



South St. Paul  
Public Schools

## Engage, Educate, Empower!

Nurturing an inclusive Packer community of lifelong learners

### Strategic Priorities

#### Packer Performance

##### Fostering Growth and Achievement

**Focus on Growth:** Cultivate an environment that encourages continuous improvement, academic success, and high performance.

**Support Staff Excellence:** Empower and support staff as they learn and collaborate to drive student achievement.

**Expand Opportunities:** Offer diverse academic and extracurricular experiences that inspire curiosity, critical thinking, and personal growth.

#### Packer Pride

##### Celebrating Core Values and Community

**Align Actions with Core Values:** Ensure every decision and action reflects our commitment to our community values of Pride, Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Collaboration, and Equity.

**Promote District Strengths:** Showcase what makes our district unique and welcoming, attracting students, families, and staff.

**Celebrate and promote hard work and engagement:** Recognize and appreciate the dedication of students, families, staff, and community members in fostering a thriving and supportive educational environment.

#### Packer Promise

##### Cultivating Inclusive Opportunities for All

**Cultivate a Welcoming Environment:** Build a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning community where everyone feels valued and heard.

**Communicate Transparently:** Foster trust by delivering clear, consistent, and transparent communication that encourages engagement and strengthens relationships.

**Expand Pathways to Success:** Provide diverse opportunities for students to explore their academic and personal goals, unlocking their full potential for success in school, careers, and life.

**Foster Belonging:** Strengthen connections through shared experiences that create a sense of pride and belonging within our schools and community.

### Our Core Values

South St. Paul Public Schools and The City of South St. Paul share a foundational set of core values to reflect the aspirations, priorities, and shared vision for our schools and entire community. These values drive our words and actions.



#### PRIDE

A welcoming, inclusive and supportive Packer community that honors and celebrates its rich history while collectively inspiring new traditions.



#### RESILIENCE

The courage to adapt, change and persevere when presented with challenges and opportunities.



#### RESPECT

Recognizing and celebrating the goodness in oneself and others, seeing our differences as strengths and showing care and appreciation for people, property and the entire SSP community.



#### INTEGRITY

Being thoughtful, honest, transparent in our words, and actions, and accountable for our decisions.



#### EQUITY

A safe and supportive environment that provides opportunities for all to be seen, heard, and valued.



#### COLLABORATION

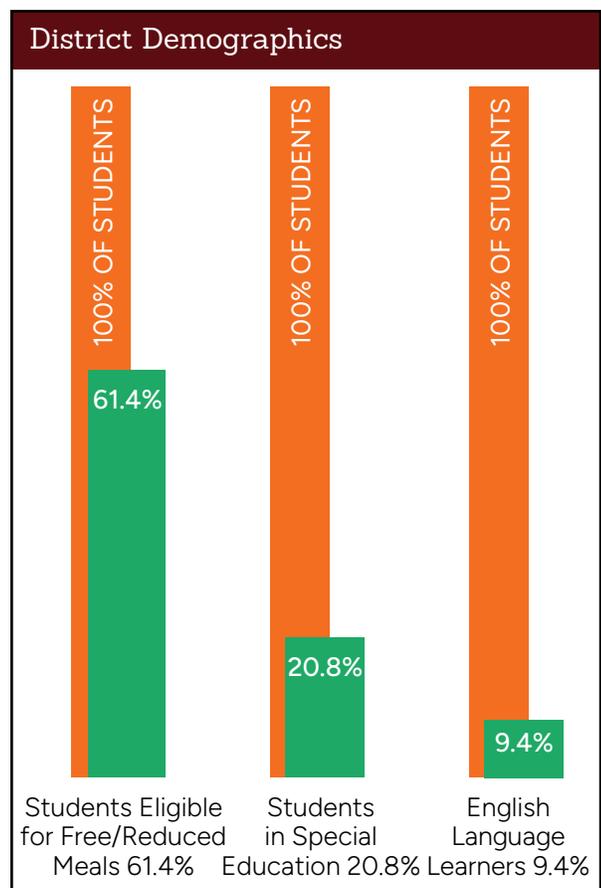
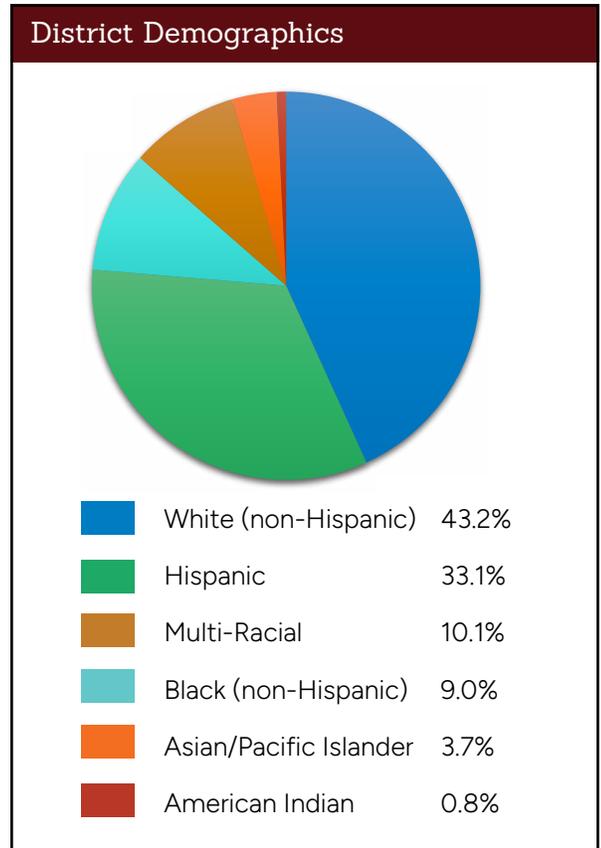
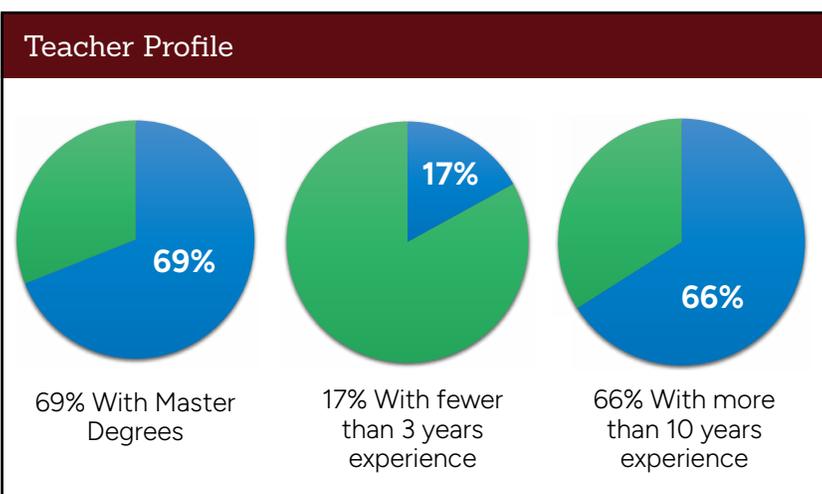
Building community together through trust, hard work, innovation, and a shared commitment to building the South St. Paul that our community aspires to be.

# 2024-25 Statistics and Demographics

Student Enrollment	2,931
Early Learning (including Pre-K & ECSE)	125
Lincoln Center Elementary (K-5)	684
Kaposia Education Center (K-5)	640
SSP Middle School (6-8)	536
SSP High School (9-12)	830
Community Learning Center (10-12)	116

SSP Student Participation Statistics	
Students in at least one athletic program (grades 6-12)	691
Students in at least one activity (grades 6-12)	135
Total student involvement in athletics/activities (grades 6-12)	1,379
Student who earned Academic Letter (grades 10-12)	55

SSP Community Education Participation	
Total Participation in all Youth Programs	5,882
Total Participation in all Adult Programs	8,022
SSP Senior Center Members	248
Adult Education Participants	261
Adult Education Graduates	15



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# We are Special School District #6

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What makes SSPPS Special School District 6? Boundaries for South St. Paul Public Schools and the City of South St. Paul's are nearly the same. SSPPS also accepts open enrollment for students in neighboring communities.



## **South St. Paul Secondary**

*700 N 2nd Street*

Grades 6-12, Middle (6-8) and High School (9-12)  
Main Office Line: 651-457-9408  
Attendance: 651-457-9415



## **Kaposia Education Center and Early Learning**

*1225 1st Avenue S*

Grades Prek-5 and Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)  
Main Office Line: 651-451-9260  
Attendance: 651-457-9422



## **Lincoln Center Elementary**

*357 9th Avenue N*

Grades Prek-5  
Main Office Line: 651-457-9426  
Attendance: 651-457-9498



## **Community Learning Center**

*710 19th Avenue N*

Grades 10-12  
Main Office Line/Attendance: 651-450-9966



## **Community Education at Central Square and District Enrollment Center**

*100 7th Avenue N*

Community Education and Enrollment Center  
Main Line: 651-306-3632



## **District Office**

*104 5th Avenue S, Door 3*

District Operations  
Main Line: 651-457-9400

## PACKER PATHWAYS: ACADEMICS

Our mission is dedicated to preparing each and every student for their future through high-quality, individualized programs, services, and personalized learning tailored to every stage of their educational journey. The Packer Pathways comprehensive plan provides students with opportunities to fully engage with their learning paths. Visit our website to learn more about Packer Pathways: <https://www.sspps.org/academics/packer-pathway>.

### Early Learning

- Promotes healthy growth and development in children
- Provides families with child development resources
- Lays the foundation for academic, emotional, and social success

### Elementary

- Teaches fundamental academic subjects that form the foundation of a student's educational journey
- Offers specialist classes for K-5 including science, media arts, visual arts, physical education, and music
- Safe and supportive learning environment

### Middle School

- Builds on fundamental academic subjects
- Targeted support to help students build skills and provide enrichment at a more individualized level
- Class offerings for students to explore interests and career paths

### High School

- Academic planning and counseling to assist students in navigating their educational path at SSPPS
- Provides students with tools, resources, and individualized college and career advising
- Concurrent enrollment courses for students seeking college-level experience/credits while still enrolled in high school
- Career and Technical Education for students looking to enter the workforce after graduation
- TriDistrict Centers for Advanced Professional Students (CAPS) collaboration creates opportunities for students to explore different careers and learn about ways to earn college credits, degrees, job-ready certifications, and internships while in high school
- IB Diploma Program a more rigorous academics studies, further preparing grade 11 and 12 students for post-secondary options
- Building Assets, Reducing Risks (BARR) allows staff to better understand and proactively address non-academic reasons why a student may be falling behind

## ADDITIONAL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

### Talent Development and Advanced Academics

The K-5 Talent Development Program provides equitable access in developing talents in students of all abilities, races, ethnicities, languages, gender, and socioeconomic circumstances.

### Program Priorities

- Identifying and nurturing strengths and interests for all students
- Ensuring all students have the opportunity to enhance their critical thinking skills and develop high level educational routines
- Respecting students knowledge and empowering them to actively engage in their academic pathway
- Elevating the depth, complexity and acceleration to students who need advanced instruction
- Providing supplementary enrichment opportunities for support and success

### Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

Our academic and student support team in each school includes teachers and educational support assistants, mental health professionals (counselors, psychologists, and social workers), and instructional leaders (administrators and instructional coaches). This team works collaboratively to provide high-quality instruction and intervention support to match each student's needs. The framework for MTSS in SSPPS includes:

- Tier 1: Academic and behavioral support with differentiated instruction for all students in a general education setting
- Tier 2: Targeted supplemental instruction and intervention
- Tier 3: Intensive individualized instruction and intervention

For more information on the district's MTSS model visit: [www.sspps.org/academics/mtss](http://www.sspps.org/academics/mtss).

### Safety and Security

SSPPS partners with local law enforcement and other agencies to plan, prepare, and implement a safe and supportive learning environment. Staff, students, and community partners are trained on a nationwide set of Standard Response Protocols aimed at creating common and consistent language in the event of an emergency [www.sspps.org/departments/buildings-grounds/safety-security](http://www.sspps.org/departments/buildings-grounds/safety-security).

### Community Education

Central Square Community Center is home to the district's Community Education programming. Community Ed features: Adult and Youth enrichment, Adult Basic Education, the Senior Center, Fitness classes, Swimming, Gymnastics and other youth recreation courses. [Communityed.sspps.org](http://Communityed.sspps.org)