

“Did You Know?”

This is the first in a series of short informational articles that will be shared with you through the webpage and on social media on different topics regarding District 13. It is my hope that you enjoy them!

Bloomington School District 13 is a unique and special school district in many ways. One of the most identifiable ways is by the District’s employment of paraprofessionals. Combining all three buildings, 48 paraprofessionals serve Bloomington students; 32 as general education paraprofessionals and 16 as special education paraprofessionals. More than just “teacher aides”, Bloomington School District 13 paraprofessionals are, in most cases, certified teachers. These highly trained individuals support instruction daily and are able to lead classrooms in the absence of the assigned teacher. Last year, the District instructed 1,377 students in all three buildings combined. That means that the ratio of students to paraprofessionals in District 13 was 28.7 to 1. I challenge anyone to find another school district with a better ratio than District 13. (Hint: you won’t find one) The use of paraprofessionals is just one way Bloomington School District 13 stands apart from the rest!