



#### **Focus School Enrollment:**

### Innovative Learning in Mankato Area Public Schools

**Guiding Families Through the Process for 2025-2026** 



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### Innovative Learning in Mankato Area Public Schools (MAPS)



MAPS is aiming to provide diverse educational opportunities through Focus Schools.



### Neighborhood Schools

Includes neighborhood students from their attendance boundaries as well as approved attendance area approved exceptions.



### Neighborhood + Schools

Includes neighborhood students from their attendance boundaries as well as students who have been approved through the application process.



### Community School

Includes students who have been selected through the application process as attendance boundaries do not exist.

### What MAPS has to offer

## **Bridges Community School**

Our global studies community school inspires young learners to explore global connections and challenges through inquiry based and experiential learning. By fostering critical thinking, real-world problem-solving, and meaningful connections, we empower students to become compassionate, resilient, and globally-minded citizens

# Jefferson Elementary

Our nature-based school fosters a deep connection to the environment and agricultural practices through hands-on learning and outdoor exploration, cultivating critical thinking, resilience, and personal growth. By engaging meaningfully with the land, we inspire students to care for the earth and contribute to their communities and sustainable futures.

#### Rosa Parks Elementary

Our STEAM school empowers all learners through hands-on, inclusive, and inquiry-based education that fosters a growth mindset. By engaging in real-world learning experiences, we inspire curious thinkers, resilient learners, and compassionate innovators ready to contribute to a diverse world.

## **Understanding the Enrollment Process**

#### Phase One: Attendance-Area Enrollment

- Automatic enrollment for students in Jefferson/Rosa Parks attendance areas.
- No application needed.

# Phase Two: Focus School Application

 Lottery-based application process for others.

#### Priority order:

- 1. Siblings of current students.
- MAPS residents outside attendance areas.
- Non-MAPS residents.
- \*Waitlist created if space is unavailable.

### Inclusive Enrollment for All Students

MAPS welcomes applications from families of students receiving special education services and multilingual learner services.

Requests are evaluated based on:

- Unique student needs
- Available programming
- Current caseloads

### **Application Process**

Key steps of the application process:

- Attend informational sessions or schedule school tours in throughout December and January to make an informed decision.
- Submit applications during the open window (November 25–January 24) through our Infinite Campus Parent Portal.





## **Application Timeline**

**November 25, 2024** 

**Window Open** 

Lottery Application Opens to all MAPS Focus Schools. **January 24, 2025** 

**Window Closes** 

Lottery Application Closes to all MAPS Focus Schools **February 14, 2025** 

Notification to Families

All Notification to Families on seats awarded to MAPS Focus Schools. March 1, 2025

Deadline to Accept/Decline

If you do not accept the enrollment seat your child has been awarded by the March 1st, 2025 deadline, the seat will be offered to the next applicant on the waitlist.

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## **Bridges Informational Sessions**

Date: December 10th, 2024

Time: 9:30 am and 6:00 pm

**Location:** Bridges Community School Auditorium - 320 Garfield Avenue, North Mankato

Date: December 18th, 2024

Time: 10:45 am

**Location:** Bridges Virtual Option Only (Video call link:

https://meet.google.com/noq-wowx-hae

## **Jefferson Informational Sessions**

Date: December 12th, 2024

Time: 8:30am and 6:00pm

Location: Jefferson Elementary School - 100 James Avenue, Mankato, MN 56001

Date: December 12th, 2024

Time: 11:30 Virtual

**Location:** Online Link: (Video call link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/qsy-wnej-mxr">https://meet.google.com/qsy-wnej-mxr</a>)

## **Rosa Parks Informational Sessions**

Date: December 13th, 2024

**Time: 9:00am** 

Location: Rosa Parks Elementary School Art Room - 1001 Heron Drive, Mankato

Date: December 16th, 2024

**Time: 6:00pm** 

Location: Rosa Parks Elementary School Media Center -1001 Heron Drive, Mankato

Date: December 17th, 2024

Time: 10:45am

Location: Rosa Parks Virtual Option Only Link

(Video call link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/snt-ujee-cia">https://meet.google.com/snt-ujee-cia</a>)

#### Questions? Use this link

## Questions? We're Here to Help!

For Focus School inquiries:

Email: focusschools@isd77.org

Arrange a tour: Contact the desired school

directly.

Visit MAPS website for more details.



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Website Use this link



