

South St. Paul Public Schools Fact Sheet

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South St. Paul
Public Schools



Our Mission (our core purpose)

Ignite a passion in every learner to inquire, continuously improve, and engage in positively changing our world.

Our Vision (what we intend to create)

We will...

- Prepare each and every student for their next step
- Provide high quality, individualized programs, services and personalized learning for all ages and stages of a learner's life
- Build capacity in our learners to exemplify the IB Learner Profile
- Partner with our families and community to develop shared ownership of student outcomes and family learning needs
- Ensure students and families have reliable and regular access to technology for accelerated learning



Our Core Values (what drives our words and actions)

We strive to have compassion, equity, excellence, integrity, resilience and respect.



Did you know?

South St. Paul Public School and the City of South St. Paul's boundaries are nearly the same.

Student Enrollment 2020-21

Early Learning (including Pre-K & ECSE)	89
Lincoln Center Elementary (K-5)	753
Kaposia Education Center (K-5)	678
Secondary Building (6-12)	1,625
Community Learning Center (10-12)	90
Online Academy	7

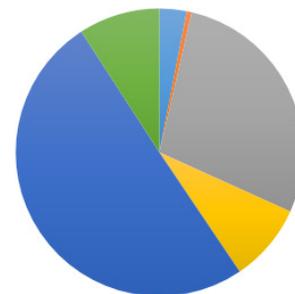
South St. Paul Teacher Profile 2020-21

Master's Degrees	74%
Fewer than 3 years experience	9%
More than 10 years experience	63%
Meeting federal "Highly Qualified" requirements	98.5%

District Demographic Information 2020-21

Total Enrollment	3,211
Students open-enrolled into SSPPS	21.5%
Students eligible for free/reduced meal	47.8%
Students in Special Education	17.2%
English Language Learners	6.3%

Asian/Pacific Islander	3%
American Indian	0.6%
Hispanic	28.1%
Black (non-Hispanic)	8.8%
White (non-Hispanic)	50.3%
Multi-Racial	9.1%



Passionate Learners Positively Changing Our World



South St. Paul Public Schools is the first district in Minnesota to be authorized by the International Baccalaureate (IB) programs serving students from kindergarten through grade 12. In addition to the programs listed below, the IB philosophy of “developing inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people motivated to succeed” is incorporated into all levels of SSPPS.

IB Primary Years Program (PYP)

Designed for all students in grades K-5. It focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside.

IB Middle Years Program (MYP)

Serves all students in grades 6-10. It focuses on providing a framework for academic challenge and life skills.

IB Diploma Program (DP)

A rigorous academic program for grade 11 and 12 students. It focuses on creativity, innovation, self-discipline, and the ability to function as part of a team.

Enrollment in Advanced Courses 2020-21

11th and 12th Grade IB Diploma Candidates	25
11th and 12th Grade Honors Candidates	34
Students taking at least one IB Course	304

District Partnerships

- 360 Communities
- Associated Clinic of Psychology (ACP)
- Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD)
- BARR (Building Assets, Reducing Risk) Center
- City of South St. Paul
- Dakota County
- East Metro Integration District (EMID)
- Innocent Technologies
- Intermediate District 917
- Inver Hills Community College
- Metropolitan State University
- Neighbors, Inc.
- South St. Paul Educational Foundation
- South St. Paul Lions
- South St. Paul Rotary
- TriDistrict with West St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights

District Honors and Recognitions

- 2020 Becomes first BARR School District in the Nation
- Minnesota's First K-12 International Baccalaureate District
- SSP Secondary ranked among top 10% of MN High Schools
- SSP Preschool earns 4-star Parent Aware rating
- 2018 MDE School Finance Award

Additional District Program Highlights

World Languages

Spanish language instruction provided for students in grades K-5. World language courses are offered to our Secondary students with the opportunity to learn French or Spanish.

Whole-Child Focus

Through a multi-tiered system of supports, SSPPS focuses on the unique academic, behavioral and social-emotional needs of each student to help them thrive and achieve. The addition of the BARR (Building Assets, Reducing Risk) Model is another way SSPPS is focusing on all aspects of a student's learning.

BARR (Building Assets, Reducing Risks)

The BARR Model allows staff to better understand and build on students' strengths, proactively address the non-academic reasons why a student may be falling behind in school, and identify what resources they need and steps they can take to thrive.

Innovative Technology

Students in all grades PreK-12 have access to devices such as iPads and Chromebooks. A 1:1 digital device initiative allows students anywhere, anytime access to a digital device. Digital Learning and Media/Technology Specialists help students learn critical skills in online safety and digital citizenship. Technology in place has allowed our teachers to shift curriculum from in-person learning to distance learning, while staying inline with state and district standards, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Career & College Readiness

SSPPS partners with ISD 197 (West St. Paul, Mendota Heights, Eagan) and Inver Grove Heights school districts, to share resources and expand career and college readiness (CCR) pathways for all students. The TriDistrict collaborative effort creates opportunities for students to explore different careers and learn about the many ways to earn college credits, degrees, job-ready certifications, and internships while still in high school.

