



FOREST LAKE AREA SCHOOLS • COMMUNITY EDUCATION

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS

2026

ENGAGING PEOPLE; ENRICHING LIVES!

A Year of Youth Enrichment & Development

Program Highlights

July 1, 2025 - May 15, 2026

- Another successful year of Youth Service Club 33 kids completed 1300 hours of service
 - Six students achieved a Varsity Letter in Volunteerism and Community Service
 - We have 12 graduating seniors
- Took eight elementary and middle school students Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama
- The Forest Lake Marching Band and Flag Corps is approximately 120 kids
- Offered Camp Invention and had 32 kids participate. Currently have 51 kids for the next Camp Invention scheduled for July 2026.
- Fishing Team - 92 registered
- Middle School Service Club - 30 registered with 12-15 participating regularly



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Youth Development Plan 2026-2027

Why we need a Youth Development Plan:

Forest Lake Area Schools Community Education will receive youth service revenue in the amount of \$1 per capita for the 2026-2027 school year. According to Minnesota State Statute 124D.20, youth service revenue should be used to implement a youth development plan, approved by the Board of Education, as part of a Community aEducation program.

Minnesota State Statute defines a youth service program as one that:

“provides young people with meaningful opportunities to become involved in their community, develop individual capabilities, make career connections, seek support networks and services, become active citizens, and address community needs.”

Key Components of Youth Development

1. Leadership development, service learning and community service

- Continue to develop and grow the Youth Service Club where students learn leadership skills and have opportunities for meaningful community service that supports Forest Lake Area Schools, Community Education and the Forest Lake area community.
- Grow the new Middle School Service Club to encourage students to take part in community service project to improve their community.
- Develop partnerships to create meaningful volunteer and service learning opportunities to give youth opportunities to positively impact the community and earn a varsity letter in volunteerism.
- Support the Forest Lake Marching Band Leadership Team as they work to build the Marching Band and provide a great opportunity for student musicians.

2. Preparation for employment and postsecondary education

- Provide ACT Preparation classes to help students improve their scores and gain college acceptance.
- Administer the ACT Test on select National Testing dates.

3. Opportunities for enrichment

- Offer classes and opportunities such as music lessons, Marching Band, theater and creative arts, and STEM classes including bringing students to Space Camp to support academic experiences for young people.

4. Opportunities for recreation

- Offer classes such as archery, youth nights, golf leagues and lessons, disc golf club and lessons, fencing team and lessons, tae kwon do, dance and many other fun, unique experiences to provide opportunities for healthy recreation and social experiences.

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