



ST. MICHAEL-ALBERTVILLE SCHOOLS

EXCELLENCE IS OUR TRADITION

KNIGHT VIEW

STATE OF THE DISTRICT



We proudly serve 7,033 students from Pre K - Age 22

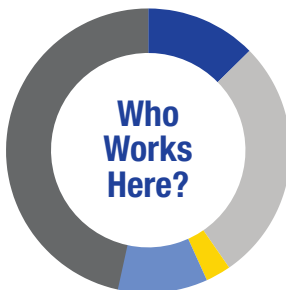


How many of our students meet or exceed state standards?

Reading **60.8%**
 Math **60.0%**
 Science **33.7%**

How do these rankings compare statewide?

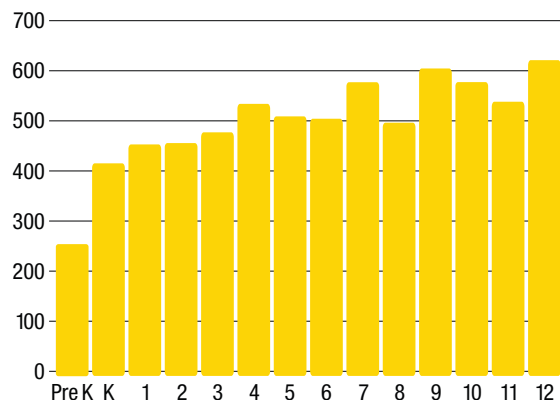
Reading **top 11.2%**
 Math **top 8.6%**
 Science **top 12.3%**



● Teachers 342.5 ● Administrators 21
 ● Paraprofessionals 99 ● Other Licensed Professionals 98.4
 ● Other Staff 180.8

Source: Minnesota Dept of Ed

2025-2026 Enrollment By Grade

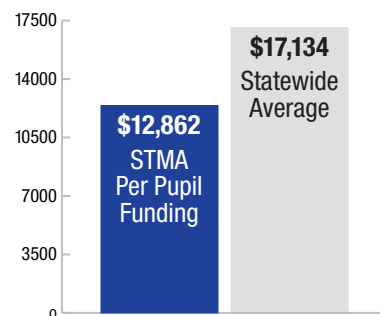


What Is Our Financial Outlook?

Five Year Forecast

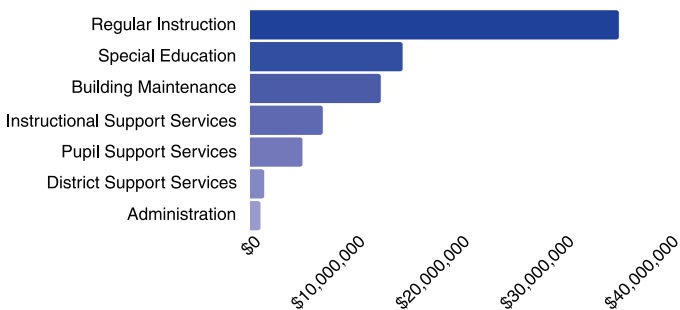
GENERAL FUND	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Revenue	91,744,807	95,438,499	97,377,221	104,116,765	106,377,848
Expenditures	94,182,296	97,782,850	100,884,039	104,942,351	109,220,003
Spending Variance	(2,437,489)	(2,344,351)	(3,546,818)	(825,586)	(2,842,155)
Estimated Fund Balance					
Unassigned Fund Balance %	20.62%	16.34%	14.88%	11.34%	7.96%

How Does Our Funding Compare?*



How Is Our Money Spent?*

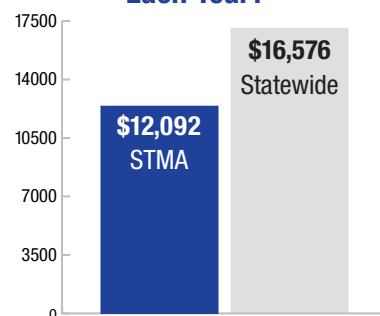
Per Student Spending By Program Category



We Rank 324/328 in MN in Per Pupil Funding

Source: Schools Advocating for Fair Funding

How Much is Spent Per Student Each Year?*



*Source: 2025 Audited Financial Statements

SCHOOL NEWS

ALBERTVILLE PRIMARY

Each May, our kindergarten students get the opportunity to tour the elementary school that they will be attending for first grade. The tour provides students with a brief exposure to their new elementary school and helps students with a successful transition to first grade. Our students love seeing their new gym, cafeteria, and playground. First grade here we come!



In May, kindergarten students will tour the elementary school that they will attend next year.

BIG WOODS ELEMENTARY

Big Wood students joined together and contributed hundreds of food items for the STMA Food Pantry. The Big Woods fourth grade leadership team counted all the items and helped pack them in the trailer. The first grade students won the friendly competition and enjoyed a short video and a treat with Mr. Peterson.



FIELDSTONE ELEMENTARY

Our Fieldstone families read the story *8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel ÷ 1 Dog = Chaos* during I Love to Read Month in February. The parrot and squirrel led our Character Parade! The students' costumes were wonderful!



ST. MICHAEL ELEMENTARY

St. Michael Elementary hosted a Food Drive April 6–10 in partnership with the STMA National Honor Society and STME PTO. Students and families donated non-perishable and personal care items, along with monetary gifts, to the STMA Food Pantry. A classroom competition added excitement and helped build a strong sense of giving and community.



Pictured above are STMA HS NHS students helping collect the food items each day.



HIGH SCHOOL

Trimester 3 is underway and spring activities are in full swing. The end of the year will arrive soon and we will be celebrating our seniors and the journey that has shaped them. We are also proud of our student-led Culture Day celebration, a powerful example of connection that defines our school community.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EAST

Middle School East eighth graders recently enjoyed participating in the Bravera Bank Reality Fair! Students learned about the realities and costs of trade schools, college, cars, housing, and children. Their reactions to reality were priceless!



MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST

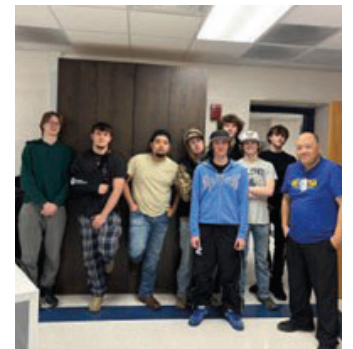
Middle School West families and staff recently celebrated our "Students of Tri 2" with a special breakfast and

certificate presentation. These students were nominated because of their outstanding character and positive contributions to our school community.



KNIGHTS ACADEMY

Knights Academy partnered with Legacy 2 Inspire and RJA Cabinets to design and build a pantry for our program, with generous funding from Bravera Bank. Thanks to this collaboration, we're now able to provide food and hygiene supplies to students in need.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW WEDNESDAYS

We are excited to launch *Where Are They Now Wednesdays*, a new STMA alumni initiative that celebrates the journeys of our graduates and highlights the many paths to success beyond high school. Each week, we will feature an alum by sharing their story, accomplishments, and reflections since graduation.

Are you an STMA alum or know someone who would like to be featured? Scan the QR code to learn more and complete the Alumni Connections Form. Once a Knight, Always a Knight.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Wrestling team wins 3rd straight state title.

WRESTLING

The STMA wrestling team won its 3rd straight state title, and 12th overall, on February 26 at Grand Casino Arena. It was another incredible season as the team was undefeated. Well done, wrestlers and coaches.

Individual Wrestlers

STMA had 4 individual wrestling state champions in 2026. Sophomore **Jackson Thorn** (44-5), junior **Landon Thoennes** (49-2), sophomore **Lincoln Robideau** (54-0), and junior **Brody Bergeron** (41-5) were all state champions. Congratulations to all four wrestlers on an amazing season.

EXCEL AWARD

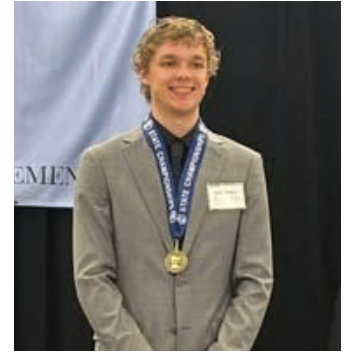
Juniors **Zoey Day** and **Ben Dayton** were chosen as this year's EXCEL award winners

from STMA. The EXCEL award is a unique recognition program designed exclusively for Minnesota high school juniors who are active in school activities, who show leadership qualities, and who work voluntarily in their community. Zoey was also one of 34 juniors recognized in the entire state by the MSHSL for her outstanding contributions!



AAA AWARD

Seniors **Adrienne Lewis** and **Ethan Jordheim** were chosen as this year's AAA Award winners for STMA. They both excel in the arts, athletics, and academics, and represent STMA in a positive way in all aspects! Ethan was also selected as the male recipient for Region 5AA and was recognized at the state level.



GYMNASTICS

The STMA gymnastics team competed in the state meet on February 20 for the 5th straight season. Congratulations to the gymnasts and coaches on an outstanding season!



NEWSLETTER QUESTIONS

If you have questions about anything you read in this newsletter, please call us at 763-497-3180!

APPAREL

STMA offers apparel through the STMA High School Store and a 24/7 online BSN store. Find details at stmaknights.com.



STAFF NEWS

STMA Hall of Fame

Each year STMA honors individuals who have made a significant and lasting impact on students and the school district.

A selection committee, consisting of school stakeholders—including a student, staff representatives, a city leader, and a school board member—recently met to review several nominations. The 2026 STMA Hall of Fame Inductees are **Mrs. Rita Stahlmann** and **Dr. Wayne Hoistad**. They will be formally inducted on May 18, 2026.

Rita Stahlmann worked at STMA Schools as an extraordinary media specialist who instilled a lifelong love of reading and curiosity in her students. One former student fondly remembered her as “the best storyteller in the world!” Mrs. Stahlmann dedicated countless hours to the Great River Regional Library system, volunteering in children’s reading programs for decades. During her career and with her voluntary efforts, Mrs. Stahlmann nurtured a community-wide passion for literacy that will not soon be forgotten.

In his 33 years in the school district, **Dr. Wayne Hoistad** worked as a math and computer science teacher. Later, he was selected as STMA’s first director of technology and director of transportation, Dr. Hoistad’s legacy. He is remembered for his remarkable ability to bridge the gap between complex infrastructure and student learning, always viewing technology as a vital tool to enhance the classroom experience, instruction, and communication.

Happy Retirement

Every year STMA celebrates the work and accomplishments of our dedicated staff. This year, we have over 19 retirees to date who have served the district in excess of a combined 515 years. The school board hosts a retirement recognition banquet every spring to spotlight these staff and say thank you. We look forward to honoring these retirees and their contributions to the education of STMA students!

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SUMMER REGISTRATION IS OPEN

We are incredibly proud of both the programs that have become community favorites and exciting new offerings.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff and instructors who create a safe, engaging, and enriching environment. Your dedication and passion are the heart of our success, and we truly appreciate everything you do for our community.



YOUTH RECREATION

Get ready to turn up the fun and turn down the boredom with our summer youth recreation programs! We've got something for every energetic kid out there. Check out the following offerings and register now to give your athlete an outlet for all that summer excitement:

- **360 Sports:** Athletes will advance their skills through training and games led by experienced coaches. 360 Sports offers both lacrosse and basketball options.
- **Cedar Creek Golf Camps:** Participants will receive instruction on basic golf rules and etiquette, short-game play, and the fundamentals of golf.



- **STMA Tennis Camps:** Athletes will advance their knowledge of tennis from experienced STMA coaches.
- **Dash Sports:** Athletes will have dozens of sports options to choose from. Great for students who want to try new things or advance their skills!

YOUTH ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Get ready for an exciting summer with STMA Community Ed! We are excited to share a fresh lineup of classes with some of our favorite returning vendors in arts, STEM, culinary, and more! We are also introducing some great new options this year, including fencing, sewing, and dance classes, along with our brand new program, Camp Trailblazer. This program is designed for ages 6 to 10 and offers new, fun themes and activities each week.

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES

This summer, we're so excited to bring back some of your favorite classes, Beach Yoga at Beebe Lake, Bob Ross-inspired painting, and virtual cooking with Tess G! We're also adding some fun new experiences, including offerings at D Round Barn Berries Farm, a stand-up paddleboarding social, and bicycle repair classes. Whether you're looking to try something new, learn a skill, or just get out and meet people, there's something for everyone.

STAY CONNECTED

Stay updated on new sessions and offerings by checking our weekly Peachjar flyers, following us on Facebook, visiting our website, and reading our monthly Community Education newsletter. Don't miss out on a summer full of fun and learning!

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

Looking for a place to play, learn, and grow? ECFE offers school-year classes for families with little ones (birth to kindergarten). Every session includes hands-on activities for kids and valuable insights for parents.

Schedule your child's early childhood screening today!

Early Childhood Screening is an important check-up for children ages 3–5 that helps ensure they are growing, learning, and developing as expected before starting kindergarten. During the screening, your child's vision, hearing, growth, and developmental milestones are reviewed. We encourage families to complete screening as early as possible—ideally at age 3. The earlier it's done, the sooner we can celebrate your child's strengths and connect you with helpful resources if needed.

To make an appointment, visit **stma.arux.app**, email **ecscreening@mystma.org**, or call 763-497-6500 x5528! Screenings are free and take about an hour.

ACTIVITY CENTER

STMA school district residents aged 62+ are eligible for a FREE walking track membership on the upper track at the Activity Center. Individual and family memberships are available for purchase at the High School Activity Center. The Activity Center has eight courts, baseball/softball cages, a fitness center, and an indoor walking track. Memberships are available online at **<https://ce.stma.k12.mn.us/activity-center1>** or at the Activity Center Office. For information, contact Ben McNaboe at **benjaminmc@mystma.org** or call the Activity Center at 763-497-6541.



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