

# About Our District

Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools

Educating our students to reach their full potential



**DISTRICT196**  
One District. Infinite Possibilities.

At District 196, the sky's the limit. That's because our committed team of educators is dedicated to helping learners explore the outer limits of their vast potential.

## OUR MISSION

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## OUR BELIEFS

- Students come first
- All students can learn
- High expectations inspire students and staff to excel
- Learning is maximized in a safe, respectful and inclusive environment
- A well-rounded education includes opportunities in academics, the arts and athletics
- Learning is a lifelong pursuit
- Effective management of resources is critical
- Partnerships and collaboration enhance educational programming
- A culture of innovation and continuous improvement prepares students to be college and career ready
- An informed and engaged community guides effective decision making

Independent School District 196 is a public school district of choice located in the southern suburbs of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. District 196 is nationally recognized for providing boundless opportunities for students to learn and grow. Whether they have an affinity for academics, arts and/or athletics, our goal is to expose students to the infinite possibilities within the district and throughout the nine communities we serve (cities of Rosemount, Apple Valley, Eagan, Burnsville, Coates, Inver Grove Heights and Lakeville, and Empire and Vermillion townships). Together, we encourage students each day to pursue excellence as they experience their exciting journey along the road of life.

## Our Strategies

District 196 has a reputation for providing high-quality educational opportunities and a record of being fiscally responsible stewards of the public's resources. To continue this tradition of excellence in times of changing demographics, technological capabilities and workforce expectations, the district adopted strategies that focus on providing:

- Expanded early learning opportunities;
- A high-quality instructional program that anticipates and meets the needs of each student;
- Equitable access to opportunities that increase achievement for all students, and
- Increased collaboration between district and community partners.

## Our Schools and Learning Centers

- 19 elementary schools (grades K-5), including 5 magnet schools with focus on STEM, international studies, arts and science, leadership, and environmental and health sciences
- 6 middle schools (grades 6-8), including 1 magnet school with a focus on STEM
- 4 four-year high schools (grades 9-12)
- An optional high school for juniors and seniors at the Minnesota Zoo
- An alternative high school for students more successful in a non-traditional setting
- A special education school for students with emotional and behavioral disabilities (grades K-12)
- A special education school serving young adults ages 18-21
- 3 learning centers for early childhood programs and adult basic education

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## Our Demographics

- 30,000 students
- 155,000 total residents
- 37% students of color (34% statewide)
- 23% of students qualify for free or reduced-price school meals (37% statewide)
- 15% of students receive special education services (16% statewide)
- 6% of students qualify for English Learner services (8% statewide)
- 40% of district households have preschool and/or school-aged children
- 86% of school-age students who live in District 196 attend District 196 schools, one of the highest "capture rates" in the state



## Our Achievement

District 196 is a high-achieving school district with a record of outstanding achievement both in and out of the classroom. District 196 students consistently win large numbers of scholarships, as well as state and national awards in a variety of academic, arts and athletic competitions. Approximately 91% of District 196 students graduate after four years of high school and 90% of graduates indicate plans to continue their education.

- **Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments** – The percentage of District 196 students who scored proficient in reading, math and science exceeded statewide averages for all grades tested in 2019.
- **ACT** – District 196 students had an average score of 23.0 in 2019. This is 1.6 points higher than the Minnesota average, which was highest in the nation among states that offer the ACT to all students.
- **Advanced Placement/College in the Schools** – In one year, 766 District 196 students were named AP scholars for earning a score of 3 or higher (on a scale of 1 to 5) on three or more AP exams. In that same year, District 196 students earned 6,185 college credits from the University of Minnesota, valued at more than \$3.1 million.

## Our Awards and Honors

In the 2018-19 school year:

- Five District 196 teams won state championships in marching band, one-act play, mock trial, girls' track and field, and adapted softball
- Twenty District 196 students won individual state titles in speech, debate, Science Olympiad, wrestling, boys' and girls' track and field, and boys' tennis
- Two District 196 high schools were named top-20 Speech Schools of Excellence and one District 196 high school was named a top-10 School of Outstanding Distinction at the National Speech and Debate Association tournament
- Two District 196 high schools were among the top-10 Best High Schools



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