

Partnerships

PK-8 Education

Kennedy Community School

Collaborating With the Community

A true community school, Kennedy partners with families, local universities and businesses to maximize resources and enhance both academic and extracurricular offerings. Kennedy partners with the College of Saint Benedict and works closely with the Sauk River Watershed District to enhance environmental education programming. Kennedy students gain a deep understanding of state standards through hands-on learning opportunities on the school's prairie, in its gardens and throughout other natural landscapes.

Engagement

Kennedy families have frequent opportunities for involvement in the school community. The school's active Parent/Teacher Advisory collaborates with school leadership to create social opportunities for families throughout the year. Volunteers are welcomed into the classrooms to support literacy and math instruction.

Welcoming All Students

Kennedy provides a unique opportunity for children ages 3 through 14 to learn together in a warm, welcoming environment. The PK-8 educational model gives students the chance to grow into confident learners through thoughtfully crafted academic and leadership opportunities that meet their developmental needs.

Student leaders play a significant role in creating an inclusive environment. Older students are frequently partnered with buddy classrooms in the primary grades. Students also participate in activities such as student council, We Act and student ambassadors in order to build awareness of social justice issues and create pathways for action to empower the middle level learners.

Enrollment

Enroll online at isd742.org/enrollment or at the Welcome Center.

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St. Cloud Area
School District 
Prepare. Engage. Educate. Empower. Inspire.



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Technology

Leading With 21st Century Learning

Understanding that today's students will need to utilize technology to meaningfully collaborate and create new ideas and products in tomorrow's workforce. Kennedy teaches computational thinking skills and embeds technology into the classrooms. The school's Innovation Station provides students with access to developmentally appropriate technology at each grade level.

Early Childhood Preschool

Kennedy hosts early childhood preschool classes for children of all ability levels ages 3 and 4. With the highest possible "Parent Aware" rating of "4 stars," the preschool program prepares students to be kindergarten-ready. Kennedy's preschool is staffed by licensed preschool teachers and paraprofessionals who facilitate 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.

Academics

Meeting All Learners' Needs

Kennedy provides differentiated learning opportunities for students and offers a full range of services. Kennedy's differentiation specialist works directly with advanced students in grades K-5 and provides schoolwide enrichment activities for all students. Students in grades six through eight have the opportunity for honors in math and language arts as well as advanced coursework in language arts and Spanish.

At Kennedy, fine arts and movement are integral to a well-rounded education. All students receive music, art and physical education throughout the year. Beginning in grade five, students can elect to take orchestra and can choose band in grade six. Kennedy provides opportunities for advanced music instruction as well as choir, orchestra and band. Additionally, students in grades seven and eight enroll in technology coursework including Design and Modeling, Robotics and Green Architecture.

Activities

Offering Extracurricular Options

Kennedy Community School provides a wide-range of athletic and academic opportunities for students in grades six through eight. All students are encouraged to participate in at least one sport.

Fall

Football
Volleyball
Soccer*
Cross-Country**
Girls' Tennis**

Winter

Basketball
Swimming**
Wrestling**
Skiing**

Spring

Baseball
Softball
Track*
Golf**
Boys' Tennis**

Academics

Knowledge Bowl
USAT
WordMasters
Math Masters
Theater
Environment-athon
Robotics

* activity takes place at North Junior High School

** activity takes place at Apollo High School

