

# Top 10

Choosing District 742 means choosing more options and opportunities for students. Among the many choices: Spanish, Chinese and Somali dual language immersion programs, 20+ advanced placement classes, Central Minnesota Virtual Academy, 33 High School League sponsored activities, countless clubs and groups, rigorous academics, and comprehensive choir, band and orchestra programs.

## About Us

We serve nine communities (St. Cloud, Clear Lake, Clearwater, Collegeville, Luxemburg, Pleasant Lake, St. Augusta, St. Joseph and Waite Park) across 250 square miles. Approximately 9,500 students learn and grow in 8 elementary schools, 3 middle level schools, 2 senior high schools and 4 alternative sites. In addition, Quarryview is home to Community Education, Early Childhood and the Welcome Center. We employ nearly 2,000 staff, half of whom are licensed teachers and administrators.

## Dual Language Immersion

We offer dual language immersion programs in Chinese, Spanish and Somali, beginning in kindergarten and continuing through high school. 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.

## College & Career Readiness

Through our partnerships with local businesses, we have grown our CTE offerings to provide outstanding technical workplace occupational skills in areas such as automotive, big build projects and the culinary arts. We are also creating pathways of opportunity for students to experience success post-graduation through three Career and College Academies; BECA (Business, Entrepreneurship, Communication and the Arts), HHH (Health Sciences, Human Services and Hospitality) and MENR (Manufacturing, Engineering and Natural Resources).

## Preschool & Early Childhood Education

Our early childhood program has earned the highest possible "4-Star Parent Aware" rating from the Minnesota Department of Human Services. We offer preschool at 10 sites including at our newest state-of-the-art learning facility, Quarryview Education Center that includes a wing specifically designed for early learners.

## Athletics & Activities

With 33 MSHSL sponsored athletics including lacrosse, gymnastics and Nordic ski, and over 45 clubs and groups, such as robotics, Knowledge Bowl, Future Problem Solvers and Rotary Interact, students have a wide variety of ways to connect and experience teamwork.



## Fine & Performing Arts

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.

## 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. Students in grades 9-12 have the option to enroll in either a full-time or part-time online learning environment.

## Innovation & Technology

Our teachers are always looking for ways to integrate technology to enhance learning and prepare students to succeed. 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. 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.

## Academic Excellence

We offer 20+ Advanced Placement courses (more than any other district in central Minnesota and rivaling many metro districts), Talent Development and Accelerated Services, Articulated College Credit, PSEO, Senior to Sophomore, Discovery Academy at SCTCC, and a vast variety of elective courses.

- American Government
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Capstone
- Chemistry
- Chinese
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- Economics
- English Language & Composition
- English Literature & Composition
- Human Geography
- Music Theory
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish Language
- Spanish Literature
- Statistics
- Studio Art
- US History
- World History

### AP Course Listings

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

## Multilingual Learning

We offer unparalleled opportunities for multilingual learners, from our English Learner (EL) program, supporting Pre-K through 12th grade students who are acquiring English, to our world language classes, bilingual and multilingual seals for proficiency, and our dual language immersion programming.

### Enrollment Information

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