



Welcome to Dakota Hills Middle School. We are a school of just over 1,200 students located in Eagan, a southern suburb of the Twin Cities. We have a dynamic staff of educators who love children, identify with young adolescents, and are committed to the success of each student. Over 70 percent of our teachers hold advanced degrees. Most importantly, all of our teachers exhibit a great passion for both their students and class subject areas.

Dakota Hills offers enthusiastic and challenging instruction by teachers who focus on personal relationships with students. Students experience a balance of challenge and support with high expectations within a nurturing environment. Our students consistently earn scholarly honors distinguishing Dakota Hills as a school that scores at or among the top schools in reading, math, and science assessments for both Minnesota and the metropolitan area. Our students move on to Eagan High School as the next step in their college preparatory or vocational learning.

Understanding that all young adolescents experience amazing cognitive, physical, and emotional during their three years at Dakota Hills, we are attentive to the academic and social-emotional needs of our students. We have active Parent and Site Councils that help us to stay connected and attuned to our community. We are blessed with a supportive Eagan community as our parents are interested and involved in the learning and growth of the children at DHMS. When you enroll your child at Dakota Hills, you will become members of our engaged, supportive, and close-knit educational family.

Dr. Trevor Johnson, Principal

Administration

- Principal: Trevor Johnson, Ed.D.
- Assistant Principal: Melissa Tapper
- Assistant Admin: Ashley Berryman



*A commitment to be the
best, and having fun
along the way*

Dakota Hills at a Glance (2024-25 information)

Contact Us

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School Day (6 class periods)

8:20 AM to 3:10 PM
Office Hours:
7:00 AM to 3:30 PM



Demographics (2024-25 School Year Data, MDE)

- Total enrollment 1,184
- Asian 148 (13%)
- Black 76 (6.4%)
- Latino/Hispanic 83 (7%)
- Nat. Am./Alaskan 20 (1.7%)
- White 769 (65%)
- Two or more races 87 (7.3%)



School Highlights (Fall 2025 Information)

- Rigorous high school-preparation curricula
- Reading, writing and speaking skills via two types of English classes
- More than 24 club activities
- 1-to-1 iPads for all students (provided by school)
- Gifted and Talented student program options
- Multiple Fine Arts/Performing Arts events and options
- Fall Drama and Spring Musical Productions
- Extended choir and music group options (jazz, acapella, etc.)
- 11 sports options: Fall-Winter-Spring
- After-school homework help labs (Monday thru Thursday)
- Daily advisory and academic support time



Summary of Student Testing Data (Spring, 2025 Scores, MDE)

- 62.9% proficient on the MCA-III reading assessment (Dist. Avg = 54.8%)
- 58.7% proficient on the MCA-III math assessment (Dist. Avg = 49.9%)
- 54.5% proficient on the MCA-III science assessment (Dist. Avg = 41.6%)



Average Daily Attendance Rate (2024-25, MDE)

- 95.1%: Dakota Hills Middle School
- 92.3%: Independent School District #196
- 85.3%: State of Minnesota Average

Sample Schedules

6th Grade				7th Grade				8th Grade			
Period	Time	Day A "Green"	Day B "Blue"	Period	Time	Day A "Green"	Day B "Blue"	Period	Time	Day A "Green"	Day B "Blue"
1	8:20-9:15	Reading & Writing		1	8:20-9:15	English		1	8:20-9:15	English	
2	9:19-10:11	Earth & Space Science		2	9:19-10:11	Life Science		2	9:19-10:11	Physical Science	
3	10:15-11:07	Math		3	10:15-11:07	Math		3	10:15-11:07	Math	
4	11:11-12:13	Minnesota Studies		Lunch	11:08-11:38	7th may have "A" or "B" lunch		4	11:11-12:44	Global Studies	
Lunch	12:14-12:44	All 6th have "C" lunch		4	11:39-12:44	American Studies		Lunch	11:41-12:11	8th may have "A" or "B" lunch	
5	12:48-1:40	Phy Ed	Literacy	5	12:48-1:40	Phy Ed	Comm.	5	12:48-1:40	Phy Ed	Comm.
FLEX	1:44-2:14	Homebase-FLEX		FLEX	1:44-2:14	Homebase-FLEX		FLEX	1:44-2:14	Homebase-FLEX	
6	2:18-3:10	Art/Tech/FACS	Music	6	2:18-3:10	Elective #1	Elective #2	6	2:18-3:10	Elective #1	Elective #2

6th: Music options are band, choir, or general music

7th: Twelve elective options in Music, French, Spanish, Tech Ed, FACS, and Art

8th: Twelve elective options in Music, French, Spanish, Tech Ed, FACS, and Art