# Northwest Suburban Integration School District #6078

We envision a global community learning and growing together by providing students, parents, and staff with educational opportunities that are multicultural, diverse, and promote racial integration.

# NORTHWEST SUBURBAN

A Global Community Learning and Growing Together

# **Magnet Schools**

Magnet schools are public schools of choice, offering comprehensive, high-quality, thematic curriculum intended to "attract" diverse learners. NWSISD offers magnet schools in three strands: Visual, Performing, Literary, and New Media Arts (ARTS); International Bacclaureate (IB); and Science, Technology, Engineering, (Arts), and Mathematics (STEM/STEAM).

### **The Arts Experience**

An Arts magnet school provides students with a strong academic core and opportunities for creative experession, critical thinking, self-confidence, communication, art, and multicultural appreciation through dance, drama, diversity, musical, visual, and media arts. Teaching through Arts helps students experience concepts instead of merely discussing or reading about them.

# **The IB Experience**

International Baccalaureate magnet schools infuse a core curriculum with a world focus that can help young people understand their role as responsible world citizens. IB encourages both personal and academic achievement, challenging students to excel in their studies and in their personal development. Students are encouraged to inquire, think, communicate, take risks, achieve, be principled, be caring, be open-minded, well balanced, and reflective.

## **The STEM/STEAM Experience**

A STEM/STEAM magnet school develops critical thinking, creativity, innovation, and real-world problem solving skills through scientific exploration, inquiry, and project based learning experiences. Science, engineering, and technology permeate every aspect of today's society. When Arts education is infused into the STEM framework, great things happen, helping students to create a more productive and sustainable global culture.

# **Student Programs**

### **Advancement Via Individual Determination - AVID**

AVID is a national college-readiness system designed to increase the number of students who enroll in two or four year colleges. NWSISD supports the AVID College Readiness System by providing District Director leadership for two districts, as well as tutor training, and professional learning opportunities.

### **Educators Rising**

Educators Rising NWSISD works to promote interest in the field of education while incorporating racial integration, community involvement, and hands-on experience. Starting with high school students, we provide passionate young people job shadow experiences within the education industry, sustain their interest in the profession, and help them cultivate the skills they need to be successful educators in various areas of expertise.

# Mentorship Opportunities

NWSISD provides two mentorship programs for middle and high schoo students. The Essence and Step-Up programs provide opportunities for young women and young men with a focus on the



educational constructs of Aspirations, Achievement, Expectations, and Opportunities. While Essence targets young women and Step-Up targets young men, NWSISD does not discriminate based on gender self-expression, or sexual orientation. We are committed to a welcoming environment for all.

With support from school staff across the NWSISD collaborative, we work together for the purpose of sharing knowledge, experiences, and to raise expectations. We believe it takes a village to propel students lives forward.

# **Professional Development**

# Multicultural Resource Center (MRC)

The Multicultural Resource Center (MRC) provides educators with resources for creating culturally responsive learning environments. The MRC offers culturally authentic materials, curriculum, and professional development opportunities for educators. Our collection features materials from cultures in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, North America, the Pacific Rim, and South America.



# **Inter-District Partnership Meetings (IDP)**

NWSISD offers ongoing learning opportunities for all staff in our seven member district collaborative. Our programs and services promote integrated learning environments, enhanced diversity, and cultural awareness. Participants can earn CEU's for attending.

Examples of past opportunities include:

- Dakota Sacred Sites Tour
- Somali Museum and Culture Field Trip
- Black History Beyond February
- N-Word Conflict: The Battle Between History and Pop Culture
- Penumbra Theatre plays including Q & A with actors
- Engaging People in Public Dialogue & Problem Solving

# Who We Are

Northwest Suburban Integration School District #6078 (NWSISD) was created in 2001 in response to the State of Minnesota's Desegregation Rule. The Rule requires schools and communities, of identified districts, to work together to design solutions and provide meaningful choices of integrated learning environments for students and their families.

### **Achievement and Integration (AI) Plan**

NWSISD provides programs that support the seven member school district AI Plans. Based on MN state Statute 124D.861, racially isolated and adjoining districts work with each other to "pursue racial and economic integration and increase student academic achievement, create equitable educational opportunities, and reduce academic disparities based on students' diverse racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds."

Serving the school districts of Anoka-Hennepin, Brooklyn Center, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, ISD 728 (Elk River|Otsego|Rogers| Zimmerman), Fridley, Osseo, and Rockford, NWSISD is governed by a Joint Powers Board, comprised of one board member from each district in the seven district collaborative. The Joint Powers Board makes decisions and sets policies for the care and mangement over programs and activities in the school district. More information can be found at our website www.nws.k12.mn.us.

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# **Member Districts**

#### Anoka-Hennepin Schools #11

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### Brooklyn Center

#### **Community Schools #286**

6300 Shingle Creek Parkway Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 763-450-3386

#### Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools #877

214 1st Avenue NE Buffalo, MN 55313 763-682-8700

#### ISD728

#### Elk River | Otsego | Rogers | Zimmerman 11500 193rd Avenue NW Elk River, MN 55330 763-241-3400

#### Fridley Public Schools #14

6000 West Moore Lake Drive Fridley, MN 55432 763-502-5000

#### Osseo Area Schools #279

11200 93rd Ave N Maple Grove, MN 55369 763-391-7000

### **Rockford Area Schools #883**

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