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.

WE BELIEVE THAT...

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.

OUR CORE VALUES

OUR SCHOOLS

8 elementary schools, 3 middle level schools, 2 senior high schools, 10 preschool locations, 4 alternative locations, an early childhood education center and a community education center

OUR STAFF

Over 900 teachers, 800 support staff and 70 leadership team members

OUR STUDENTS

Nearly 10,000 students

A state and nationally recognized leader in innovative education, St. Cloud Area School District 742 is the 17th 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
**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.

In 2018, District 742 opened Quarryview Education Center, the new 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 ten 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.

For more information on these programs, visit www.isd742.org/EarlyChildhood or call 320-370-8250.

**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.

Call 320-370-8200 or visit www.isd742.org/communityed to get registered.

**GRADES K-12**

District 742 welcomes all resident and nonresident (through open enrollment) students. Whether a family is enrolling a soon-to-be kindergartner in the all day, everyday kindergarten program 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.
Choosing District 742 means choosing more options and opportunities for students. Among the many choices, includes Spanish and Chinese language immersion programs, 22 advanced placement classes, 33 High School League sponsored activities, countless clubs and groups, rigorous academics and comprehensive choir, band and orchestra programs.

**CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

To prepare students for the competitive marketplace and workforce District 742 offers educational opportunities that focus on six career fields. These include:

- Business Management & Administration
- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Arts, Communications & Information Systems
- Engineering, Manufacturing & Technology
- Health Science Technology
- Human Services

Students are also offered guidance with career development to help students in formulating a career path prior to graduation. This guidance helps make learning more interesting and relevant to the student. Work experience opportunities are also available for high school seniors. This program allows students to combine a regular school schedule with employment. Such an experience encourages students to select an occupation with care while learning to adjust to the world of work.

**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. This includes honors level courses and a large variety of advanced placement courses.

**COLLEGE & POST-SECONDARY PREP**

Through strong partnerships with local colleges and universities, District 742 provides an amazing array of opportunities to help students successfully transition from high school into post-secondary education. The EPIC (Exploring Potential Interests and Careers), Upward Bound and College Bound programs guide students through their college and career planning and preparation. Additionally, many unique programs are offered that can help students earn post-secondary credit. These include:

- Advanced Placement courses (AP)
- Articulated College Credit
- Discovery Academy
- Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)
- Senior to Sophomore

Students who participate in these programs gain academic and social preparation which can give them a head start in college and higher demand careers.

**TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM**

District 742 teachers are always looking for ways to integrate technology to enhance learning and to 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 excel 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.
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 33 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
- Future Problem Solvers

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.

LANGUAGES IMMERSION

All students are provided the unique opportunity when entering kindergarten and first grade to enroll in one of District 742’s 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 Elementary, South Junior High and Tech High School, while Chinese Immersion is at Madison Elementary, North Junior High and Apollo High School. 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.

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
- Environmental Science

The 22 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.
South Junior High
1120 15th Ave S, St. Cloud
South serves students in grades 6-8 who live on the south and east sides of District 742. South is also host to the middle level Spanish Immersion program. Located near Roosevelt Road in south St. Cloud, South is in its fifth decade of providing middle level education. South is home of the Tigers.

Tech High School
4200 33rd St S, St. Cloud
Tech High School (THS) serves students in grades 9-12 who live in the south and east areas of District 742. Built in 2019, this modern facility incorporates flexible learning spaces, technology-enhanced classrooms, and state-of-the art athletic and arts facilities to continue a tradition of excellence and pride among its students, staff and community. 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
Serving students in preschool and grades K-8, Kennedy is located in St. Joseph and is home of the Colts. The U.S. Green Building Council has awarded Kennedy with a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Schools (LEED) certification at the GOLD level. Kennedy is used as a model for promoting green schools across the region.

Madison serves students in preschool and grades K-5. It is located between the Centennial and Panton neighborhoods of north St. Cloud. Madison is home of the Mustangs and has two gymnasiums, a spacious media center and large play areas. The Chinese Immersion program is just one of the many offerings that Madison is proud of.

Westwood serves students in preschool and grades K-5 and is located in west St. Cloud on a 15-acre site. Built in 1969, its most recent addition of 7,700 square feet in 2007 added six new classrooms and a remodeled media center. Westwood is home of the Wildcats.

Discovery serves students in preschool and grades K-5. Home of the Dolphins, Discovery is adjacent to the new Quarryview Education Center which is home to District 742 early education and community education programs. Students from Discovery will attend North Junior High or South Junior High depending on where they live.

North serves students in grades 6-8 who live on the north and west sides of District 742. North is also host to the middle level Chinese Immersion program. The 25-acre site has abundant recreational space, including four football/soccer fields, two baseball fields and two softball fields. North is home of the Eagles.

Apollo High School (AHS) serves students in grades 9-12 who live on the north and west sides of District 742. The school’s 65-acre site is near the VA Medical Center and the Municipal Athletic Complex. AHS is home of the Eagles. Its school name, which is borrowed from the U.S. Government Space Program, has always embodied a sense of mission.

Alternative Learning Locations

Community Options 2 (CO2)
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