 7-Mar 10; 5-7 pm PWMS Gym



INDOOR GOLF SIMULATOR

Call to reserve your tee-time at least two hours in advance.
7:30 am-4:30 pm 507-387-5501

Weekend tee-times must be made by Friday 3 pm.

Simulator can be rented by the hour for \$30 Mon-Fri or \$35 Weekends.

Memberships are sold per person. Members are to play solo unless another person from their household has their own membership or pays the hourly rental. Family memberships are available with all family members on the membership card at point of purchase.

Membership

Eagle Membership - 70 hours - \$380

Birdie Membership - 50 hours - \$320

Par Membership - 25 hours - \$275

Family Membership - 20 hours - \$300

Hole in one Membership - 8 hours - \$100

One year membership from date purchased.

Enjoy playing one of our 6 courses or just hit balls on the range.

PRIVATE GOLF LESSONS FOR BEGINNER

COURSE #: 5635-1F

YOUTH \$35 PER HOUR

ADULT \$45 PER HOUR

Move with us

ADULT WINTER VOLLEYBALL

Team Sign up ends

Thursday, October 12th!

Mankato Community Education:

Winter 2023 Volleyball League

Registration - Due Oct 12

Sponsor FEE - \$285 - Due Oct 12

Team FEE - \$290 - Due Oct 19



Scan for Winter Volleyball
Entry Form 2023-24



Professional Development & Workforce Training

Update your skills and add to your resume with professional development opportunities from South Central College's Customized Workforce Education division. We offer skills training and professional development courses in a variety of formats (online, virtual, in-person), as well as on-site customized workforce training for organizations looking to upskill their employees.

POPULAR COURSES

Google Digital Marketing & E-Commerce Certificate

Do you like connecting with people online and building an online presence? The Google Digital Marketing & E-commerce Professional Certificate focuses on the skills that employers are seeking, including email marketing, designing and running an online store, social media marketing, and marketing analytics. \$199 | Online

Certificate in Workplace Communication

Work with a pro to learn how to improve your negotiation skills for a win-win outcome, including helping others to get what they want, so you get what you want. Then discover more about yourself and others using personality profiles for better work performance. Finally, learn a workable conflict management model, along with successful and practical conflict management strategies. \$595 | Online

Motorcycle Basic Rider

You will receive 11.5-hours of hands-on riding exercises on the riding range, which will be instructed by an MSF-certified Rider Coach. These exercises will guide you through the basic skills of straight-line riding, stopping, shifting, and turning, gradually progressing to swerving and emergency braking. \$245 | North Mankato Campus, Red Parking Lot August 26 and 27, 8am – 1:45pm

90 Hour Minnesota Salesperson Real Estate Pre-Licensing Package

Interested in becoming a real estate agent? Minnesota requires three 30-Hour courses to get your real estate license, and our self-paced online courses are designed to provide you with the 90 hours of instruction required to be eligible for a license. These courses prepare you for the Minnesota state licensing exam as well as provide the practical business knowledge and foundation necessary to be a successful real estate salesperson. And you can complete them from the comfort of your own home or anywhere you have internet access! \$779 | Online | Email cwe@southcentral.edu for a discount code

Mind-Body Therapies Certificate Bundle

This series is designed to provide healthcare workers and those interested in the topic with an overview of alternative medical therapies and their positive effects on the mind and body. You will earn CE contact hours as you explore different techniques that have been shown to improve overall health when incorporated into routines and combined with other modern medical treatments. \$249 | Online | 40 Course Hours, 4 Online Certificate Courses

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Program

Prepare for CDL licensure with Class A/Class B entry-level driver training. Gain foundational knowledge of the operation of a Commercial Motor Vehicle and related matter in the topics of Basic Operation, Safe Operating Procedures, Advanced Operating Practices, Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions, and Non-Driving Activities. For more information visit southcentral.edu/CDL



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Many more courses to choose from, view & register online at
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ACCESS

ADULT WITH DISABILITIES

ACCESS provides individuals with disabilities an opportunity to participate in social & recreational activities .

Enjoy a variety of activities that will encourage your creative side, express your knowledge, and engage with the community. We will have numerous festive art projects to get you ready for any gift giving you may want to do. Sign up for as many classes that suit your interest.

All classes are held at the Lincoln Community Center from 10-11:30 am.

- September 13- Greeting Cards
- September 20- Animal Toy
- October 4 - Trivia
- October 11 - Chair yoga
- October 18 - Halloween Craft
- November 8 - Ink Tiles
- November 15 - BINGO
- November 22 -Gratitude Craft
- December 6 - Holiday Cards
- December 13 - Holiday Ornament

To Register: visit mankato.ce.eleyo.com
for assistance with registration email Tia Dupont:
tdupon1@isd77.org or call 507-387-5501

INTRODUCTION TO POTTERY

Learn pottery basics with a variety of hand building techniques. Participants will use a variety of tools and materials to make their art look spectacular.

COURSE #: 6200-IF \$ 20

Thu, Sep 14-Oct 12; 10-11:30 am

Adaptive Ski

The Mankato Area Adaptive Ski Program (MAASP) provides ski lessons to individuals with a variety of physical disabilities.

Lessons start January 7 from 12-2 pm.

To get signed up contact Tia Dupont at tdupon1@isd77.org.



ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

MANKATO AREA ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM



Lincoln Community Center
110 Fulton Street
Mankato, MN 56001
(507) 345-5222

New Ulm Public Library
17 North Broadway Street
New Ulm, MN 56058
(507) 779-5827

2023-2024 FIRST SEMESTER SCHEDULE

ABE classes at Lincoln Community Center, Mankato

GED Preparation Classes

GED Social Studies (HyFlex)
 GED Reading Language Arts (HyFlex)
 GED Science (HyFlex)
 GED LAB Daytime (In-Person)
 GED Math (Online)
 GED LAB Evening (In-Person)

New students may join these classes every week!

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Monday through Thursday
 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Monday through Thursday
 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Monday through Thursday
 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Monday through Thursday
 Noon - 1 PM Monday through Thursday
 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Wednesday

Northstar (Basic Computer) - 3 classes

Daytime (HyFlex)
 Daytime (HyFlex)
 Daytime (HyFlex)

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Fridays
 September 22, 29 and October 6 Basic Computer
 October 27, November 3 and 17 Internet Basics
 December 1, 8 and 15 Email

ESL Classes - 3 Levels available

Daytime (In Person & limited HyFlex)
 Evening (Distance Only)
 Citizenship (HyFlex)

New students join these classes every month!

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Monday through Thursday
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Tuesday through Thursday
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Monday through Thursday

ABE Classes at New Ulm Public Library

GED Preparation and Northstar Basic Computer

Online and In-person available 4:00 - 6:00 PM

All School Year - Join anytime!

Tuesdays

ABE Classes at South Central College, North Mankato

ABE 0065 College Prep Math (In-Person) August 21 - December 12, 2023 (ongoing enrollment weekly)
 8:30 - 10 AM Monday through Thursday
 Healthcare Bridge (In-Person) Call for times/dates
 Manufacturing Bridge (In-Person) Call for times/dates

ABE Regional and State-wide Course Offerings (100% Online!)

English for Driving (Drivers Permit - online) Mondays, October 2 - November 20 6:00 - 8:30 PM
 Google Apps for Education (online) Fridays, October 27 - December 22 8:30 - 10:30 AM
 Professional Leadership (online) Fridays, October 27 - December 22 11:00 - 1:00 PM

Please call to enroll! (507) 345-5222 or text us at (507) 779-5827

REGISTRATION IS EASY!

For Community Education



ONLINE

<https://mankato.ce.eleyo.com/>

EMAIL

commed@isd77.org

PHONE

507-387-5501

MN RELAY SERVICES: V/TTY711

PAYMENTS

Community Education collects payment information at the time of registration. Typically payment will be processed in the week prior to start date. You will be emailed a payment reminder at that time. We accept VISA, MasterCard and Discover. Participation for all members of the household will be suspended until the account is brought up to date. ** Delinquent accounts are subject to collections.

ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Please be sure to review and update all user information including payment information, payer and participant names, address, phone numbers, emergency contacts and email address.

REFUNDS

Registrants wishing to withdraw their registration from a course must do so no later than 4 business days prior to the scheduled start of the activity* Refunds may include a \$10 processing fee. *NO refunds can be given for trips or tours after the registration deadline.

CANCELLED CLASSES

CE reserves the right to cancel any event, class or program. CE will make efforts to contact registrants before the scheduled start of the activity. Refunds (may include \$5 processing fee) will be given if cancellation occurs. If Mankato Area Public Schools District 77 closes school or releases students early due to weather concerns, CER activities will also be cancelled. For updated information, please check www.mankatocer.com or Mankato Community Education Facebook page.

MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILDING KEY



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| B - Bridges Community School
320 Garfield Avenue, North Mankato | M - Monroe Elementary School
441 Monroe Avenue, North Mankato |
| EL - Eagle Lake Elementary School
500 Le Sueur Avenue, Eagle Lake | R - Roosevelt Elementary School
300 West Sixth Street, Mankato |
| F - Franklin Elementary School
1000 North Broad Street, Mankato | RP - Rosa Parks Elementary School
1001 Heron Drive, Mankato |
| H - Hoover Elementary School
1524 Hoover Drive, North Mankato | W - Washington Elementary School
1100 Anderson Drive, Mankato |
| J - Jefferson Elementary School
100 James Avenue, Mankato | DMMS - Dakota Meadows Middle School
1900 Howard Drive West, North Mankato |
| K - Kennedy Elementary School
2600 East Main Street, Mankato | PWMS - Prairie Winds Middle School
1200 Prairie Winds Drive, Mankato |
| EHS - Mankato East High School
2600 Hoffman Road, Mankato | |
| WHS - Mankato West High School
1351 South Riverfront Drive, Mankato | |
| LCC - Lincoln Community Center
110 Fulton Street, Mankato | |
| C4L - Center for Learning
15 Map Drive, Mankato | |





MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mankato Area Public Schools is committed to working together equitably, with families and communities, so that each learner has the knowledge and skills to be a successful and contributing citizen in a diverse global society.

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Paul Peterson, Ed.D.,
Superintendent

Dear MAPS Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Whether you are new to the school system or a long-time member of our school community, we are excited to begin school with you this fall. MAPS teachers are the best in the state, and the support staff in all our schools and departments are dedicated to

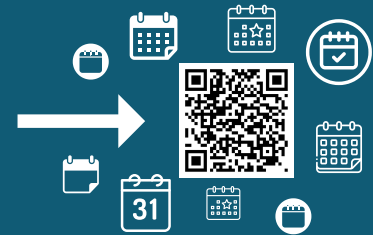
student success. Learning happens in a lot of different ways in MAPS, and the adults in our system are committed to providing future-focused and personalized experiences for all students. If there is anything we can do to improve your school experience in MAPS, we'd love to hear from you.

Have a great year!

2023 FALL CALENDAR REMINDERS:

- [September 5th](#)
 - Classes Begin 9-12th grades / Conferences K-8
- [September 6th](#)
 - Conference K-8
- [September 7th](#)
 - Classes Begin K-8

Find
Calendars
Here:



FACILITIES ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

SCHOOL YEAR PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

In compliance with the Parents Right to Know Act of 2000, Mankato Area Public Schools has an Integrated Pest Management Plan in place designed to minimize the risk to human health and the environment and to reduce the use of chemical pesticides. Mankato Area Public Schools does not apply pesticides on school property unless all other measures have failed to control the problem. In the event that insect control sprays and dust need to be applied, it will only be done when students are absent from the areas, and will be out of the area until the spray and any odor has dissipated. If you would like to be notified prior to a chemical application, please contact the District Facilities & Safety office.

SCHOOL YEAR ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

Mankato Area Public Schools, in accordance with the Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), has a stringent inspection and management program for all asbestos containing building materials. The district strives to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and employees. Every three years, all buildings owned and leased by the district are re-inspected for asbestos content by an accredited inspector with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Every six months, all materials containing asbestos are surveyed by district staff. Any materials needing repair or removal are done so safely and responsibly under our asbestos operation

and maintenance program. Mankato Area Public Schools has a list of locations and types of asbestos containing materials found in our buildings. A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for review in the District Facility office. Questions related to the plan should be directed to Scott Hogen, Director of Facilities and Safety.

INDOOR AIR QUALITY NOTIFICATION

Mankato Area Public Schools has a strong commitment to providing and maintaining good air quality. Our schools follow EPA guidelines to improve our indoor air quality (IAQ) by preventing as many IAQ problems as possible, and by quickly responding to any problems that may arise.



Good indoor air quality requires an ongoing commitment by everyone in our schools because each of us make daily decisions and perform activities that affect the air quality. Throughout the year, air quality is monitored and air handling systems are maintained on an established schedule to ensure good air quality. Our District Health & Safety Department will follow up on any reported IAQ problems. The Mankato Area Public Schools has agreed to administer the IAQ Management Plan, which includes taking a team leadership role, coordinating emergency response, and serving as our information resource. Questions should be directed to the District Facilities and Safety Office.

RADON SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN

To keep our students and staff safe, and because district leadership has placed a high priority on wellness initiatives – including radon testing – MAPS initiated a radon testing program in 2000. Minnesota Statute 123B.571 requires school districts to develop a Radon Management Plan which follows EPA and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines of testing for radon after any renovation to a building or HVAC system, or every 5 years and to reduce levels to below 4 picoCuries per Liter (pCi/L). Additional information and test results can be found in the Facilities Health and Safety section.

LEAD IN WATER SAFETY PLAN

Mankato Area Public Schools is committed to providing a safe

working and learning environment for employees and students. The district has developed a lead in water management plan and testing program that complies with Minnesota Statute 121A.3345, as well as recommendations from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA) of 1988 and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). Minnesota Statute 121A.335 requires public school buildings serving pre-kindergarten through grade 12 to test for lead in water every 5 years. This statute also requires school districts to make the results of the testing available to the public for review and to notify parents of the availability of the information. Additional information and test results are located in the Facilities Health and Safety Office.

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.



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

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 and 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 Administrative Services 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



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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 Administrative Services 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 Mankato Area Public Schools, at 507-387-3017 or jlustil@isd77.org

Written correspondence may be sent to John Lustig at 10 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN 56001.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE ACCOMMODATION

Reasonable efforts will be made by the school district to accommodate any student who wishes to be excused from a curricular activity for a religious observance. Requests for accommodations should be directed to the building principal.

VIP GOLD CARD

MAPS' VIP Gold Card is exclusively for those 62 years old or older and live within school district #77 boundaries. It is a great way to enjoy no-cost admission to concerts, athletic and academic events, plays, and planetarium shows.

If you would like a VIP Gold Card and fit the criteria above, you can get one by:

- Asking at the ticket gate/booth at regular season events.
- Contacting Mankato Area Public Schools central office at 507-387-1868
- Contacting the activity offices at your local high school during regular business hours.



Check out the activities websites for upcoming events:



East High School (507-387-5671)



West High School (507-387-3461)



*Exclusions include away events, tournaments, and section or state play.

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Mankato 2023-2024 Dance Schedule

Classes start September 5th!

Registrations accepted until Oct. 1st for the performance dance classes listed below.

Session dance classes are listed separately.

1400 Madison Ave Suite 318
Mankato, MN 56001
507-625-2005
www.dcsmdance.com
dcdance002@gmail.com

Small Children' Classes

Wee Dancers Ages 2-3

Designed to introduce music and movement through basic dance and creative movement activities. Black ballet shoes required.

Saturday 10:00-10:30

Tiny Ballerinas Ages 3-5 Pink ballet shoes required

Tuesday 5:00-5:30

Saturday 10:30-11:00

Preschool Movement Ages 3-4

Develop motor skills, sociability while giving a fun, hands-on introduction to the world of dance. Black tap and ballet shoes required.

Tuesday 5:30-6:00

Saturday 11:00-11:30

Take either Wee or Pre AND Tiny Ballerinas and get the second class for \$27 per month.

Day Time Combos

Start October 3

Ballet, Jazz, and Tap \$40/month

Combo E Ages 5-6

Tuesday 1:00-1:45

Combo D Ages 7+

Tuesday 1:45-2:30

*Subject due to Instructor availability

Adult Classes

\$15 per class attend or \$50 for a month

Adult Tap

Monday 7:00-7:55

Adult Sampler Class

*Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Ballet
Saturday 10:00-10:55 am

Winter Frost *Starts Jan 3rd

\$40/month & Performs in the Spring Recital

Performs in the Spring Recital. Black tap and black ballet shoes required

Winter Frost Ages 3+

Wednesday 6:00-6:45

**No Registration Fee

Combo Classes

Ballet, Jazz, and Tap *Black shoes required

Combo A Ages 5-6

Monday 5:15-6:00

Wednesday 5:00-5:45

Saturday 11:30-12:15

Combo B Ages 7-8

Wed. 5:00-5:55

Combo C Ages 9-10

Monday 7:00-7:55

Tap/Jazz Class

*Black Tap and Jazz Shoes required

Tap/Jazz 1

Thursday 5:30-6:25

Tap/Jazz 2

Thursday 7:30-8:25

Hip Hop Classes

Ages 5+ Instructor Recommendation

Hip Hop 1

Tuesday 7:00-7:55

Saturday 11:00-11:55

Hip Hop 2

Wednesday 6:00-6:55

Ballet Classes

Instructor recommendations *Pink Ballet Shoes required

Beginner Ballet Ages 5+

Tuesday 6:00-6:55

Pre-Pointe (approval only)

Tuesday 5:30-6:25

Intermediate Ballet

Thursday 4:30-5:25

Pointe (approval only)

Tuesday 8:00-8:55

Lyrical/Ballet

Thursday 6:30-7:25

Boys Classes \$30 per Month

**Beg. Combo (Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop) Ages 5+
Wed 5:00-5:55**

**Inter. Tap/Jazz Ages 9+ Inter. Hip Hop Ages 9+
Thurs 7:00-7:55 Thurs 8:00-8:55**

Non-Performing Technique Classes

Ballet Tech Must have dance experience. \$75 a month, no discounts.

Ballet Tech 1 Monday 6:00-6:55

Ballet Tech 2 Thursday 6:00-7:30

Ballet Tech 3 Tuesday 6:30-8:00

Saturday Ballet Tech Saturday 11:00-12:30

Tumbling

Saturday 8:00-8:55

Leaps & Turns

Sat. 10:00-10:55

Advanced Technique Ages 12+

Sat 12:30-1:00

Annual Membership Fee \$20 per dancer if registered by Aug 1st. \$30 after Aug 1st. Membership fee is non refundable

Tuition \$32 for 30 minute classes, \$40 for 45 minute classes, \$50 for 55 minutes classes Discount for multiple classes
Boys are \$30 per class per month

Performance dance classes are fall through spring commitment and are featured in our winter and spring recitals. Private solo/duet/trio lessons are available on a limited basis. Solo-\$35/half hour. Duet-\$30 per person/half hour. Trio- \$25 per person/half hour.

*All subject to change based on Enrollment. Minimum 4 students per class to keep classes.

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For more information call **507-625-4620**



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