

Staff

A Neighborhood School

Westwood Elementary School

Employing Highly Qualified and Experienced Staff

At Westwood, 85 percent of licensed staff have a master's degree or another advanced degree. Westwood teachers provide differentiated learning opportunities through both large and small group learning. In the fall of 2015, Westwood created a teaching position to support talent development throughout the school. This differentiation specialist supports students and teachers every day so students can reach their full potential.

Early Childhood Preschool

Westwood 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. Westwood'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.

Creating a Welcoming Environment

The Westwood school motto is to encourage and promote a safe and respectful school. The school works hard to offer a positive place for children to learn and grow.

- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) school practicing the "Westwood Way." Be safe. Be kind. Be a positive learner. And be your best.
- Monthly assemblies to recognize student success in the building
- Active parent/teacher organization that supports student learning

Enrollment

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

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Statewide Recognition

Academic Achievement

Fine and Performing Arts

Being a Leader in Education

In 2015, the Minnesota Department of Education recognized Westwood as a celebration eligible school for academic growth and proficiency scores as measured by MCA tests. Additionally, Westwood has maintained status as a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) "Sustaining Exemplar School" for three consecutive years.

Delivering Specialized Instruction to High Achievers

At Westwood, teachers receive additional training to work effectively with high potential students. A differentiation specialist provides schoolwide enrichment to all students including computer science lessons, coding, science fair, engineering, election unit and publishing.

Students are identified by using pre-assessments to receive extensions within that unit of study.

Discovering New Talents

Beginning in fifth grade, students have the chance to discover new talents by enrolling in orchestra. Orchestra lessons are provided by a trained licensed teacher and are during the school day. Band and choir programs are offered to students beginning in sixth grade at the junior high level.

Westwood is proud to display student artwork each year as part of the Vera Russell Gallery at St. Cloud State University. Featured student artwork can also be found at the Great River Regional Library in Waite Park and at the District 742 administration office in St. Cloud.

Academic Achievement Activities

Students at Westwood are provided opportunities to work as a team, acquire new skills, gain confidence and proactive, innovative thinking. Some of these academic achievement activities include:

- Knowledge Bowl
- Math Masters
- Math FAX
- United States Academic Triathlon
- WordMasters
- Spelling Bee
- Geography Bee
- Science Fair

