



MY PLACE. MY PATH. MY FUTURE.

Experience the power of small, student-centered learning communities where core classes directly connect with each student's unique interests! As one of only two programs of its kind in Minnesota, the Academies of Shakopee combines focused academic pathways with hands-on discovery. This authentic approach helps students make confident, informed decisions about their post-graduation goals—preparing every graduate to succeed in college, career and life.

At the heart of our Academies is a network of over 100 dedicated community partners who bring learning to life. Local professionals share their industry expertise, mentor students and introduce workplace expectations across all grade levels. Through real-world projects and interactive experiences, local businesses give students a head start—building the practical skills and confidence needed to excel in tomorrow's workforce.



Small Learning Communities

Each Academy provides students with a dedicated learning space, a supportive team of teachers and staff, access to numerous Academy partners and elective courses designed to connect learning with future career pathways.

Proud Partnerships

Sometimes understanding what you *don't want* to do is just as important as knowing *what you do*. As students explore their interests, strengths and possibilities, more than 80 community partners help support their journey—connecting them with opportunities to discover what fits, and what doesn't.

Strong Connections

Students are surrounded by a community that believes in their potential—connecting with peers, alumni and leaders who share their passions and educators who help them discover, explore and pursue their future pathways.

Step into the Academies of Shakopee

Scan the QR code to experience what makes Shakopee High School truly unique.



COORDINATED LEARNING

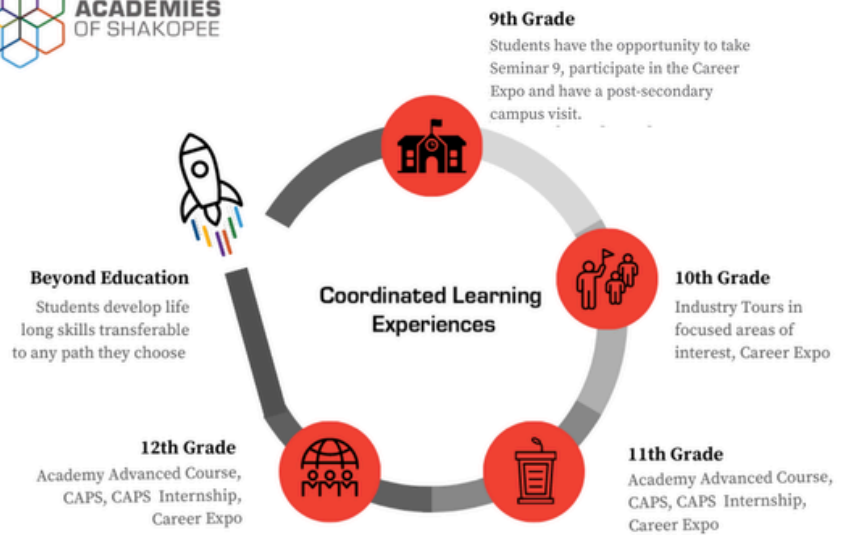
Through the Academies of Shakopee, students take their required core classes while exploring electives, environments and areas of interest through hands-on projects, site visits and mentorship from community partners.

Across every grade level, students gain real-world insights through hands-on projects, site visits and direct mentorship.

Students aren't expected to choose a future career in 9th Grade. Instead, these experiences give students meaningful opportunities to explore what interests them, discover what doesn't, build real-world skills and begin shaping their own path—guided by teachers and industry professionals along the way.



**ACADEMIES
OF SHAKOPEE**



Made by CAPS Shakopee Academies Intern Ella Kornilova, 2023



Bringing the OR to the Classroom - Knee Replacement Simulation

Juniors and seniors in the Health Science Academy stepped into the operating room—performing a simulated knee replacement right in their classroom. From building “bones” in the Fab Lab to training with St. Francis Regional Medical Center professionals—this was as *hands-on* as it gets.



Lily Pad Project - Real Patients. Real Impact.

For the 23 juniors and seniors in Mr. Hendrickson's Engineering & Manufacturing Academy and CAPS class, a unique project request from a healthcare equipment designer and manufacturer, CentiCare, led to an exciting solution for pediatric hospital patients.



Scott County Student Mural Project

A new mural, roughly 10 feet tall and 20 feet wide, was conceptualized, designed and painted by Shakopee High School students to celebrate the diversity and importance of early literacy within the Scott County Government Center. Experience their creativity and impact.

A PLACE TO THRIVE



Academy Champion



SHAKOPEE MDEWAKANTON
SIOUX COMMUNITY

Programs of Study

- Music Performance & Production
- Video Production
- Graphic Design & Animation
- Creative Design



Academy Champions



Programs of Study

- Accounting & Finance
- Entrepreneurship & Business Management
- Marketing & Sales
- Hospitality & Restaurant Management



Academy Champion



Programs of Study

- Construction
- Manufacturing & Fabrication Technologies
- Engineering & Design
- Transportation Technologies



Academy Champion



Programs of Study

- Biomedical
- Healthcare
- Public Health
- Exercise Science



Academy Champions



Programs of Study

- Teaching & Educational Services
- Social & Mental Health Services
- Public Service
- Law & Legal Services



Academy Champion



Programs of Study

- Computer Science
- Information Technology Solutions
- Renewable Energy & Electrical Systems
- Environmental Science

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“Having the opportunity to be an intern at Greystone Construction has been the highlight of my senior year. From the moment I walked into their office on the first day, I felt like I was an equal part of the team. I am still amazed at how many professionals took time out of their days to share their experiences and cheer us on. I greatly appreciate and look up to everyone at Greystone.”

-Mallory Swartz, STEM CAPS Student

MY PLACE



MY PATH

Developed with the Academies of Shakopee Steering Committee, this shared vision brings together the perspectives of education and industry to define what it means to be truly college and career ready.



Portrait of a Graduate

At Shakopee High School,

Students are resilient, responsible, resourceful and respectful.

Students are seen as communicators, creative problem-solvers, collaborative and culturally responsive.

MY PLACE

Student-Centered & Engaged Learning Communities

- Connected to caring and diverse mentors
- Learning within a safe and secure learning environments and a personalized experience

MY PATH

Personalized, Real-World Learning

- Focused programs of study
- Emphasis on student agency, discovery and growth

MY FUTURE

Life & Career Pathway Ready

- Learning skills that last a lifetime
- Empowering solutions-focused, critical thinkers and professional communicators



ACADEMIES
OF SHAKOPEE



MY FUTURE

CENTER FOR ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES



As part of the **Academies of Shakopee** experience, students in grades 11 and 12 can apply to participate in the **Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS)**—an immersive, profession-based learning program rooted in an entrepreneurial mindset.

Building on the career exploration and pathway experiences woven into the Academies journey, CAPS gives students the opportunity to further engage in hands-on, career-connected projects with local business and industry partners. In addition to earning high school elective credits within an Academy pathway, CAPS students can earn dual college credit through partnerships with local colleges and universities while tackling authentic, industry-level challenges.

Students must apply for the CAPS Program during the High School registration period.

~\$1,511,733 in College Credit Savings



were realized in the 2025-26 school year based upon college credits earned.

5 Specialized CAPS Programs



Creative Marketing
& Communications

Business Administration
& Management



Healthcare & Medicine



Human Services



STEM
(Science, Technology,
Engineering & Manufacturing)



What to Expect

CAPS students are fully supervised and learn hands-on project management through various experiences including:

- Professional Skills & Career Networking
- Industry Immersion
- Client Projects (Sept - Jan)
- Student Internships (Jan - Mar)
 - 8 weeks / 4 days a week (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)
 - Unpaid work experience
 - Internship placement based on application and acceptance by industry partners



“I am very grateful for the opportunity I had at Park Nicollet-Shakopee. During my time there, I was able to gain countless shadowing hours with incredible professionals while learning a tremendous amount about the healthcare industry. I am incredibly grateful to the staff who took time out of their busy days to help me learn, answer my questions and allow me to grow not only as a future healthcare professional but also as a person.”

— Zach Husemoen, Health Science CAPS Student

Learn More

Scan the QR code or visit ShakopeeCAPS.org for more information.



PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL			
Area of Interest Courses (Grades 6-8)	Program of Study	Introductory Courses	Intermediate Courses	Advanced Courses
Area of Interest Gateway (Grade 7): Snack Attack Middle School Electives (Grades 7 & 8): GTT: Medical Detectives (PLTW) 2 Fit 2 Quit Code Red Middle School Connection	Biomedical	Human Body Systems Program of Study	Principles of Biomedical Science (PLTW**)	Medical Interventions (PLTW**)
	Healthcare		Principles of Biomedical Science (PLTW**) Healthcare Simulation	Nursing Assistant Emergency Medical Responder
	Public Health		Healthcare Simulation Global Health and Disease Prevention	Three Course Sequence Community Health
	Exercise Science		Human Movement Sciences	Sports Medicine Emergency Medical Responder
	Additional Academy Elective Courses:	CIS: Human Physiology, Technology, and Medical Devices Nutrition for the Human Body Youth Skills Training		
	CAPS Program:	 Shakopee CAPS: Healthcare and Medicine (Can substitute for the Advanced Course in any Health Science Program of Study)		

HOW TO READ YOUR ACADEMY CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK: KEY TERMS DEFINED

Area of Interest

Broad area of interests commonly used by universities and the Minnesota Department of Education as career clusters.

Gateway Course

A quarter length course that introduces each Area of Interest and is a requirement for 6th and 7th grade students at the middle level.

Programs of Study

A sequence of courses that increase in depth and complexity in a more focused program within an Area of Interest and directly relates to 2-yr and 4-yr post-secondary options and relevant career opportunities.

Introductory Course

The first course in a sequence of courses within a program of study. Typically, taken by 9th or 10th Graders exploring Academies.

Intermediate Course

The second course in a sequence of courses within a program of study. Typically taken by 10th and 11th Graders within the Academy.

Advanced Course

The third course in a sequence of courses within a program of study. These courses must include value added programming. Typically, taken by 11th and 12th Graders within the Academy.

Academy Elective

An elective course within an Academy that builds on the programs of study and is available to students outside of the Academy.

Global Elective

A course that is not embedded within an Academy. Typically meets a post-secondary or graduation requirement (e.g. World Language, Fine Arts).

CAPS Program

A profession-based, immersion program for 11th and 12th Grade students who attend class, with a Shakopee High School teacher, at an industry partner location, with an opportunity for an internship during third quarter.

FUTURE FOCUSED

The Academies of Shakopee connects everyday classroom learning directly to emerging industries and real-world career pathways. By combining hands-on discovery with strong community partnerships, students don't just keep pace with a rapidly changing world—they lead it. Through adaptable skills and personalized exploration, the Academies of Shakopee prepare each and every student to step confidently into their future.



Student Post-Secondary Plans	2023	2024	2025	2026
4-Year College	65.40%	65.40%	61.30%	58.90%
2-Year College	15.60%	14.30%	17%	17.70%
Work	8.40%	7.80%	9.30%	3.70%
Military	1.30%	0.80%	1.70%	1.80%
Apprenticeship	1.30%	2.40%	2.80%	3.5%
Undecided/Gap Year	4.90%	6.40%	6.40%	8.5%
Transition	2.80%	2.40%	1.60%	1.80%

TOP 5 COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY THE CLASS OF 2026



UNIVERSITY
OF MINNESOTA



NORMANDALE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



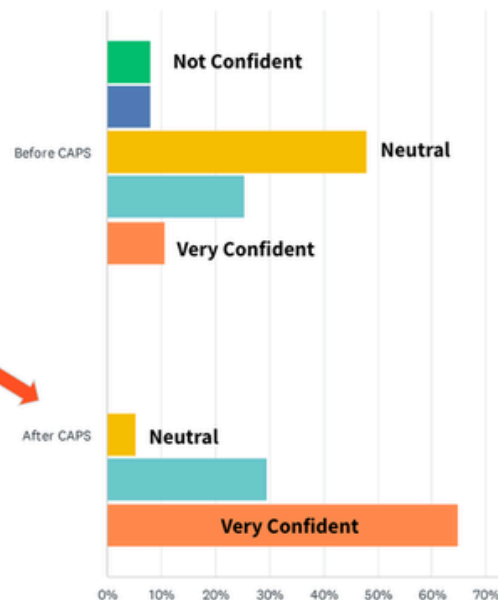
MINNESOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY
MANKATO



Hennepin Technical College™

NDSU NORTH DAKOTA
STATE UNIVERSITY

**Overall
confidence in
myself and
my ability to
be successful
in life**



Program data was gathered from all 171 CAPS students during the 2025-26 school year after partner projects and internships were completed.



PROUD PARTNERS

23 Restaurants
4H/Extension
Above The Bar Marketing
ACT United
Active PT Shakopee
All Saints Senior Living
Allina Health & Security
Allyhoo
Arctic Wolf
Bayer Crop Science
Benedictine Health Services
Best Buy
Best Prep
BIO-CAT Microbials
Bolton & Menk
Boston Scientific
Canterbury Park
CAP Agency
Carpentry Contractors Company
City of Shakopee
Clemens
Collegis
Collins Aerospace
Crossings Dental
Cub Foods
Digi International
Ebenezer Ridges
EDCO
Edward Jacek
Emerson
Entrust
Essentia Health
Everlight Solar
Family Resources Center
Ford Motor Company
Friendship Manor
Glynn's Cleaning Service
Grace Myler Media
Greystone Construction
Gustafson Engineered Solutions
Health Partners
HEART
Heartland Outlet

Helping Paws
Hennepin County Medical Examiners Lab
Highmark Companies
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
Hometown Bank
Honeywell
House of Representatives
Hydra-Flex Inc./Sonny's
Imagine
Innovent Air Handlers
Jaspers Moriarty & Wetherille
Kubes Realty
KWS
La Flor de Jalisco
Lennar Homes
Mach Lumber
Marcus Theaters
MASH Baseball
Master Technology Group
Matcha Fever Musician
Maverick
MB Psych Services/Brain Train Centers, Inc.
MCAD
McNearney Schmidt Funeral Home
Medtronic
Mi CASA
MICI
Microport Orthopedics
Midwest Industrial Coatings, Inc
Minnesota Valley Transit Authority
Miracle League of Shakopee
MSP Police/K9
My NP Direct
MyHealth
NASA
National Guard
Never Shake Non-Profit
New Horizons Academy
Normandale Community College
Northland Forest Products
O'Brien Dental Care
Open Door Health Center
OSR Physical Therapy
Palmer Bus Services

Park Nicollet
Paychex
Pentair
Prime Lending - Jason Marshall
ProDesign Cabinetry
Protolabs
RMS
Rocket Mortgage Shakopee
Saber Boys Hockey-Blue Line Club
Saint Cloud State University
Salty Books Publishing
Scott County
Scott County Historical Society
Scott Equipment
Shakopee Area Catholic School
Shakopee Bowl
Shakopee Chamber & Visitors Bureau
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
Shakopee Women's Prison
South Metro Federal Credit Union
Southern Valley Alliance
St. Francis Regional Medical Center
St. Gertrude's Health and Rehabilitation Center
Strictly Barbers - Lakeville
Tactile Orthopedics
Taylor Corp
TCO / Training Haus
TJ Exteriors
TRIA
True Mechanical
TrueStone Financial Federal Credit Union
Twin Brothers Construction
Universal Technical Institute
University of Minnesota - A Cappella
Uponor
Urgency Room/EPPA
Valleyfair - Enchanted Parks
Vayda Orthodontics
Waterford Dental
Wise Owl
YMCA of the North

Stay Connected!

Student & Partner Portal

- Explore career & college pathways
- Build a personalized four-year academic plan
- Track graduation progress
- Complete career assessments
- Request letters of recommendation
- Access scholarship & postsecondary planning resources
- Complete FERPA approval

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Schedule a Tour

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