

# Mounds View facts



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**Grades:** 9-12  
**Total enrollment:** 1,774  
**Non-resident enrollment:** 116  
**School hours:** 7:25 a.m. – 2:05 p.m.  
**Office hours:** 6:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**Website:** [www.moundsviewschools.org/moundsview](http://www.moundsviewschools.org/moundsview)  
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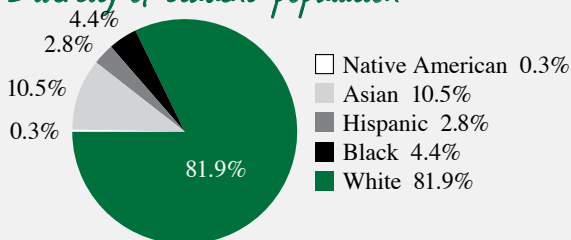
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## Mounds View at a glance

Average daily attendance: 95.4 %

### Diversity of student population:



Students eligible for free or reduced price lunch: 10.8 %

Students receiving special services:

Special education 6.4 %

English as a second language 1.1%

### Advanced Placement Program

In 2011, 402 students tested on a total of 757 different AP exams.

Score	# Receiving Score	% of Total
5	256	34
4	205	27
3	170	22
2	87	11
1	39	5

### Advanced Placement Scholars

	2011	2010	2009	2008
Scholars	54	54	49	40
Scholars with Honor	33	31	31	34
Scholars with Distinction	57	41	36	43
National Scholars	14	3	12	3

## Proven results

Mounds View has a proven record of success with a history of above-average test scores and recognition at the state and national level.

### Mounds View High School National Merit Scholars

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Finalists	*	9	5	11	3
Semifinalist	13	9	5	11	3
Commended	17	14	14	19	16

\* 2012 Finalists had not been named at the time of publication.

## Assessment Results

Assessment Year: 2010-2011

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment:

MCA-II Scale Score	Gr. 10 Reading	Gr. 11 Math
School Average	1064.1	1163.2
State Average	1056.7	1146.7

ACT: Composite

	Score
School Median	26.0
State Median	22.9
National Median	21.1

To compare Mounds View's performance with other schools in Minnesota visit <http://education.state.mn.us>.

Mounds View's school testing code is 241-805. This code is unique to Mounds View and is used when students register for the ACT or SAT tests.

### ACT Mean Scores

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
English	25.7	25.4	24.9	25.1	23.9
Math	26.5	26.7	25.7	25.8	24.8
Reading	26.0	25.9	25.6	25.6	25.1
Science	25.5	25.4	25.0	25.1	24.5
Composite	26.0	26.0	25.4	25.5	24.7

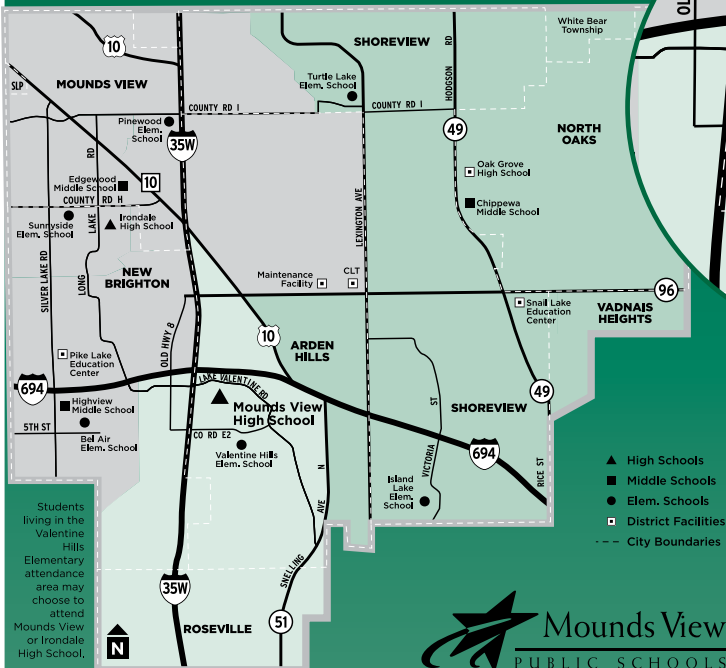
Data compiled from the 2010-2011 school year.  
 Published: November 2011

## Mounds View Public Schools

Mounds View is a member of Mounds View Public Schools, a school district of more than 9,500 students whose test scores routinely rank in the Top 10 of metro districts. Mounds View matches the performance and opportunities of area private schools, yet offers the value of public schools. Mounds View Public Schools: 651-621-6000.

### How to enroll

Each year, Mounds View Public Schools enrolls hundreds of new students at all grade levels. Mounds View welcomes students in its attendance area which includes New Brighton, Mounds View, Arden Hills and Shoreview. To enroll, District residents can call 651-621-7100. Non-residents can call to inquire about openings.





## It's personal

### Connectedness

At Mounds View, teachers and staff get to know each of their students personally. That's a big reason why students feel connected to their school.

- 84 percent of families say their students feel connected to Mounds View Public Schools teachers.
- Mounds View's dean model prompts students to develop a personal relationship with an adult who makes contact with students and families regularly.
- Mounds View offers every student a healthy, safe and respectful learning environment where diversity is embraced.

### Data-driven decisions

Every student's test scores and achievement data is stored in a comprehensive online database. Access to this timely information helps teachers tailor their daily instructional approach to match their students' individual needs and goals.

- Mounds View identifies specific students who are below proficiency and provides personalized intervention support while setting growth goals for all students.

### Instant information

Mounds View parents use SchoolView – Mounds View Public Schools' online system for tapping a host of student information, including daily schedules, attendance records, test histories, assignments, grades, lunch balances, Personal Learning Plans (PLPs), transcripts and comment logs offering two-way communication between families and deans.

### Personalized Learning Plans

Every Mounds View High School student has a Personal Learning Plan (PLP) and access to personalized post-secondary planning tools including an online system called Naviance. Through PLPs and Naviance, school deans work closely with each individual student to customize the school experience based on the student's achievements and goals.

- Throughout the year, deans create unique goals for their students, drawing from academic data and personal connections.
- Students and parents can enter the parent portal SchoolView, click on a goal and view a list of recommended actions to meet the goal – from course suggestions, to tutoring opportunities, to practice tests and increased homework check-ins.
- Families can also view the student's progress made along the way, receiving performance benchmark data throughout the year.

This online system allows parents and deans to monitor if their student is on track to achieve proficiency, to graduate and ultimately to tackle a plan for life after high school.

### Career planning

An online career planning system called Naviance helps students align their PLP goals with their post-secondary plans. The system offers students and their parents online access to college- and career-planning tools to help students assess learning styles, skills sets and interests; research college and career opportunities; track college applications from start to finish; learn about financial aid and scholarship opportunities; and prepare for standardized tests.

### It's challenging

Mounds View has earned a reputation for high expectations and outstanding achievement, along with the rest of Mounds View Public Schools.

- In 10th grade, students take the PLAN exam, providing a midpoint assessment and a powerful prediction of future ACT exam success (taken in 11th and 12th grades).
- 98 percent of families say the District's challenging curriculum is important to them.
- The top three reasons why families choose Mounds View Public Schools are "quality teachers," "academic excellence," and "academic opportunities" that can't be found elsewhere.

### It's safe

- A code of conduct requires respectful behavior from every student.
- In a recent school district survey, 99 percent of families reported Mounds View Public Schools provides a safe and welcoming environment.

### It's a popular choice

There's never been a time when families had more school choices available than today. Yet year after year, Mounds View consistently enrolls 80 percent of the students in its attendance area – an impressive market share for a second-ring suburban school.

### It's fun

Mounds View High School's vision to "build an inclusive community of responsible, respectful and resourceful citizens who value learning" shows in student behavior and achievement. KMSP FOX 9 News recognized Mounds View high School for its school spirit in 2011 with the FOX Prep Award. The music program excels each year in Minnesota State High School League competitions, bringing all-state recognition to band, choir and orchestra members. The Mounds View Math Team consistently finishes as one of the top teams in the state every year. The community supports Mounds View students and graduates and their successes. In 2011, more than \$87,000 in locally-generated scholarships was granted to Mounds View graduates.

### About the Mounds View Community

Mounds View High School is a proud part of Mounds View Public Schools. Mounds View High School is accredited through the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Of the 100 faculty members, more than half have advanced degrees. Mounds View has been ranked among the best schools in the country by *Newsweek* and *U.S. News & World Report*.

# The Mounds View Experience



## A personalized educational program

Mounds View is proud to offer a comprehensive selection of courses and programs in all academic areas.

### Curricular offerings

- :: Engineering
  - :: Family and Consumer Science
  - :: Interdisciplinary Courses
  - :: Language Arts (English)
  - :: Mathematics
  - :: Mentor Connection
  - :: Music: Band, Choir, Orchestra
  - :: Physical Education/Health
  - :: Advanced Placement (AP)
  - :: Art
  - :: Articulated Programs 2+2
  - :: Business/Marketing
  - :: Career Education
  - :: Century Community & Technical College
  - :: College in the Schools
  - :: Science
  - :: Senior Experience
  - :: Social Studies
  - :: Special Education
  - :: Technology Education
  - :: World Languages: American Sign Language, Chinese\*, French, German, Spanish
- \*Pending registration and staffing*

## A focus on post-secondary success

A comprehensive curriculum of over 165 course offerings places emphasis on college preparation. Nearly 95 percent of Mounds View students register in post-secondary schooling. Approximately 76 percent enroll in four-year institutions and 19 percent enroll in community and/or technical colleges.

- **BENEFIT** Currently, Mounds View offers 14 Advanced Placement (AP) courses - more than most area schools. AP is an on-campus program of college-level course work offered to high school students. AP courses offer an opportunity to earn college credit in high school.
- Mounds View participates in the Minnesota Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program for college credit. Additionally, Mounds View offers College in the Schools courses in partnership with the University of Minnesota. This offers students the opportunity to earn college credits while they are still in high school.
- The Career and Technical Education program serves students in grades 9-12 who desire academically rigorous coursework in preparation for post-secondary education or to develop practical skills for workplace and life applications. Courses are offered in Technology Education, Business Education, Family and Consumer Science, and Career Education.

### **BENEFIT** Instructional technology

The District is committed to implementing the technologies that best align with instructional needs. All schools have wireless internet access and all instructional spaces are equipped with ceiling-mounted LCD projectors. Specific technology tools available at Mounds View High School include the following:

#### **BENEFIT** Online courses

Mounds View offers online hybrid courses for juniors and seniors in which a majority of the instruction is delivered online, supplemented by face-to-face instruction in a regular seminar. This unique learning experience offers students flexibility in scheduling, allows teachers to differentiate and personalize instruction and prepares students for online course work available in college.

#### Classroom response systems

Handheld remote control "clickers" allow teachers to create interactive PowerPoint presentations and give students the ability to respond to presentations by submitting answers anonymously. The anonymity of the system gives all students the confidence to participate and gives teachers instant feedback from the class.

### SMART Boards

Visual and written lessons have moved to the front of Mounds View's classrooms with the introduction of SMART Board technology. Mounds View's multiple SMART Boards give teachers and students instant front-of-the-classroom access to the internet and bring worksheets, applications and images to life on a wall-mounted white board. These interactive tools have increased student participation in group activities and lessons.

### Mobile laptop labs

Mounds View brings laptop computers and wireless keyboards to every classroom via mobile computer carts. Handheld devices including iPads and iPods are also available for research and classroom use.

### READ 180

This literacy technology tool helps Mounds View students read to the expectations of their grade-level. Microphone headsets are used for interactive computer lessons, and read-a-long audio book stations are incorporated with small-group instruction to individualize reading instruction.

### Vernier LabPro software and technology

When used with a graphing calculator and/or laptop computer, the Vernier technology enables students to collect and analyze data during lab experiments.

### Virtual software

Students can use virtual programs to map-out and perform a specimen dissection using computer images and tools. Virtual dissection gives students the option of a trial-run before real organisms are introduced and live experiments are performed.

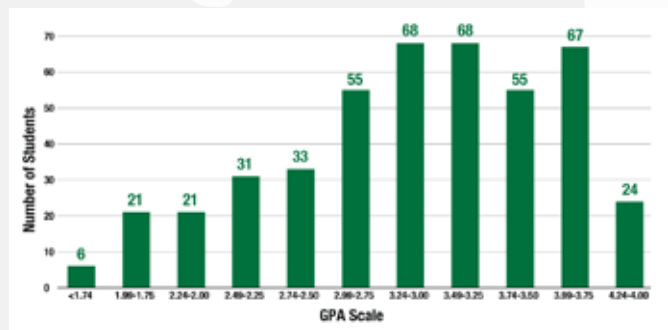
## Graduation requirements

Students graduating in 2011 must have obtained 22 credits. Seniors must also have passed all required Minnesota State Graduation exams.

### Grading system

Mounds View uses a 4.0 grading system.

## Class of 2010 GPA Distribution



For more information on specific courses offered at Mounds View, please refer to the registration guide which is published each January. Call 651-621-7100 or visit: [moundsvIEWSchools.org/MoundsView](http://moundsvIEWSchools.org/MoundsView).



Choosing a public school brings benefits not always available in non-public school settings. Look for the "BENEFIT" icon indicating a benefit of attending Mounds View.



# Reputation of Excellence

## Award winning co-curricular programs

More than 75 percent of Mounds View students participate in a wide range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities ranging from National Honor Society and student council to football, music, speech and much more. Students involved in music, school publications, drama, athletics, academic problem-solving and other special activities compete in the Suburban East Conference and regularly advance to state, national and international levels of competition. Students involved in co-curriculars at Mounds View help continue the school's and the community's tradition of excellence.

### Activities offered at Mounds View include:

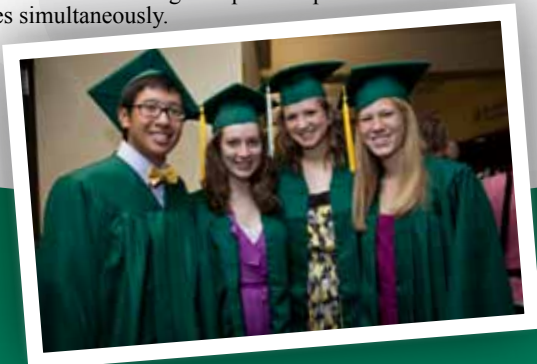
- :: Adaptive Athletics
  - :: Art Club
  - :: Astronomy Club
  - :: Baseball
  - :: Basketball \*
  - :: Cheerleading
  - :: Chess Club
  - :: Cross Country\*
  - :: Dance Team
  - :: Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)
  - :: Diversity Council
  - :: Drama
  - :: Football
  - :: French Club
  - :: German Club
  - :: Golf \*
  - :: Gymnastics
  - :: Hockey\*
  - :: Lacrosse\*
  - :: Math Team
  - :: Mock Trial
  - :: Music: Choir, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Orchestra
  - :: Mustang Mentors
  - :: National Honor Society
  - :: Newspaper (Mounds View Viewer)
  - :: Peer Helpers
  - :: Quiz Bowl
  - :: Robotics
  - :: Science Olympiad
  - :: Skiing (Nordic and Alpine)\*
  - :: Soccer \*
  - :: Softball
  - :: Spanish Club
  - :: Speech
  - :: Student Council
  - :: Swimming\*
  - :: Synergy
  - :: Tennis\*
  - :: Track\*
  - :: Volleyball
  - :: Weight Training
  - :: Wrestling
  - :: Yearbook (Mounds View Vista)
- \* Designates activities that offer both a boys' team and a girls'*

## Parent participation

Parents are encouraged to play an active role in their child's school experience. Mounds View offers many opportunities for parents to support learning inside and outside of the classroom. Volunteers assist with booster club efforts, specific clerical projects, tutoring, hallway and lunchroom supervision and much more.

### BENEFIT *★* Communications

Mounds View helps parents feel like part of the Mounds View community by delivering daily and weekly newsletters to parents' e-mail inboxes. Parents can also stay connected by following their student's progress online via an Internet portal called SchoolView. Mounds View also can deliver emergency notifications in a matter of minutes to all families in the event of a school closing or critical situation. The Mounds View Messaging system sends personalized voice mail and text messages to parents' phones and e-mail addresses simultaneously.



## Every student has different academic and social needs.

*Mounds View realizes this, and provides a variety of services tailored to all students.*

### BENEFIT *★* Special education

A full complement of mandated Special Education and related services are available for students with educational disabilities. The Special Education team is comprised of teachers licensed in Special Education, speech pathologist, school psychologist, school nurse, school occupational and physical therapist, adaptive physical education specialist, principal and others. Special Education includes services designed to meet the needs of children experiencing academic, social, emotional or behavioral needs.

### BENEFIT *★* High performance

Students have the opportunity to take highly rigorous courses each year of their high school career. Students taking Honors courses experience the curriculum through higher levels of complexity and a faster pace of teaching and learning. Advanced Placement and College in the Schools are two different programs in the high schools that offer college-level course work for high school students. Some high-performing students may choose to earn elective credit through a self-directed independent study experience. An additional opportunity for rigorous academic work is Post-Secondary Enrollment Options in which 11th- and 12th-grade students can enroll in courses at eligible colleges and universities.

### BENEFIT *★* Majority in the middle

All students receive individualized attention from Mounds View, not simply the at-risk students and the high performance groups. Mounds View ensures that students who fit into the "majority in the middle" receive the attention and guidance they need to make decisions regarding their secondary program and post-secondary options. Each student has a Personal Learning Plan created by staff who know their students personally and customized to their unique achievements and goals.

### BENEFIT *★* Student support

As a public school district, Mounds View can offer a variety of student support resources not available in non-public school settings. Mounds View's team of specially trained professionals supports students experiencing difficulty with social adjustment, behavior or family crises. These support staff are available by referral from parents, students and/or teachers. Although the members of this team may vary depending on the nature of the referral information, the following are available: Principal, Behavior Manager, Social Worker, Psychologist and a Nurse/Health Assistant.

The District also provides state-mandated services from birth to age 21 as well as in – school support services for school - age students. Services include: Title I, English Language Learning, Indian Education, developmental adapted physical education, speech and language services, psychological services, occupational/physical therapy, school health services, social work services, chemical health services and emotional -behavior disorder education.