



ABOUT

**BIRCH GROVE ELEMENTARY**

Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts is a national award-winning magnet (specialty) school where students learn through their passion for the arts. As a magnet school, Birch Grove enrolls students through an application process; the first priority deadline is Dec. 31. Apply at [www.nws.k12.mn.us](http://www.nws.k12.mn.us).



**OPPORTUNITY**

150 more minutes of arts instruction per six-day cycle than other schools.



**SUPPORT**

We help each student achieve at high levels and thrive socially and emotionally.



**PARTNERSHIPS**

Birch Grove students regularly benefit from District 279 Foundation grants that provide arts experiences.



**MAGNET**

As a magnet school, Birch Grove attracts students from across Osseo Area Schools and six other school districts.



**AWARDS**

Magnet School of Excellence  
Magnet Schools of America  
national recognition.



**VOLUNTEERS**

Whether you want to help in a classroom, on a field trip, or behind the scenes, we can find a volunteer placement for you!

## SPOTLIGHT ON BIRCH GROVE

- Free half-day pre-kindergarten
- Academic CARES (Committed, Academic growth, Rise above challenges, Effort, Scholarly)
- Talent development, academic challenge, and gifted support services
- Services for students with special needs
- Only elementary school in the district that offers drama and art instruction each week
- Vocal music, band and orchestra (only school in the district that provides instruction in stringed instruments as early as third grade)
- Robotics offered as a Saturday Academy
- Birch Grove and Company Arts Troupes, annual spring musical, and elective courses offered
- Students can participate in Birch Grove TV
- Transportation provided to eligible students who enroll through the NWSISD application process

## SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOL CLIMATE

Birch Grove CARES! Birch Grove students and adults are Cooperative, Assertive, Responsible, Empathetic, and show Self-Control.

Birch Grove uses restorative practices, trauma informed practices and the Responsive Classroom approach to promote a safe, challenging and joyful learning environment.

## CONTRIBUTING TO COMMUNITY

Every year, Birch Grove students and staff contribute to the local community and beyond through service and fundraising projects.

## ARTS SPECIALISTS BRING ADDED VALUE

Our staff includes art, drama, music and curriculum integration specialists.

## STAFF

63%

of Birch Grove's teachers have a master's degree or higher.

55%

of Birch Grove's teachers have more than three years of experience.

