

The Island Lake Experience

A collaborative, intentional and caring culture, committed to equity for all students.



Island Lake

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Mounds View Public Schools

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School hours are 9:20 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Grades 1-5
Enrollment: 776

Kindergarten (Snail Lake Education Center)
Enrollment: 156

We're personal

Students meet with their teacher individually and in small groups of **2 - 6 students** multiple times throughout the week for personalized instruction.

At Island Lake, students enjoy one-on-one and small-group learning opportunities with teachers who know their students' needs.

Personalized instruction

Students are grouped in heterogeneous homeroom classrooms. Island Lake students receive personalized instruction every day based on their academic readiness. The use of whole group, small group and independent work maximizes student learning at very high levels and allows for more personal connections. The multiple approaches accommodate student needs daily. Teachers get to know their students well and are able to meet the students' academic, social and emotional needs.

Individualized attention

Every student has different academic and social needs. Island Lake realizes this and provides a variety of programs, courses and services tailored to each student's needs.

- Flexible skill groupings allow for students to be met at their instructional level.
- A full complement of mandated special education and related services are available for students with educational disabilities.

All students receive individualized attention at Island Lake, not simply the high performance groups and the at-risk students. Island Lake ensures that students who fit into the "majority in the middle" receive the attention and guidance they need to succeed. Each student has individualized growth goals customized to his or her unique achievements.

A personal program

Island Lake's curriculum is standards based and incorporates District learner outcomes and state and national standards. The program includes language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, physical education and technology.

Island Lake students also participate in Spanish language courses in grades four and five. Teachers continually provide written and verbal feedback



as students grow academically on the continuum of learning. Teachers concentrate on skills-based lessons at all levels of learning and differentiate their instruction to meet the learning needs of each student.

Instructional technology

Island Lake 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 at Island Lake are equipped with LCD projectors and SMART Boards. In many classrooms, iPads and other tablets, along with Chromebooks, are being used to support high quality instruction. For example, teachers are using flipped instruction, Google classroom, Google forms and other tools to support learning.
- 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. Other technology being used at Island Lake includes Chromebooks, mobile laptop labs, tablets and literacy technology tools.

Kindergarten

The District offers a no-fee, all-day, every day kindergarten program. The program reflects the District's comprehensive Pre-K - 14 initiative that includes The Equity Promise, which states that all students will be prepared for post-secondary success regardless of race, gender, class or disability. Kindergarten students from Island Lake Elementary School attend Snail Lake Education Center at 350 Highway 96 West in Shoreview, along with kindergarten students from Turtle Lake Elementary School.



Safe & supportive

Island Lake promotes **positive behavior** for all students.

A variety of programs and services create a welcoming, positive environment throughout Island Lake.

Positive behavior

Island Lake follows the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) continuum to promote positive behavior for all students in classroom and non-classroom settings. PBIS is an application of systems that sets clear behavior expectations and offers recognition and praise for students who model the positive behaviors that have been clearly defined and reinforced in all areas of the school. The focus at Island Lake is on “CARES” (demonstrating cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy and self control).

Before- & after-school care

Island Lake offers fee-based before- and after-school care programs for students in kindergarten – fifth grade. The programs provide learning opportunities and enrichment activities year-round, with a full-day program available in the summer. In addition, some students participate in Elementary Targeted Services programs that offer a variety of after-school academic enrichment offerings.

Transportation

Mounds View Public Schools provides free bus service for Island Lake 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

Island Lake 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.



Island Lake uses the Second Step program to teach and reinforce positive social skills for academic success.

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

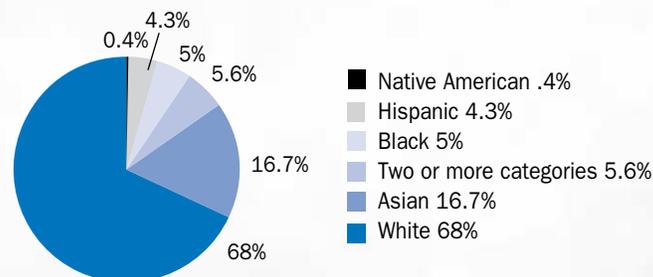
14.3%

Students receiving special services

Special Education 9.2%

English as a second language 4.6%

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 Island Lake emphasizes student connectedness through a variety of efforts.

Activities

- Island Lake boasts choir and an orchestra with instruction available to students in fourth and fifth grades.
- Band instruction begins the summer before fifth grade. Each student receives one instrumental lesson during school and one group practice session each week before school.
- Island Lake students start every day with a morning meeting where teachers and students greet one another, share and participate in fun activities to get a positive start to the day.
- 4th- and 5th-grade students can participate in the Spring Track team where they build friendships, teamwork and school spirit.
- Island Lake works closely with the PTA to host nearly 100 students every Friday morning for Chess Club featuring chess instruction and fun competition.
- Island Lake PTA hosts many fun family-oriented activities including Family Fun Night, Carnival, Read-a-thon, and the Run with the Wolves 5K.
- Every classroom teacher uses the Second Step Curriculum which is anti-bullying instruction. The lessons are story-based and use age-appropriate social situations.

Online parent portal

Island Lake parents are encouraged to play an active role in their child's school experience. Parents can stay connected to their student's attendance records, test history, schedules, report cards and personal information using the Mounds View Public Schools online parent portal known as ParentVUE.

Communication hours

Island Lake offers proactive communication time during which teachers reach out and connect with families regarding student progress.



In 2018, for the sixth consecutive year, Mounds View Public Schools was one of only eight school districts in Minnesota to earn the Best Communities for Music Education designation.

PTA

Parent/school partnerships are available through the Island Lake PTA.

The Laurentian experience

Island Lake fifth-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.



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High achievement

Island Lake students perform one half to four years ahead of their national peers in math and reading.

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

Island Lake Elementary 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

	K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
School Median	169	192	201	209	219	222
National Norm	158	178	189	199	206	212
District Median	166	188	200	208	212	206

District Northwest Evaluation Association: Measures of Academic Progress Math RIT

	K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
School Median	176	204	203.5	215	231	237
National Norm	159	181	192	203	214	221
District Median	170	195	203	214	225.5	234

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment: MCA Scale Score

	Grade 3 Reading	Grade 3 Math	Grade 4 Reading	Grade 4 Math	Grade 5 Reading	Grade 5 Math	Grade 5 Science
School Average	357.78	361.72	458.41	465.87	558.42	555.96	555.02
State Average	351.25	355.86	450.08	456.18	554.63	550.54	552.37
District Average	356.25	360.35	455.09	462.9	557.96	554.27	554.09

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.



Habits of Mind

As early as in elementary school, students are receiving preparation for post-secondary success. The District's "12 Habits of Mind" are skills Island Lake students practice to increase their likelihood of success in college or a career.

1. Persisting
2. Managing impulsivity
3. Listening with understanding
4. Thinking flexibly
5. Striving for accuracy
6. Questioning and problem posing
7. Applying past knowledge to new situations
8. Thinking and communicating with clarity
9. Creating, imagining and innovating
10. Engagement
11. Teamwork
12. Continuous learning

A popular choice

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

Enroll

Island Lake welcomes students in its attendance area, which includes parts of Arden Hills, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights and Roseville.

To enroll, residents can call 651-621-7000.

