

The Snapshot



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St. Cloud Area
School District 

About Us

OUR MISSION

is to provide a safe and caring climate and culture in which we engage, inspire, educate, prepare and empower all learners in partnership with their surrounding community to be successful in today's and tomorrow's society.

WE BELIEVE...

Everyone deserves equitable access to the highest quality of learning to maximize individual potential.

Multiple and differing perspectives contribute to informed decision-making and learning.

We all benefit when communities work together toward common goals.

Lifelong learning is essential for individuals to shape and thrive in our global society.

The greatest level of individual success is achieved through shared ownership by the individual, families, schools and our communities.

A state and nationally recognized leader in innovative education, St. Cloud Area School District 742 is the 16th largest school district in Minnesota serving a population of over 100,000 residents within 250 square miles and throughout four counties: Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright.

Clear Lake
Clearwater
Collegeville
Luxemburg
Pleasant Lake
St. Augusta
St. Cloud
St. Joseph
Waite Park



- 1** Early Childhood & Community Ed Center
- 2** Senior High Schools
- 3** Middle-Level Schools
- 4** Alternative Locations
- 8** Elementary Schools



68%
Teachers Who Have Advanced Degrees



Teachers

Support Staff

Leadership

920

800

71

All Learners

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

District 742 Early Childhood Education Program has earned the highest possible "4-Star Parent Aware" rating from the Minnesota Department of Human Services. This rating indicates that a school is using best practices that help prepare children for kindergarten.

Star Parent Aware Early Childhood



In 2018, District 742 opened Quarryview Education Center, a state-of-the-art learning facility that includes an early childhood education wing specifically designed for early learners. In addition to child classrooms and parent classrooms, the wing boasts a library, two gyms, and a fenced-in space with a bicycle track and playground.

ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education) is available for parents and their children from birth to kindergarten entry. Based on the belief that parents are their child's first and most important teacher, classes focus on development of caring, competent and confident parents and children. The ECFE class catalog can be accessed online, anytime.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING is required by MN law for all children entering kindergarten in public school. District 742 provides a standardized assessment for children ages 3 1/2 to 4. The screening can assist in identifying services that children may benefit from before starting kindergarten.

PRESCHOOL is offered at ten locations for children of all ability levels. Through hands-on and age-appropriate learning activities, preschool children build confidence and self-direction, learn to follow rules, manage change and resolve conflicts peacefully. Class sizes are kept small in order to provide individual attention for each child.

For more information on these programs, visit isd742.org/EarlyChildhood or call 320-370-8250.

GRADES K-12

District 742 welcomes all resident and nonresident (through open enrollment) students. Whether a family is enrolling a soon-to-be kindergartner in the all day, everyday kindergarten program or is new to the area and has children entering grades 1-12, the Welcome Center can help. The Welcome Center provides assistance in registering new students and can provide help, services and referrals to prepare them for school. Call 320-370-8116 or visit www.isd742.org/enrollment for more information.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Community Education, also located at Quarryview Education Center, offers over 700 different classes each year, providing opportunities for anyone to be a lifelong learner.



ADULT ENRICHMENT offers opportunities to sample affordable activities, refine skills, socialize and pursue interests. A wide range of classes on health and fitness, dance, finance, foods, home and garden, computers, travel and much more are available!

YOUTH ENRICHMENT provides opportunities for preschool through high school age youth to participate in programs that allow them to pursue their interests, expand their abilities and develop their creative side. Among the many choices include classes in arts and crafts, recreation, health and fitness and other special interest areas.

PROJECT CHALLENGE offers specially designed programs for anyone 16 years of age or older with a disability. The classes help to foster independence and personal growth, teach basic living skills and provide social opportunities.

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE) offers classes to adults who are interested in improving basic reading, writing or math skills, earn a GED, become a citizen or improve English skills. ABE offers a flexible schedule of classes designed to fit the lives of busy adults.

Call 320-370-8200 or visit www.isd742.org/communityed to get registered.



Engage.

Inspire.

Educate.

DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION



All students are provided the unique opportunity when entering kindergarten and first grade to enroll in one of District 742's Dual Language Immersion programs. These programs immerse students in a second language, allowing them to become bilingual at an early age. Students who learn two languages demonstrate enhanced learning ability, academic and linguistic performance, cognitive advantages and statistically higher SAT scores. Spanish Immersion is offered at Clearview and Westwood Elementaries, South Junior High and Tech High School, while Chinese Immersion is at Madison Elementary, North Junior High and Apollo High School. Also, piloting in 2023-24 is the Somali Immersion program at Talahi and Discovery Community Schools. All students living within District 742 boundaries are eligible to enroll in an immersion program and are able to receive full transportation services regardless of what school attendance area they reside in.

CENTRAL MINNESOTA VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Central Minnesota Virtual Academy (CMVA) is an online learning program certified by the Minnesota Department of Education that offers space, place and pace flexibility. CMVA provides a student centered learning environment with asynchronous learning and real-time support. Classes are taught by licensed teachers using standards-based curriculum and is open to all students of all abilities in grades 6-12 both within District 742 and throughout the state. Students in grades 6-8 have the opportunity to engage in a full-time online program, while students in grades 9-12 have the option to enroll in either a full-time or part-time online learning environment.

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Career Technical Education (CTE) programs are a sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge and skills to provide students a pathway to postsecondary education and careers. CTE teaches transferable workplace skills in applied learning contexts to provide opportunities to explore high-demand career options, and gives students the technology and skills needed for success in adult life.

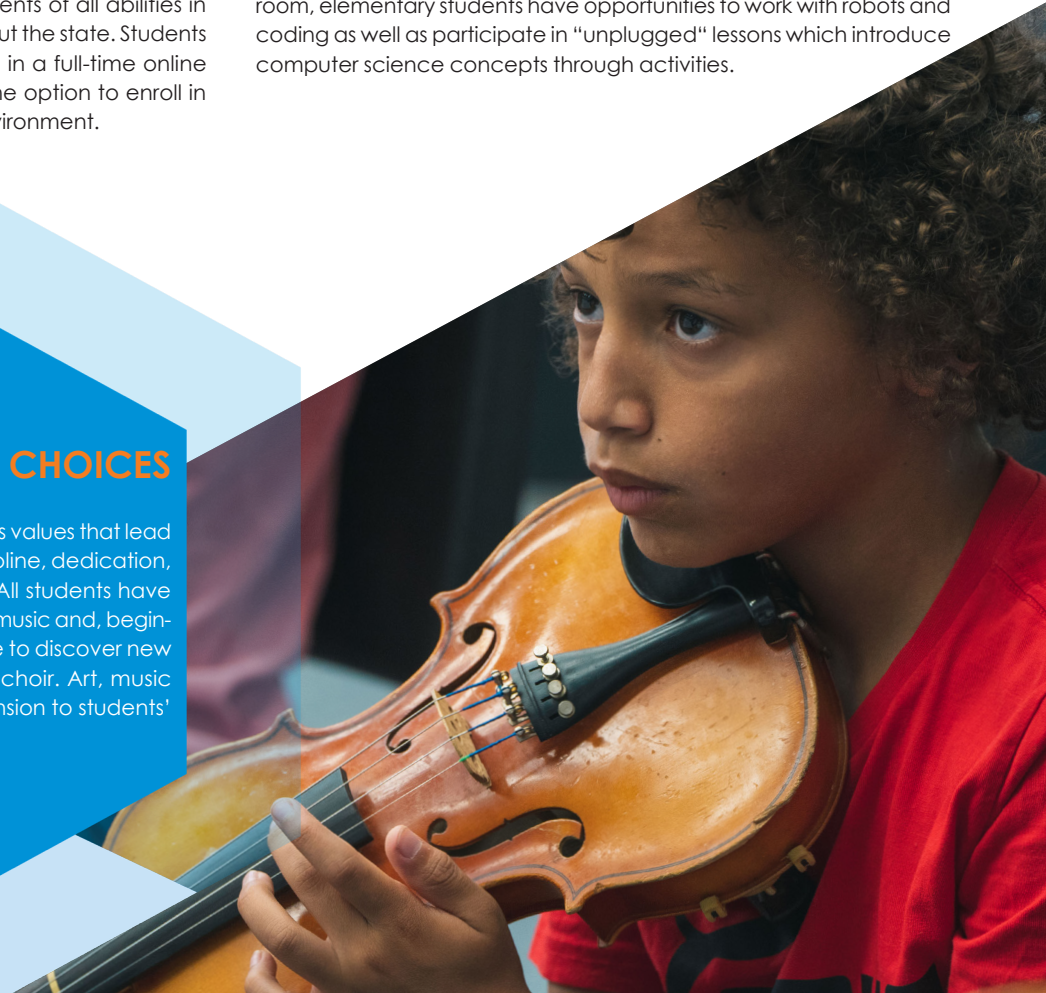
Whether students take one CTE course or enroll in an entire CTE program, CTE is an important part of every student's well-rounded education. Regardless of the CTE pathway, CTE experiences build the transferable skills that lead to success in career and college. CTE classes inform students about how their skills apply to today's occupations and also provide students with a realistic picture of their future in the world of work.

INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

District 742 teachers are always looking for ways to integrate technology to enhance learning and prepare students to succeed in today and tomorrow's society. As part of this vision, students are given the opportunity to learn with a variety of tools including Chromebooks, iPads, Interactive Whiteboards, Google Apps for Education, and so much more! Through the Inspire 1:1 initiative, every student in grades 6-12 is provided a device to accelerate their learning in school and at home. With a focus on bringing computational thinking into the classroom, elementary students have opportunities to work with robots and coding as well as participate in "unplugged" lessons which introduce computer science concepts through activities.

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS CHOICES

Music education teaches skills and promotes values that lead to personal development such as self-discipline, dedication, teamwork, self-confidence and practice. All students have the option to take advantage of classroom music and, beginning in grade six, students have the chance to discover new talents by enrolling in orchestra, band or choir. Art, music and theater are also offered adding dimension to students' core learning.



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TALENT DEVELOPMENT & ACCELERATED ACHIEVEMENT

The Talent Development program is an open-access, needs-oriented program for students with demonstrated high achievement or the potential for high achievement in reading, writing, creative and critical thinking, math and problem-solving. Elementary students have opportunities to meet their academic needs through strategic programming within the school day through the Young Scholars program and the Total School Cluster Grouping model. In addition, the elementary schools offer a range of extracurricular activities aimed to challenge students beyond the classroom. In grades 7-12, students have the opportunity to participate in advanced level courses and extracurricular activities in the areas of academics and the arts. This includes honors level courses and a large variety of advanced placement courses.

CAREER & COLLEGE ACADEMIES

Career and College Academies create learning pathway opportunities for all students leading to a successful post-secondary educational experience and/or a career. Students will discover and explore their interests and become equipped with the knowledge, skills, dispositions and confidence necessary to successfully complete post-secondary training, resulting in a career path of their choice. Academies include, Business, Entrepreneurship, Communication & Arts (BECA), Health Science, Human Service & Hospitality (HHH), and Manufacturing, Engineering & Natural Resources (MENR).

ATHLETICS, ACTIVITIES, CLUBS & GROUPS

District 742 provides a wide variety of options and opportunities for students outside of the classroom. Research shows that students who participate in extracurricular activities are more likely to be successful in school and achieve higher grades. By participating in after-school activities, students can learn new skills and gain confidence in themselves and their abilities. Students can also improve their physical, cognitive and emotional skills, depending on the types of activities. Additionally, extracurricular activities provide students the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends which can contribute to successful social skills in the future.

With 33 High School League sponsored athletics and over 45 clubs and groups, students are certain to find activities that match their interests and enhance their school experience. Just a handful of these opportunities include lacrosse, gymnastics, alpine skiing, drama, robotic, Knowledge Bowl and Future Problem Solvers.

ELECTIVES & ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Since many students pursue careers that are not directly related to core curriculum, students are encouraged to cultivate interests beyond traditional subjects and to demonstrate the depth and seriousness of study that appeal to colleges. The diverse selection of electives helps keep students motivated and engaged in the learning process. Just a few of the elective choices include Culinary Arts, Entrepreneurship, Guitar, Robotics, Debate and Environmental Science.

The 22 advanced placement (AP) courses are another option that students have to prepare for the next step in their educational journeys. Each year, 500-600 students participate in AP courses with the opportunity to earn college credit.

AP COURSE LISTINGS

- American Government
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Capstone
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- Economics
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition
- Human Geography
- Music Theory
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish Language
- Spanish Literature
- Statistics
- Studio Art
- US History
- World History

Classes may vary depending on school and are subject to change.



Safe and Caring



Kennedy Community School
1300 Jade Rd
St. Joseph

Serving students in preschool and grades K-8, Kennedy is located in St. Joseph and is home of the Colts. The U.S. Green Building Council has awarded Kennedy with a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Schools (LEED) certification at the GOLD level. Kennedy is used as a model for promoting green schools across the region.



Madison Elementary
2805 9th St N
St. Cloud

Madison serves students in preschool and grades K-5. It is located between the Centennial and Pantown neighborhoods of north St. Cloud. Madison is home of the Mustangs and has two gymnasiums, a spacious media center and large play areas. The Chinese Immersion program is just one of the many offerings that make Madison families proud.



Westwood Elementary
5800 Ridgewood Rd
St. Cloud

Westwood serves students in preschool and grades K-5 and is located in west St. Cloud on a 15-acre site. Westwood is home of the Wildcats. As a host school for Spanish Immersion, students can receive instruction in English or in Spanish beginning in kindergarten and first grade.



Discovery Community School
700 7th St S
Waite Park

Discovery serves students in preschool and grades K-5. Home of the Dolphins and a host to the Somali Immersion pilot program, Discovery is adjacent to Quarryview Education Center. Students from Discovery will attend North Junior High or South Junior High depending on where they live.



North Junior High
1212 29th Ave N, St. Cloud

North serves students in grades 6-8 who live on the north and west sides of District 742. North is also host to the middle level Chinese Immersion program. The 25-acre site has abundant recreational space, including four football/soccer fields, two baseball fields and two softball fields. North is home of the Eagles.



Apollo High School
1000 44th Ave N, St. Cloud

Apollo High School (AHS) serves students in grades 9-12 who live on the north and west sides of District 742. The school's 65-acre site is near the VA Medical Center and the Municipal Athletic Complex. AHS is home of the Eagles. Its school name, which is borrowed from the U.S. Government Space Program, has always embodied a sense of mission.

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING LOCATIONS

Community Options 2 (CO2)

Stearns Hall, SCSU, 410 3rd Ave S, St. Cloud

McKinley Area Learning Center (ALC)

216 8th Ave N, Waite Park

Roosevelt Education Center

3015 3rd St N, St. Cloud

Katherine Johnson Education Center

713 Anderson Ave, St. Cloud

Climate and Culture



Lincoln Elementary
336 5th Ave SE
St. Cloud

Lincoln serves students in grades 4-5. Located in east St. Cloud, it is one of District 742's smaller neighborhood schools. It replaced a four-room, \$11,000 school built on the same site in 1890. Lincoln is home of the All Stars. Students from Lincoln will attend North Junior High or South Junior High depending on where they live.



Talahi Community School
1321 University Dr SE
St. Cloud

Talahi serves students in preschool and grades K-3. Located on the southeast side of St. Cloud. Built on 21 acres of wooded land, Talahi is an Ojibwa word meaning "Among the Oaks." Talahi is the home of the Timberwolves and is a host to the Somali Immersion pilot program. Talahi students complete their elementary education at Lincoln for grades 4-5.



Oak Hill Community School
2600 County Rd 136
St. Cloud

Oak Hill serves students in preschool and grades K-5. Located on the southern edge of St. Cloud, it received its name from the beautiful oak trees found on the hill behind the school. Its five soccer fields host many soccer activities throughout the year. Oak Hill is home of the Owls.



Clearview Elementary
7310 Highway 24
Clear Lake

Clearview serves students in preschool and grades K-5. Home of the Cougars, Clearview's 56-acre site sits between the two towns of Clear Lake and Clearwater. As a host school for Spanish Immersion, students can receive instruction in English or in Spanish beginning in kindergarten and first grade.



South Junior High
1120 15th Ave S, St. Cloud

South serves students in grades 6-8 who live on the south and east sides of District 742. South is also host to the middle level Spanish Immersion program. Located near Roosevelt Road in south St. Cloud, South is in its fifth decade of providing middle level education. South is home of the Tigers.



Tech High School
4200 33rd St S, St. Cloud

Tech High School (THS) serves students in grades 9-12 who live in the south and east areas of District 742. Built in 2019, this modern facility incorporates flexible learning spaces, technology-enhanced classrooms, and state-of-the-art athletic and arts facilities to continue a tradition of excellence and pride among its students, staff and community. THS is home of the Tigers.

OTHER DISTRICT LOCATIONS

Quarryview Education Center

- 800 7th St S, Waite Park
- Early Childhood Education
 - Community Education
 - Adult Basic Education
 - The Welcome Center

District Administration Office

1201 2nd St S, Waite Park



