



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 starting for the 2025-26 school year by:

- 11 students attended the **Fall Leadership Conference** in October of 2025
- 15 students participated in the MAAP STARS **Legislative Day** in February 2026
- Attend the Spring MAAP STARS **Spring Conference** in May 2026

MAAP STARS Spring Events Conference Details:

- Where: Mankato MN
- When: May 7-8, 2026
- Who: 4 students and 1 staff
- Cost: \$1,250.00. Price includes:
 - Lodging
 - Food
 - Activities
- Transportation: Staff will be driving the district van

This overnight conference is designed specifically for students from alternative schools across Minnesota. Each year about 350 students from around the state participate. It gives students an opportunity to demonstrate the artistic, career, and life skills in a wide variety of competitive and demonstrative events including public speaking, career portfolio, employment interview, management decision making, parenting decision-making, community service projects, Life Smarts, display art work and perform project/artistic demonstrations that are done individually and/or in teams. It is the culminating year-end event that demonstrates the true meaning of STARS:

Success – Teamwork – Achievement – Recognition - Self-esteem

MAAP STARS Spring Events Conference

Location: Mayo Event Center, Mankato, MN

Dates: May 7 - 8, 2026

Thursday, May 7, 2026

- 7:30am: Leave DCAS North
- 10:30am - 11:30am: In person registration for individual events
 - Art Display set up
 - Turn in manuals at Judges Headquarters
- 11:30am - 12:00pm: Opening Ceremony
- 12:00pm - 5:00pm: All competitive events
- 4:30pm - 6:00pm: Dinner, main dining room
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm: Preliminary awards ceremony
- 8:30pm - 9:15pm: Ice cream social/ Advisory meeting

Friday, May 8, 2026

- 7:00am - 8:30am: Breakfast served in main dining room
- 8:00am - 10:30am: Semi Finals in all events begin
- 10:30am - 12:45pm: Finals in all events
- 10:30am - 11:30am: Bingo in main dining room
- 11:15am - 12:45pm: Lunch served in main dining room
- 1:00pm - 1:45pm: Final Award Ceremony, closing of conference
- 4:00pm: Return to DCALS North

DCALS Permission Form

MAAP STARS

Spring Event Conference

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your student has been selected to participate in the MAAP STARS Spring Event Conference, an event sponsored by the Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs (MAAP). The Spring Event Conference is an opportunity for your student to attend presentations and participate in activities with other students from around the state.

The Spring Conference will be held in Mankato, MN on Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 8, 2026.

All meals and transportation will be provided. The group will leave DCALS on Thursday at approximately 7:30am. Their return will approximately be 4:00pm on Friday. Students will be staying in a hotel during this event with school staff.

I give permission for _____ to participate
Student's Name

at the MAAP STARS Spring Event Conference.

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian cell number

Insurance Information