

A group of approximately 18 diverse children and four adults are posed in front of a brick wall. The wall is decorated with numerous colorful, hand-drawn educational icons. These icons include mathematical symbols like $1+2=3$ and a speech bubble, geometric shapes like a cube and a triangle, scientific symbols like a radiation symbol, a beaker, and a CO₂ molecule, and other educational items like a book, a ruler, a compass, a microscope, a hot air balloon, a soccer ball, a lightbulb, and a speech bubble. The children are dressed in casual clothing, and the adults are also in casual attire. The overall scene is bright and cheerful, representing a multicultural and multi-disciplinary educational environment.

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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 Baccalaureate (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 expression, 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 school 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
- I Am Not My Hair
- Islam Basics
- N-Word Conflict: The Battle Between History and Pop Culture
- Penumbra Theatre presents: Jitney & The Wedding Band
- St. Paul Tour of Rondo Library and Wellstone Center

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 management 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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6300 Shingle Creek Parkway

Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

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Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools #877

214 1st Avenue NE

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763-682-8700

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Fridley Public Schools #14

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Osseo Area Schools #279

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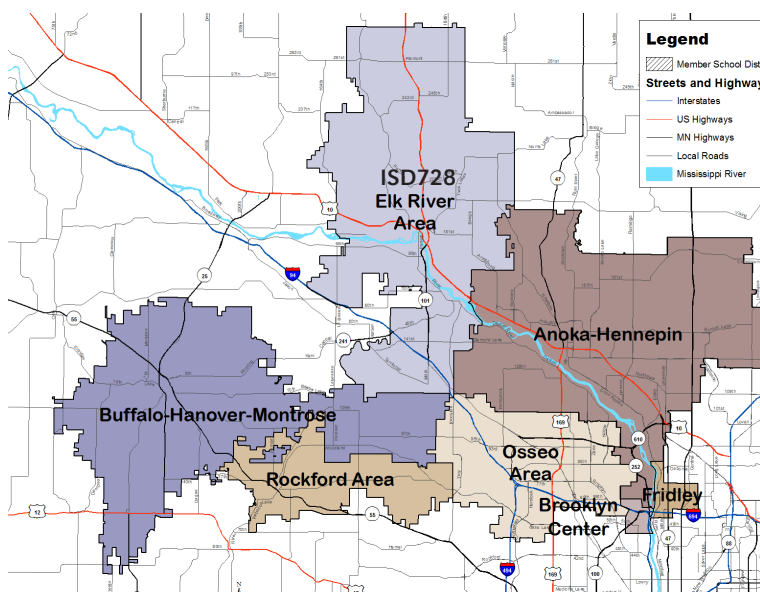
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