

Welcome, Academies of Shakopee Students and Families!

The 2026-27 school year is quickly approaching, and we look forward to starting a great year in the CAPS (Center for Advanced Professional Studies) Program.

CAPS PROGRAM - BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION: ShakopeeCAPS.org	
OPEN HOUSE <i>*ALL CAPS PROGRAMS</i> 	CAPS Student/Family Open House attendance is strongly encouraged. When: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 Time: 5:00 - 6:00 PM - Program Overview & Orientation 6:00 - 6:30 PM - Time for families to connect with instructor Locations: Specific CAPS program locations and directions provided on additional flyers. <i>Note: STEM students will get photos taken for badges.</i>
CAPS SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM TIMES	AM CAPS SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM TIME 8:15 - 11:05AM • CAPS Business Administration & Management, Healthcare & Medicine, STEM PM CAPS SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM TIME 12:15 - 3:05PM • CAPS Business Administration & Management, Healthcare & Medicine, Creative Marketing & Communications, Human Services
STUDENT EXPECTATIONS	PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & EXPECTATIONS HONOR YOUR COMMITMENT: As representatives of our school and business partners, students are expected to exhibit the highest standards of professionalism, integrity and ethical conduct at all times. BE PUNCTUAL & PRESENT: Success in this program relies on daily, consistent attendance. Arriving on time (or early) to your designated sites is expected. Please plan your commute, travel route and parking arrangements in advance to ensure punctuality. DRESS FOR THE ROLE: Daily business casual attire is required for all programs and host locations. We will cover specific wardrobe guidelines and examples during the upcoming Open House and CAPS Kick-Off.
FAMILY/STUDENT PREPARATION	STEP 1: Watch the program overview bit.ly/CAPSFALL_2026Video → Includes a video highlighting CAPS Program expectations, dress code and attendance requirements STEP 2: Ensure the following forms have been reviewed, signed and submitted for participation → Shakopee CAPS Student & Family Program Guide Form ◆ To access the Shakopee CAPS Student & Family Program Guide Scan the QR code or use the bit.ly/CAPSGuide26_27 → Shakopee CAPS Transportation Permission and Waiver Form STEP 3: Complete School Links Guardian Access → Information provided on Shakopee High School Back to School Guide  

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DUAL ENROLLMENT CREDIT 	EARLY AUGUST + DUAL ENROLLMENT *CAPS Business Admin. & Manag. CAPS Healthcare & Medicine CAPS Creative Marketing & Comm. In early August, students will receive an email with step-by-step instructions to complete their online application. Please ensure you enroll with Normandale that same week to secure your dual enrollment credit. CAPS Human Services & CAPS STEM When school resumes in September, students will complete their registration for dual enrollment credit through St. Cloud State University's Huskies in the High School program. Further details will be provided at that time.
FIRST WEEK + SAVE THE DATES 	FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL - Tuesday, September 1, 2026: First Day of School - Virtual Learning Day - Wednesday, September 2, 2026: CAPS Kick Off Day -Thrust Stage @ Shakopee High School - Thursday, September 3, 2026: CAPS Professional Skills Event: Pathway to Professionalism Conference *Business casual attire - Thrust Stage @ Shakopee High School SECOND WEEK OF SCHOOL - Tuesday, September 8, 2026: First Day of CAPS at Host Site *Business casual attire PROFESSIONAL SKILLS EVENTS - ATTENDANCE EXPECTED - Friday, October 2, 2026: CAPS Professional Skills Event: Resume Review - Friday November 20, 2026: CAPS Professional Skills Event: Mock Interviews - Friday, January 8, 2027: CAPS Professional Skills Event: Presentation Skills - Wednesday, March 24, 2027: CAPS End of Year Celebration
PARTNER WITH US + GET INVOLVED!	VOLUNTEER AT OUR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS CONFERENCES! WITH US! Help our students bridge the gap between school and the professional world. We are looking for business partners and community volunteers to: Provide feedback on student resumes or conduct practice mock interviews. No prep required! We provide all the resources and questions—you just bring your professional experience. Sign up today to make a lasting impact! ➔ SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP THROUGH SCHOOLINKS EVENTS  INVEST IN THE FUTURE WORKFORCE! Help us shape tomorrow's leaders. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a guest speaker, hosting a client project, or mentoring an intern, we want to hear from you! To learn more, contact the Academies of Shakopee Partnership Engagement Coordinator Kate Heibel at kheimel@shakopee.k12.mn.us.

Stay Connected

Please continue to monitor your email regularly through August to ensure you stay informed on upcoming CAPS information from your instructors. We look forward to having you in the Shakopee CAPS Program, and are excited to be part of your professional journey through the career focused experiences you will receive in the coming months. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out via email or phone.

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Academies of Shakopee - CAPS Program Open House



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<u>CAPS Business Administration & Management</u> <i>(AM & PM Programs)</i> Canterbury Park Triple Crown Ballroom - 3rd Floor 1100 Canterbury Rd, Shakopee, MN <i>Enter through main entrance(card club side), go up the escalators to the 3rd Floor</i>	
<u>CAPS Healthcare & Medicine</u> <i>(AM & PM Programs)</i> St. Francis Regional Medical Center Joy Justice Room 1455 St Francis Ave, Shakopee, MN <i>Room is located across from the hospital cafeteria</i>	The map shows the layout of the medical center with various departments color-coded: Emergency (Red), Cancer Center (Green), Health Clinic (Blue), 1415 Park Nicollet Clinic (Purple), 1515 Medical Office Building (Gold), and 1601 Medical Office Building (Grey). The Joy Justice Room is highlighted in orange and located near the North Entrance. A legend on the left lists symbols for ATM, Chapel, Gift Shop, Elevators, Information, Legacy Café, Parking, and Restrooms. A compass rose indicates North is up.

CAPS PROGRAMS	LOCATIONS
  <u>CAPS STEM (Science & Tech Engineering & Manufacturing)</u> Imagine - Training room located on 1st Floor 1000 Valley Park Dr S, Shakopee, MN <i>Students should attend and be prepared to have their photo taken for their badge</i>	
 <u>CAPS Human Services</u> Scott County Government Center Room GE 161 200 4th Ave W, Shakopee, MN <i>Conference room located on the Government Center East Side - past licensing</i>	
 <u>CAPS Creative Marketing & Communications</u> SMSC Marketing & Communications - Conference Room 2975 Dakotah Pkwy, Prior Lake, MN <i>In the SMSC Public Works Building located off County Road 42</i>	