

A young woman with long dark hair, wearing a green graduation cap and gown with a white stole, is looking upwards with a hopeful expression. The background is a blurred stadium with bright lights and a green light bar.

Edina Public Schools

Defining
Excellence

Our Vision

For Each and Every
Student to *Discover Their
Possibilities and Thrive*



Our Mission

Edina Public Schools is a dynamic learning community delivering educational excellence and preparing all students to realize their full potential.

Through academics, activities, and opportunities, we encourage creativity, foster curiosity, and develop critical thinking skills.

We support every student's educational journey by creating a caring and inclusive school culture that supports the whole student.



Our Core Values

Integrity, Compassion, Courage,
Commitment, Appreciation,
and Responsibility

Our Core Beliefs

Academic Excellence

We believe each student deserves access to academic excellence, which includes challenging and rich curricula, high expectations, and inspiring instruction that meets their individual needs.

Equity

We believe it is critical to eliminate barriers to success and provide the support, opportunities, and environments so all students can reach their full potential.

Family, School, and Community

We believe students learn best when students, families, educators, and the community partner to provide dynamic support and share responsibility for learning.

Healthy Learning Environment

We believe students thrive in a balanced, healthy environment that promotes the free exchange of ideas and supports students' physical, social-emotional, and intellectual needs.

Our Core Beliefs Cont.

Inclusion

We believe in the inherent dignity of all people, we celebrate individuality, and we value and appreciate diversity.

Life Skills

We believe that inspiring students to grow as critically thinking, collaborative learners will prepare them to be productive, accountable, self-motivated, and responsible citizens.

Operational Excellence

We believe in high performance of governance, administration, and partnerships, and effective and efficient use of time, human, financial, and physical resources in support of the mission.

Professional Excellence

We believe our educators and staff are essential to student success. We value and support them in advancing strategic and innovative initiatives grounded in best practices.

Portrait of a Well-Rounded Edina Graduate

Opportunities for Edina learners extend beyond rigorous academic choices. Six essential skills for success in college, career, and life are integrated into academics, arts, extracurriculars, and community involvement.

Academically
Prepared

Globally Competent
Individual

Responsible and
Engaged Citizen

Effective Communicator
and Collaborator

Innovative Thinker
and Problem Solver

Motivated
Life-Long Learner



Summer 2026

Edina Community Education and Strategic Partnerships



Summer Program Highlights



Early Learning and Family Center

Little Kids Club

- 56 contracts
- Daily average: 45
- 15,472 hours of care, learning and growth
- 44 pounds of bubble machine refills

Ready Set K

- 19 Edina students
- 12 days; 4 hours per day
- 912 hours of engagement



Kids Club

Highlights

- 10 weeks
- 1,145 students (incoming grades K-6)
- 244,098 hours of attendance
- 243 field trips

“My kids *absolutely LOVE Kids Club*.
YOU ALL ARE DOING AN AMAZING
JOB!!! We appreciate all that you and
the team do to ensure a *safe and
enjoyable experience.*”



Youth Enrichment Camps & Classes

Highlights

- 11 weeks
- 511 sections offered (preK-12)
- 3,681 unique users
- 7,652 registrations
- 100,100 hours of engagement

“My daughter LOVED this camp....told us *everything she learned about snakes* and is now *sleeping next to the picture* taken in class.”



excitED! Summer Targeted Services

Highlights

- 295 students (rising grades K-6)
- 16,994 hours attended
- French and SDL programs
- Cultural Liaisons; culturally specific and sustaining programming
- \$40,000 support from Edina Give and Go
- In-school Field Trips
- On-site Kids Club





excitED! Attendance

Summer	Students	Attendance Hours	Attendance
2022	296	11,288	78.19%
2023	290	8,166	80.08%
2024	221	7,951	87.75%
2025	261	14,320	91.44%
2026	295	16,994	91.44%



A student going into third grade *could not read* at the beginning of the summer. As excitED! wrapped up its third week, his mom reported her son was *at home last night reading*. English is not their first language so speaking and reading are both a challenge. The progress is so much more than she ever expected. *Thrilling*.

Youth Volunteers

Middle School Volunteers

- 94 students
- 1,525 volunteer hours

High School Volunteers

- 103 students
- 3,546 volunteer hours

Value at national volunteer rate: \$183,266

“We love having the *older girls as role models* as it shows my young daughters *what they can do as they get older.*”





Grand Totals

- 5,393 students
- 382,647 hours
- That's **44 years** in 11 weeks!

But wait, there's
more....



Each & Every Student

Financial Assistance

- 184 students
- 272 experiences
- \$65,984

Inclusion

- 616 students indicated special needs at registration
- 220 provided intensive support (1:1 or shared)
- 106 enrollments in summer Unified programs
 - Extra credit: watch [This is Me-Edina Summer Unified Music Video](#)





“10/10. Primero porque mi es una niña que tiene {una condición de salud} y autismo. Y ha sido *integrada* a ese grupo *primero por las profesoras* y segundo *porblos niños*.”

MTSS, SEL, CPSS, & Restorative Practices

- Proactive and evidence-based approaches to ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed
- Edina Community Education has fully integrated and incorporated these strategies, mirroring school day best practices



Leadership and Career Exploration

Highlights

- 36 high school students hired as summer Kids Club and Enrichment staff
- At least ten of these students were volunteers before their staff role

“One way I grew was in communication. Children have thousands of ‘whys.’ I learned how to respond in a way that made sense to the kids, depending on the age group. Also I literally grew an inch.”



Adult Enrichment

Highlights

- 619 enrollments
- 472 unique users
- 132 classes
- 92% rated the class 9/10 or 10/10
- 100% would recommend the class to a friend

“A fantastic and *welcoming instructor*. Every class is a mixture of *joyful movement*, challenging workout, and *community*.”



Challenges

- EPS Construction
- Limitation on number of schools for programming
- City of Edina construction (road work)
- Lingering effects of metro surge
- Building capacity to meet increasing student support needs
- Finances: balancing hourly program costs to families vs the cost of delivering the programming
- Environmental factors
- Mentoring our volunteers and staff who are new to the workforce
- Assuming positive intent with use of shared spaces around the district





Questions?



Thank you!