



Cottage Grove Middle School

Grades 6 – 8

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School Hours: 7:50 a.m. – 2:26 p.m.

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About Cottage Grove Middle School

Cottage Grove Middle School (CGMS) serves students in sixth through eighth grades and is part of South Washington County Schools. At CGMS, each grade is divided into “houses” with one group of students working with one group of teachers throughout the school year. These teachers work as a team and meet daily to help every student succeed. School staff members also provide encouragement and support to each student to develop each individual. Building character is an important part of the school’s mission and in 2017, it was recognized as a Minnesota Emerging School of Character by Character.org.

CGMS offers a variety of courses including acceleration in math and science, critical thinking, College and Career Readiness, STEM, art and world language. CGMS also integrates technology into all curriculum to help students develop skills for the 21st century.



There are many extracurricular and leadership opportunities at CGMS including athletics, music, theater, robotics, chess and service-learning clubs. Students learn with collaborative and flexible learning spaces.

Enrollment and Staffing



950 + students are enrolled at Cottage Grove Middle School.

115 caring staff members work at Cottage Grove Middle School who encourage and personalize learning for each student.

CGMS Pathways



Park High School

East Ridge High School

Pathways are determined by address boundaries, visit sowashco.org/enroll#maps to see your pathway.

CGMS Features



15+ Extracurricular activities allow students to follow their passion.



Schoology is an online learning platform that helps students, parents and teachers coordinate learning.



CGMS is part of the state funded Free School Meals program, which provides free meals to all students. All menus meet or exceed USDA standards.

Early Childhood Learning

Early Childhood Learning programs for families and children provide support to begin your child's educational journey and provide families with confidence in parenting. We offer classes for families with children age birth to five.



English Language Learner Program

SoWashCo Schools provides English language learner services for students whose home language is not English.



1 to 1 Student Devices

Every student has access to a mobile device.

- iPads (K-2)
- Chromebooks (3-12)



Student Support Services

Family engagement creates partnerships between families, students and educators to further students' academic success.



Educational Benefits

Educational Benefits provide a variety of discounted or free benefits to eligible students. Including:

Community Education

SoWashCo Community Education offers affordable opportunities for students and community members of all ages to participate in enrichment, recreational and athletic activities. For more information, visit: commed.sowashco.org.



Field Trips



Athletics



Student Fees



Kids Club



Device Protection Plans



Instrument Rentals



Community Education Programs



Funding for Schools

Learn more and apply at sowashco.org/edbenefits.

Family Resources



Calendar: The district and family calendar can be found at sowashco.org/calendar. Calendars specific to your child's school can be found on the school's website.



Campus Parent Portal: Campus Parent Portal allows families to view online information about student class schedules, report and view attendance, view school bus route assignments, and more. Families are required to update their accounts annually before the school year. For help, please email ICSupport@sowashco.org.



Pay Fees (Edutrak): Pay Fees/SmartSchoolK12 is used for processing payments for school fees such as parking, transcripts, clubs, competitive activities and more. You can set up an account at sowashco.org/fees.



Schoology: Schoology is an online learning platform. For more information visit sowashco.org/families/schoology. For help with Schoology, please email schoologyhelp@sowashco.org.



School Cafe: Student school meal accounts can be managed through School Cafe. School Cafe has a free mobile app available for use on any mobile device. You can set up an account at schoolcafe.com/sowashco.