



DCALS



Intermediate District 917

The **Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs (MAAP)** sponsors a student organization called **MAAP STARS**, dedicated to building student leadership, voice, and agency across alternative learning schools. As part of this effort, we are excited to have DCALS reengage with MAAP STARS by giving students the opportunity to attend the upcoming Fall Leadership Conference.

Details:

- Where: Long Prairie MN
- When: October 9th and 10th
- Who: 10 students (5 from Main and 5 from North) and 2 staff
- Cost: \$750 (Grant was awarded to offset the cost). Price includes:
 - Lodging
 - Food
 - Activities
- Transportation: Staff will be driving the district van

This two-day overnight conference is designed specifically for student leaders from alternative schools across Minnesota. Each school is invited to bring students who have demonstrated interest or potential in leadership. The purpose of the conference is not only to provide leadership training, but also to develop a strong cohort of student leaders who can return to their schools ready to inspire, organize, and motivate their peers to actively participate in MAAP STARS activities.

Over the course of the two days, students will participate in:

- **Interactive workshops** focused on leadership growth.
- **Team-building activities** that strengthen collaboration and trust.
- **Hands-on leadership development sessions** designed to build confidence and practical skills.

Key focus areas will include:

- **Communication skills** – learning to express ideas clearly and effectively.
- **Problem-solving and decision-making** – navigating challenges with confidence.
- **Collaboration** – understanding the value of teamwork and uniting people toward common goals.

In addition to structured sessions, students will connect with peers from across the state, share ideas, and learn from one another's experiences. These connections help students see themselves as part of a larger statewide network of leaders.

By the conclusion of the conference, each student team will leave with concrete action plans to bring back to their schools. They will be prepared to model leadership, increase student involvement and advocacy, and organize local MAAP STARS activities that align with statewide events such as **Legislative Day**, the **Spring Events Conference** (where students showcase artistic, career, and life skills), and other key gatherings.

The Fall Leadership Conference serves as both a launch point and a catalyst for ongoing student leadership development. It is designed to empower students with the confidence, skills, and vision to make a lasting impact in their schools, communities, and beyond.

Thursday, October 9

9:00am – 12:30pm

12:15 - 12:45

1:00 - 2:00

2:10 – 5:00

5:15 - 5:45

6:00 - 6:50

7:00 - 9:30

9:45 – 10:45

11:00

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Lunch for participants of pre-conference activities

Speaker: Joe Beckman in the Pine Ridge Building (at the top of the hill)

Breakouts:

- MDE Listening/role with MAAP STARS Leadership
- Low ropes team building
- MAAP STARS Intro - led by Officers

Dinner in Lakeview Dining Hall

Opening session, MSO Candidate Speeches in Pine Ridge

Breakouts:

- "Lights-Out" Dodgeball
- What makes a leader? Who is in my region?(School describe location, number of students what they like about their school...) led by Officers
- Team building games

Campfire, Indoor Games, Team/Cabin Time, Shower Time

CURFEW

Friday, October 10

7:15 -8:00

Breakfast in Lakeview Dining Hall **** Clean & Empty Lodge Rooms/Cabins ****

****Turn in MAAP State Officer Voting Ballots to Patti Haasch**

8:15 - 12:30

Workshops for Students and Advisors

- Joe Beckman
- Derek Greenfield
- Tips and Tricks for a successful STARS Chapter/Program planning time

12:40

Closing Ceremony and Announcement of Officer election results

1:00

Lunch to go will be provided in the Lakeview Dining Hall

DCALS Permission Form

MAAP STARS

Fall Leadership Conference

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your student has been selected to participate in the MAAP STARS Fall Leadership Conference, an event sponsored by the Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs (MAAP). The Fall Leadership Conference is an opportunity for your student to attend presentations, and participate in activities that will prepare them to lead our MAAP STARS team as they prepare for events in the Spring Conference.

The Fall Leadership conference will be held at Lake Beauty Bible Camp, near Long Prairie, MN on Thursday, October 9 and Friday October 10, 2025.

All meals and transportation will be provided. The group will leave DCALS on Thursday at approximately 9am. Their return will approximately be 4:00pm on Friday. Students will be staying in a lodge during this event with school staff. Please contact Frank Herman with any questions you may have.

Students need to bring their own bedding (or a sleeping bag) and toiletries, including a towel. No linens will be provided. Students need to dress appropriately for the weather. Please wear comfortable clothing and dress in layers. Tennis shoes are suggested. If a student does not have access to any of these items, please contact me and arrangements will be made to provide any item.

I give permission for _____ to participate
Student's Name

in the MAAP STARS Fall 2025 Leadership Conference.

Parent Name (print)

Parent Signature

Date

Parent cell number

Insurance Information

Dakota County Secondary Program
Intermediate School District 917

1300 145th St. E, (County Road 42) Rosemount, MN 55068-2999 651-423-8458

PROGRAM ACTIVITY/FIELD TRIP REQUEST

TO BE FILLED OUT WHENEVER AN EVENT REQUIRES THE PROGRAM TO BE OFF-CAMPUS.
(A bus for transportation requires a 10-DAY notice.)

P.O.#:	_____
Cost:	_____
Ordered by:	_____
Date:	_____

Tim Davis and Jon Mulville

(Teacher/Instructor)

(Program)

☐ Activity Request

☒ Field Trip

1. I REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITY OR FIELD TRIP:

Activity: MAPPS STARS Destination: Lake Beauty Camp

Address: 25766 Hummingbird Trl, Long Prairie, MN 56347

Purpose and Objective: 2 Day Leadership skills

Date of Activity: 10-9-25 and 10-10-25 Time - from: 10:00 am Time - to: 4:00 pm
(Departure) (Return)

Number of Students Participating: 10 Number of Students NOT Participating: 0

Lesson Plan for Students NOT Participating: NA

Staff Involved: DCALS English Teachers

2. THIS SECTION IS FILLED-OUT ONLY IF RENTAL VEHICLE IS REQUIRED.

Date and time to begin trip: _____
(Date) (Time)

Building and designated area for vehicle loading: _____
(Building) (Loading Area)

Date, time and departure area for return trip: _____
(Date) (Time) (Location)

Type of transportation required: _____ Estimated miles one way: _____

Charge to budget code number: _____

3. SIGNATURES OF AUTHORIZATION

Submitted by: [Signature] Date: 9/11/25
(Instructor)

Approved by: [Signature] Date: 9/11/25
(Supervisor/Assistant Director)

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
(Director)

MAAP STARS

Fall Leadership Conference 2025

Oct. 9-10, 2025 | 1:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Lake Beauty Camp, Long Prairie, MN

LEADERSHIP SKILLS, STARS
OFFICER ELECTION, & FUN!

REGISTER NOW!

- One Advisor **FREE**
- Mileage Credit toward registration
- Stay Wednesday night, 10/8, for **FREE**
- Cost: \$75 per attendee
- Pre-conference activities: Double Zip Line, Climbing Tower, Archery Tag
- National Leadership Speakers:
 - Joe Beckman
 - Derek Greenfield