

The Pinewood Experience

Where students show Panda Pride by being respectful, safe and engaged.



Pinewood

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mounds View Public Schools



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

Grades 1-5
Enrollment: 567

Kindergarten (Pike Lake Education Center)
Enrollment: 130

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

Personalized instruction

Through flexible skill grouping, Pinewood students receive personalized instruction every day based on their current academic level. Small-group instruction occurs inside and outside of the classroom and allows for more personal connections and multiple instructional approaches to accommodate the varying learning needs of students.

Individualized attention

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

- Trained staff specialized in reading differentiate at all grade levels.
- 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 Pinewood. Pinewood ensures that students who fit into the "majority in the middle" receive the attention and guidance they need to grow and be successful. Each student has individualized growth goals customized to his or her unique achievements.

A personal program

Pinewood'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. Pinewood students also participate in Spanish language studies 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

Pinewood 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 Pinewood are equipped with LCD projectors and SMART Boards. In many classrooms, iPads, iPods and 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 Pinewood includes mobile laptop labs 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 Pinewood Elementary School attend a kindergarten center at Pike Lake Education Center at 2101 14th Street NW in New Brighton, along with kindergarten students from Bel Air, Sunnyside and Valentine Hills Elementary Schools.



Safe & supportive

Pinewood promotes **positive behavior** for all students.

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

Positive behavior

Pinewood 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.

Before- & after-school care

Pinewood 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. Activities are available 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 Pinewood 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

Pinewood 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.



Classrooms hold daily morning and afternoon meetings focused on connection and reflection around character education.

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

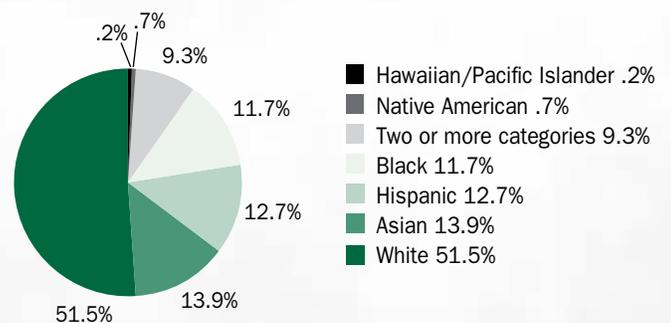
50.4%

Students receiving special services

Special Education 12.9%

English as a second language 14.5%

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 Pinewood emphasizes student connectedness through a variety of efforts.

Activities

- Choir and orchestra is available for students in grades 4 and 5. Band is available to students the summer before grade 5.
- Pinewood holds daily morning and afternoon meetings where students and teachers greet each other by name and make important social connections.
- Every Thursday night is Family Library Night – a unique combination of academic and support services for families and students. Families share a meal, parents engage other parents, students mentor younger readers, activities promote collaboration, staff members connect families with local resources and guest speakers visit from the surrounding community.
- Pinewood hosts a variety of additional events and activities for students and parents.
 - Family Education and Outreach Nights
 - LEGO League
 - Students in intermediate grades take part in the Pinewood Performing Arts Club and Choir Clubs throughout the year.
 - Choir
 - Chess Club
 - Middle School Mentors
 - Student Leadership Group
 - Community Learning Time
 - Science Olympiad
 - Dancing Classrooms (5th grade)
- Student-involved daily morning video announcements. Every morning, students hear about the happenings and greatness of Pinewood with common themes of student connectedness throughout the school.

Communication hours

Pinewood 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.

Online parent portal

Pinewood 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.

PTA

Parent/school partnerships are available through the Pinewood PTA.

The Laurentian experience

Pinewood 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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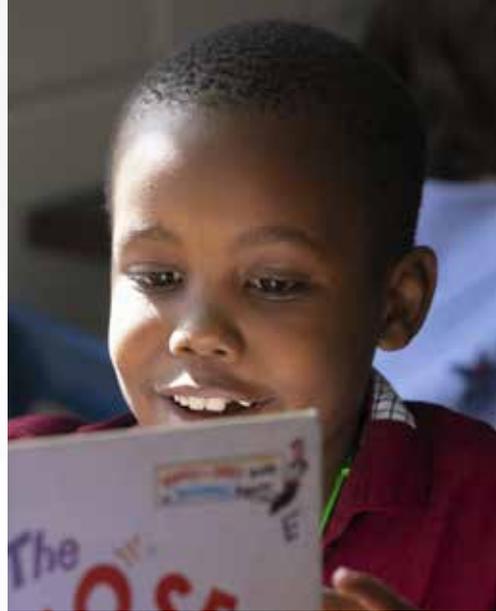


High achievement

Pinewood students perform **one half to three years ahead of their national peers** in math and reading.

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

Pinewood 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	157	176	186	200	208	214
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	159	184.5	188.5	207.5	217	231
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	345.64	353.03	449.05	454.86	554.44	550.01	548.67
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.



Preparation. Partnerships. Pinewood.

We practice preparation.

At Pinewood, race, gender, class or disability will not dictate students' success. We are committed to sending all of our students to Edgewood Middle School and Irondale High School prepared for post-secondary success.

We forge partnerships.

Staff, parents and the community work collectively as a team to embrace all students and share accountability for their success. Continuous learning guides our way, as we seek to improve through reflective practice.

We are Pinewood.

Our diverse school embraces students representing many different cultures. We welcome all learners with student-centered practices and culturally responsive approaches.

Welcome to your school.

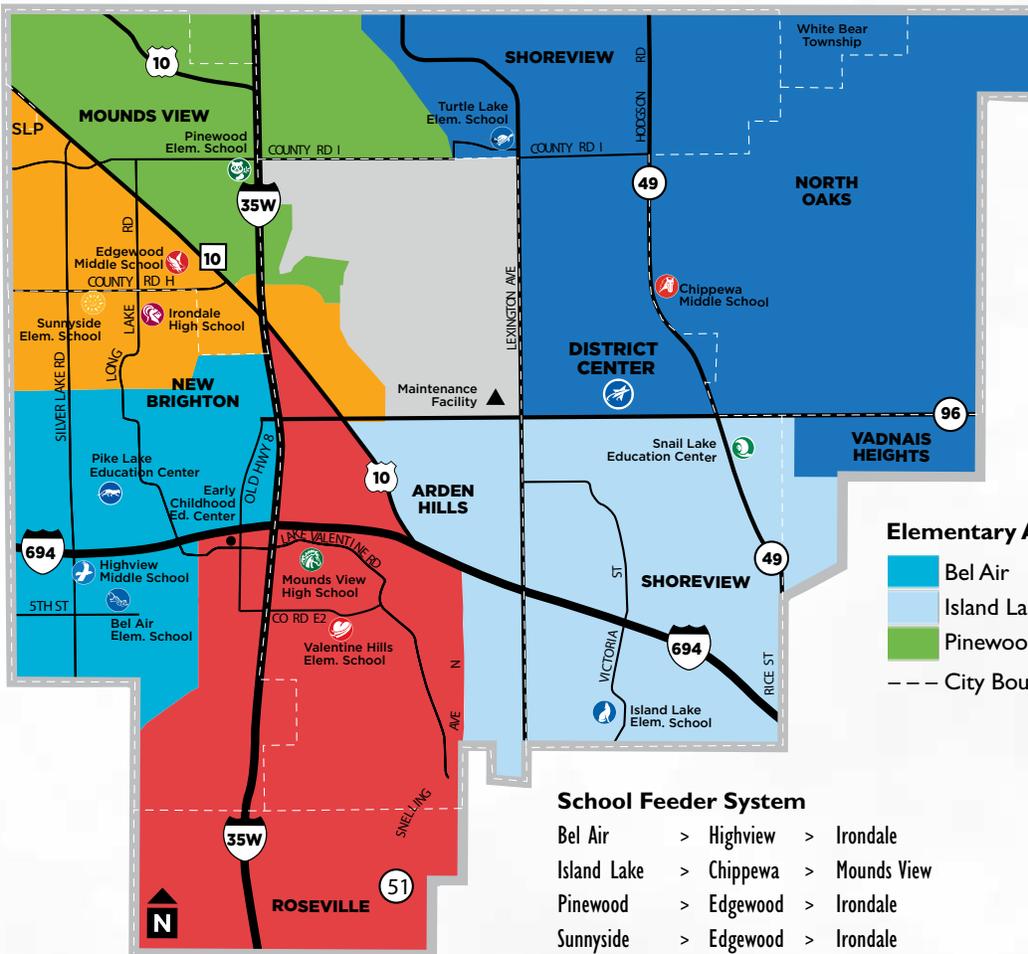
A popular choice

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

Enroll

Pinewood welcomes students in its attendance area, which includes parts of Mounds View, New Brighton and Shoreview.

To enroll, residents can call 651-621-7500.



Elementary Attendance Areas

- Bel Air
- Sunnyside
- Island Lake
- Turtle Lake
- Pinewood
- Valentine Hills

--- City Boundaries

School Feeder System

- Bel Air > Highview > Irondale
- Island Lake > Chippewa > Mounds View
- Pinewood > Edgewood > Irondale
- Sunnyside > Edgewood > Irondale
- Turtle Lake > Chippewa > Mounds View
- Valentine HÖls > Highview > Irondale/Mounds View



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