

THE SNAPSHOT



St. Cloud Area
School District



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ABOUT US

OUR MISSION

is to provide a safe and caring climate and culture in which we engage, inspire, educate, prepare and empower all learners in partnership with their surrounding community to be successful in today's and tomorrow's society.

A state and nationally recognized leader in innovative education, St. Cloud Area School District 742 is the 16th largest school district in Minnesota serving a population of over 100,000 residents within 250 square miles and throughout four counties: Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright.

**CLEAR LAKE
CLEARWATER
COLLEGEVILLE
LUXEMBURG
PLEASANT LAKE
ST. AUGUSTA
ST. CLOUD
ST. JOSEPH
WAITE PARK**



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69%
Teachers Who Have Advanced Degrees

Over **10,000**



Students

WE BELIEVE...

Everyone deserves equitable access to the highest quality of learning to maximize individual potential.

Multiple and differing perspectives contribute to informed decision-making and learning.

We all benefit when communities work together toward common goals.

Lifelong learning is essential for individuals to shape and thrive in our global society.

The greatest level of individual success is achieved through shared ownership by the individual, families, schools and our communities.

Teachers

920

Support Staff

840

Leadership

67

ALL LEARNERS

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

District 742 Early Childhood Education Program has earned the highest possible “4-Star Parent Aware” rating from the Minnesota Department of Human Services. This rating indicates that a school is using best practices that help prepare children for kindergarten.

Star Parent Aware Early Childhood Education Program



Quarryview Education Center is a state-of-the-art learning facility that includes an early childhood education wing specifically designed for early learners. In addition to child classrooms and parent classrooms, the wing boasts a library, two gyms, and a fenced-in space with a bicycle track and playground.

ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education) is available for parents and their children from birth to kindergarten entry. Based on the belief that parents are their child’s first and most important teacher, classes focus on development of caring, competent and confident parents and children. The ECFE class catalog can be accessed online, anytime.

Early Childhood Screening is required by MN law for all children entering kindergarten in public school. District 742 provides a standardized assessment for children ages 3 1/2 to 4. The screening can assist in identifying services that children may benefit from before starting kindergarten.

Preschool is offered at nine locations for children of all ability levels. Through hands-on and age-appropriate learning activities, preschool children build confidence and self-direction, learn to follow rules, manage change and resolve conflicts peacefully. Class sizes are kept small in order to provide individual attention for each child.

GRADES K-12

District 742 welcomes all resident and nonresident (through open enrollment) students. Whether a family is enrolling a soon-to-be kindergartner or is new to the area and has children entering grades 1-12, the Welcome Center can help. The Welcome Center provides assistance in registering new students and can provide help, services and referrals to prepare them for school. Call 320-370-8116 or visit www.isd742.org/enrollment for more information.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Community Education, also located at Quarryview Education Center, offers over 700 different classes each year, providing opportunities for anyone to be a lifelong learner.



Adult Enrichment offers opportunities to sample affordable activities, refine skills, socialize and pursue interests. A wide range of classes on health and fitness, dance, finance, foods, home and garden, computers, travel and much more are available!

Youth Enrichment provides opportunities for preschool through high school age youth to participate in programs that allow them to pursue their interests, expand their abilities and develop their creative side. Among the many choices include classes in arts and crafts, recreation, health and fitness and other special interest areas.

Project Challenge offers specially designed programs for anyone 16 years of age or older with a disability. The classes help to foster independence and personal growth, teach basic living skills and provide social opportunities.

Adult Basic Education (ABE) offers classes to adults who are interested in improving basic reading, writing or math skills, earn a GED, become a citizen or improve English skills. ABE offers a flexible schedule of classes designed to fit the lives of busy adults.



CHOOSE 742

DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION



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Language
Choices

All students are provided the unique opportunity when entering kindergarten and first grade to enroll in one of District 742's Dual Language Immersion programs. These programs immerse students in a second language, allowing them to become bilingual at an early age. Students who learn two languages demonstrate enhanced learning ability, academic and linguistic performance, cognitive advantages and statistically higher SAT scores. Spanish Immersion is offered at Clearview and Kennedy, while Chinese Immersion is at Madison. All students living within District 742 boundaries are eligible to enroll in an immersion program and are able to receive full transportation services regardless of what school attendance area they reside in.

INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

District 742 teachers are always looking for ways to integrate technology to enhance learning and prepare students to succeed in today and tomorrow's society. As part of this vision, students are given the opportunity to learn with a variety of tools including Chromebooks, iPads, Interactive Whiteboards, Google Apps for Education, and so much more! Through the Inspire 1:1 initiative, every student in grades 6-12 is provided a device to accelerate their learning in school and at home. With a focus on bringing computational thinking into the classroom, elementary students have opportunities to work with robots and coding as well as participate in "unplugged" lessons which introduce computer science concepts through activities.

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Career Technical Education (CTE) programs are a sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge and skills to provide students a pathway to postsecondary education and careers. CTE teaches transferable workplace skills in applied learning contexts to provide opportunities to explore high-demand career options, and gives students the technology and skills needed for success in adult life.

Whether students take one CTE course or enroll in an entire CTE program, CTE is an important part of every student's well-rounded education. Regardless of the CTE pathway, CTE experiences build the transferable skills that lead to success in career and college. CTE classes inform students about how their skills apply to today's occupations and also provide students with a realistic picture of their future in the world of work.

CENTRAL MINNESOTA VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Central Minnesota Virtual Academy (CMVA) is an online learning program certified by the Minnesota Department of Education that offers space, place and pace flexibility. CMVA provides a student centered learning environment with asynchronous learning and real-time support. Classes are taught by licensed teachers using standards-based curriculum and is open to all students of all abilities in grades 9-12 both within District 742 and throughout the state. Students have the option to enroll in either a full-time or part-time online learning environment.



FINE & PERFORMING ARTS CHOICES

Music education teaches skills and promotes values that lead to personal development such as self-discipline, dedication, teamwork, self-confidence and practice. All students have the option to take advantage of classroom music and, beginning in grade six, students have the chance to discover new talents by enrolling in orchestra, band or choir. Art, music and theater are also offered adding dimension to students' core learning.



TALENT DEVELOPMENT & ACCELERATED ACHIEVEMENT

The Talent Development program is an open-access, needs-oriented program for students with demonstrated high achievement or the potential for high achievement in reading, writing, creative and critical thinking, math and problem-solving. Elementary students have opportunities to meet their academic needs through strategic programming within the school day through the Young Scholars program and the Total School Cluster Grouping model. In addition, the elementary schools offer a range of extracurricular activities aimed to challenge students beyond the classroom. In grades 7-12, students have the opportunity to participate in advanced level courses and extracurricular activities in the areas of academics and the arts.

CAREER & COLLEGE PATHWAYS

Career and College Pathways help students explore their interests and connect learning to future opportunities through career exploration, college-level coursework, technical training, industry credentials and hands-on experiences. New defined pathways in high-demand career fields offer an additional opportunity for students to follow a clearer sequence from high school coursework to college, training and real-world career experiences. Together, these opportunities prepare students for college, apprenticeships, additional training or careers after graduation.

ATHLETICS, ACTIVITIES, CLUBS & GROUPS

District 742 provides a wide variety of options and opportunities for students outside of the classroom. Research shows that students who participate in extracurricular activities are more likely to be successful in school and achieve higher grades. By participating in after-school activities, students can learn new skills and gain confidence in themselves and their abilities. Students can also improve their physical, cognitive and emotional skills, depending on the types of activities. Additionally, extracurricular activities provide students the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends which can contribute to successful social skills in the future.

With 34 High School League sponsored athletics and over 45 clubs and groups, students are certain to find activities that match their interests and enhance their school experience. Just a handful of these opportunities include lacrosse, gymnastics, alpine skiing, drama, robotics, Knowledge Bowl and Future Problem Solvers.

ELECTIVES & ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Since many students pursue careers that are not directly related to core curriculum, students are encouraged to cultivate interests beyond traditional subjects and to demonstrate the depth and seriousness of study that appeal to colleges. The diverse selection of electives helps keep students motivated and engaged in the learning process. Just a few of the elective choices include Culinary Arts, Entrepreneurship, Guitar, Robotics, Debate and Environmental Science.

The 25 advanced placement (AP) courses are another option that students have to prepare for the next step in their educational journeys. Each year, 500-600 students participate in AP courses with the opportunity to earn college credit.

AP Course Listings

- American Government
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Capstone & Research
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- Computer Science in Java
- Economics
- Economics With Government
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition
- Human Geography
- Music Theory
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish Language
- Spanish Literature
- Statistics

Classes may vary depending on school and are subject to change.



NORTHSIDE SCHOOLS



Discovery Community School

700 7th St S
Waite Park

PRESCHOOL - GRADE 5

Located adjacent to Quarryview Education Center, Discovery is home of the Dolphins and serves families in the Waite Park area.



Kennedy Community School

1300 Jade Rd
St. Joseph

PRESCHOOL - GRADE 4

Located in St. Joseph, Kennedy is home of the Colts and hosts the Spanish Immersion program.



Madison Elementary

2850 10th St N
St. Cloud

PRESCHOOL - GRADE 5

Located in north St. Cloud, Madison is home of the Mustangs and the Chinese Immersion program.



Westwood Elementary

5800 Ridgewood Rd
St. Cloud

PRESCHOOL - GRADE 5

Located on the west side of St. Cloud, Westwood is home of the Wildcats and serves families in westside neighborhoods.



North Junior High GRADES 6 - 8

1212 29th Ave N, St. Cloud

North serves students in grades 6-8 who live on the north and west sides of District 742 and hosts the district's middle level Chinese Immersion program. Located in north St. Cloud on a 25-acre campus, North is home of the Eagles.



Apollo High School GRADES 9-12

1000 44th Ave N, St. Cloud

Apollo High School (AHS) serves students in grades 9-12 who live on the north and west sides of District 742 and hosts the district's Chinese and Spanish Immersion high school programs. Located on a 65-acre campus near the VA Medical Center and the Municipal Athletic Complex, AHS is home of the Eagles. Its name,

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING LOCATIONS

Community Options 2 (C02)

Stearns Hall, SCSU, 410 3rd Ave S, St. Cloud

McKinley Area Learning Center (ALC)

216 8th Ave N, Waite Park

Roosevelt Education Center

3015 3rd St N, St. Cloud

Katherine Johnson Education Center

713 Anderson Ave, St. Cloud

SOUTHSIDE SCHOOLS



Clearview Elementary

7310 Highway 24
Clear Lake

PRESCHOOL - GRADE 5

Located between Clear Lake and Clearwater, Clearview is home of the Cougars and hosts the Spanish Immersion program.



Lincoln Elementary

336 5th Ave SE
St. Cloud

PRESCHOOL - GRADE 5

Located in east St. Cloud, Lincoln is one of District 742's smaller neighborhood schools and is home of the All Stars.



Oak Hill Community School

2600 County Rd 136
St. Cloud

PRESCHOOL - GRADE 5

Located on the southern edge of St. Cloud, Oak Hill is home of the Owls. Its name comes from the beautiful oak trees on the hill behind the school.



Talahi Community School

1321 University Dr SE
St. Cloud

PRESCHOOL - GRADE 5

Located on the southeast side of St. Cloud on a large wooded site, Talahi is home of the Timberwolves. Its name comes from the Ojibwa word meaning "Among the Oaks."



South Junior High GRADES 6 - 8

1120 15th Ave S, St. Cloud

South serves students in grades 6-8 who live on the south and east sides of District 742 and hosts the district's middle level Spanish Immersion program. Located near Roosevelt Road in south St. Cloud, South is home of the Tigers.



Tech High School GRADES 9-12

4200 33rd St S, St. Cloud

Tech High School (THS) serves students in grades 9-12 who live on the south and east sides of District 742 and hosts the district's Spanish Immersion high school program. Located on a modern campus built in 2019, THS features flexible learning spaces, technology-enhanced classrooms, and state-of-the-art athletic and arts facilities. THS is home of the Tigers.

OTHER DISTRICT LOCATIONS

Quarryview Education Center

800 7th St S, Waite Park

- Early Childhood Education
- Community Education
- Adult Basic Education

District Administration Office

1201 2nd St S, Waite Park

- The Welcome Center





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