

# The Chippewa Experience

Academic achievement here is among the highest in the state, year after year.



## Chippewa

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Mounds View Public Schools*



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School hours are 7:45 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.  
Grades 6-8  
Enrollment: 1,162

# We're personal

Every student has a **Personal Learning Plan** focused on post-secondary success.

At Chippewa, teachers and staff get to know each of their students personally.

## Personal Learning Plans

Every Chippewa student has a Personal Learning Plan (PLP). Deans work with students to create unique goals by analyzing academic data and personal connections. Teachers use students' test scores and achievement data to tailor their daily instructional approach, and students and parents can view progress and receive performance benchmark data throughout the year by logging into the online parent portal, ParentVUE.

“Teachers encourage and support my child.” **94%**

— 2018 parent survey

## A personal program

Chippewa's comprehensive curriculum includes core classes like math, social studies, language arts and science as well as allied arts classes such as arts, Spanish, health and physical education and music. Additional integrated math and science courses offer hands-on experiences in which students learn the principles of design, programming, robotics and entrepreneurship.

Chippewa's curriculum is based on the District's learner outcomes, which incorporate state and national academic standards. Teachers concentrate on skills-based lessons at all levels of learning and differentiate their instruction to meet the learning needs of each student.

## Schedule

Chippewa has a seven-period straight schedule which means all classes meet daily. Each class is 48 minutes long with the exception of the 6th-grade English Language Arts and Math courses which are 72 minutes long. Students also have a 30-minute lunch period.



## Instructional technology

Chippewa is committed to implementing technologies that best align with instructional needs.

- Wireless access points are available throughout the building, making the Internet accessible in classrooms and all areas of the school.
- All instructional spaces are equipped with LCD projectors.
- As part of the District's technology vision, access to technology tools will continue to increase in classrooms. Increased access to technology provides students with opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom walls and allows teachers to personalize instruction to meet the needs of all students. Technology used to support high quality instruction and student learning at Chippewa includes SMART Boards, Chromebooks, iPads and laptops. These devices offer students access to online resources such as Google Apps for Education. Access to these resources provides opportunities for students to process ideas and collaborate with their peers.



By integrating an arts component to the concepts of science, technology, engineering and math, Chippewa Middle School offers the curriculum enhancements of a STEAM program. This innovative curricular focus offers standards-based learning activities for students that integrate inquiry, creative expression and problem-solving. The use of technology and engineering processes are applied to learning activities to engage students and promote understanding of relevant societal realities. Community partnerships draw on the talents of local companies and organizations to help Chippewa implement a program with real-world value for students.

# Safe & supportive

With the school's **dean model**, students experience a supportive relationship with an adult who maintains contact with students and their families regularly.

A variety of programs and services create a welcoming, positive environment throughout Chippewa Middle School.

## Dean model

Replicating the successful dean model of our high schools, Chippewa assigns students to deans according to the alphabetical order of students' last names, not to their grade levels. This way, all of the deans have experience navigating all of the grade level challenges and opportunities in our schools. Also, all the deans can help students with the transitions both to middle school and from middle school into high school. The deans stay with the same students for all three years at Chippewa.

## Culture of respect

At Chippewa, students and staff focus on creating a respectful school environment. In September, deans meet with every student and review the anti-bullying language in the handbook and emphasize the importance of reporting negative behaviors. Throughout the year, multiple student assemblies provide conversation starters with students focused on themes like:

- Be inclusive
- Stand up for what's right
- Being safe and positive on social media

## Transportation

Mounds View Public Schools provides free bus service for Chippewa students living two miles or more from their school. In addition, the District offers fee-based bus service within two miles, to accommodate parents' requests for transportation assistance.

## Nutrition services

Chippewa teaches healthy eating habits by introducing students to a wide variety of food choices. Students can enjoy breakfast and lunch daily. All menus meet nutrition requirements established by the USDA. Families may apply to receive free or reduced-price meals based on need.



## Notifications

Ongoing communications about District and school news and events are delivered to parents and subscribers regularly via paperless e-newsletters. Emergency notifications can be delivered to all families in a matter of minutes in the event of a school closing or critical situation. The Mounds View Messaging system sends personalized voicemail and text messages to parents' phones and email addresses simultaneously.

## Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch

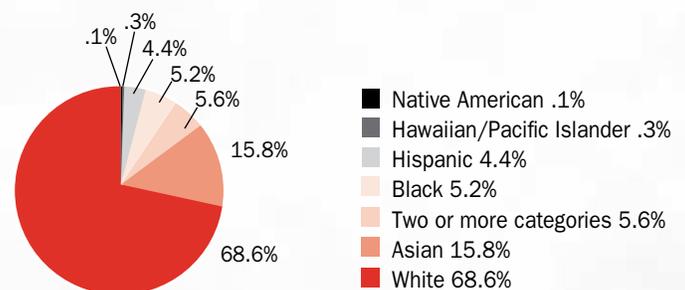
13.4%

## Students receiving special services

Special Education 7.8%

English as a second language 1.2%

## Diversity of student population



Demographics and enrollment data were compiled in November 2018.

# Connectedness

Feeling connected to school is a key to academic success.

Students who feel connected to their school do better in school and in life beyond our walls. That's why Chippewa Middle School emphasizes student connectedness through a variety of efforts.

## Get involved

Chippewa is committed to offering a comprehensive program featuring a variety of academic and co-curricular opportunities. Students who take advantage of these opportunities report an increased sense of connectedness to their school.

## Music

Students have the option of participating in the school's specialized music programs such as band, choir ensemble, jazz band, chamber orchestra, Glee Club and African Music Ensemble. These programs allow students the opportunity to perform at special events outside of the regular school concerts and also provide students with additional music lessons before or after school during the year.

## Before- & after-school programs

Chippewa offers a variety of academic, social and recreational activities designed for students in all grades. These before- and after-school programs offer some free, fun and constructive opportunities for students to spend their time productively. Activity buses accommodate student transportation needs during after-school hours.

## A variety of after-school activities are available, including:

- After School Kids (ASK)
- Art Club
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Community service clubs
- Homework Help
- Japanese Anime
- Math Counts
- Math Team
- Robotics Club
- SciFi Club
- Sports
- Strategic Board Gaming
- Student Council
- Super Mileage Club
- Yearbook

An after-school activities bus encourages students to stay and play.



## Online parent portal

Chippewa parents are encouraged to play an active role in their child's school experience. Parents can stay connected to their student's daily schedules, attendance records, assignments, lunch balances, test scores, grades, Personal Learning Plans and more using the Mounds View Public Schools online parent portal known as ParentVUE. The online portal, combined with open communication with school deans, teachers and staff, offers parents real-time information about their student's progress, goals and more.

## Communication hours

In addition to the two-way communication feature in ParentVUE, Chippewa offers a weekly proactive communication hour during which teachers reach out and connect with families regarding student progress in real time.

## Chippewa's Parent Advisory Council

Parent and school partnerships are available through Chippewa's Parent Advisory Council (ChAC).

## The Laurentian experience

A highlight of every year, Chippewa seventh-graders have the opportunity to attend a multi-day environmental team-building and leadership development experience at the District's Laurentian Environmental Center in the Superior National Forest in Northeastern Minnesota. Students participate in hands-on exercises like navigation and mapping to learn science, math and environmental lessons. More importantly, students learn leadership and problem-solving skills by participating in team-building missions and rock-climbing exercises amid acres of wilderness and diverse wildlife habitat.



# High achievement

Chippewa students perform **three or more years ahead of their national peers** in math and reading.

– Median performance of students on the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress.

Chippewa Middle School is a member of Mounds View Public Schools, a school district of more than 11,000 students whose test scores routinely rank in the Top 10 of metro districts. Mounds View Public Schools matches the performance and opportunities of area private schools, yet offers the value of public schools.

Find additional MCA, District and school assessment results on the Minnesota Department of Education Data Center website: <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Data>



## Assessments Results 2017-2018

### District Northwest Evaluation Association: Measures of Academic Progress Reading RIT

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
<b>School Median</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>234.5</b>	<b>237</b>
National Median	216	218	220
District Median	225	230	232

### District Northwest Evaluation Association: Measures of Academic Progress Math RIT

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
<b>School Median</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>255</b>
National Median	225	229	231
District Median	240	245	249

### Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment: MCA Scale Score

	Grade 6 Reading	Grade 6 Math	Grade 7 Reading	Grade 7 Math	Grade 8 Reading	Grade 8 Math	Grade 8 Science
<b>School Average</b>	<b>663.62</b>	<b>659.95</b>	<b>762.34</b>	<b>758.84</b>	<b>862.13</b>	<b>860.34</b>	<b>851.91</b>
State Average	654.30	649.46	751.17	749.55	851.22	850.54	846.23
District Average	658.81	656.10	756.78	754.51	856.82	855.75	849.33

### The Equity Promise:

- Programs and services will be in place at all schools to ensure that race, gender, class and disability will not predict students' success.
- Students' academic performance will not fall into patterns identifiable by factors such as race, ethnicity, English language proficiency, socio-economic status and disability.
- The school that a student attends will not be the predictor of his or her success in school.



### Post-secondary planning

In eighth grade, Chippewa students take the EXPLORE exam. This exam provides a baseline assessment for future ACT results. It also offers an effective tool for planning future high school coursework to prepare for post-secondary success.

# A popular choice

Year after year, we consistently enroll more than 80 percent of the students in our attendance area.

Students who attend Chippewa Middle School will go to Mounds View High School.

Chippewa welcomes students in its attendance area, which includes parts of Arden Hills, North Oaks, Shoreview and Vadnais Heights. To enroll, residents can call 651-621-6400.



“My child receives a high quality education here.” **93%**

– 2018 parent survey

