

ABOUT US

The History of Education
Districts in Minnesota

WHAT IS AN EDUCATION DISTRICT?

12

There are 12
Education Districts in
Minnesota.

97

Over 97 member
school districts are
supported.

90,000

Over 90,000
students are served.

80

The Education Districts
support over 80 types of
programs.

\$62

Education Districts receive
more than \$62 million in
revenue

2014

Minnesota's Education
Districts formed an
association - MEDA.

1990

Legislation action (125A.15) in 1990 laid the
foundation for the formation of education districts.

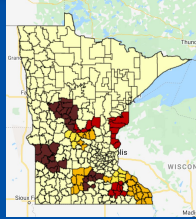
Services

Coordinate programs for (1) special education, (2) gifted & talented, (3) secondary vocational, (4) early childhood & family education, (5) low incidence services, (6) improve education based on research & (7) student services in relation to health & counseling.

Sharing

Sharing (1) administrative & management services, (2) professional development programs, (3) providing summertime learning opportunities, (4) coordinating technology use & curriculum, & (5) developing methods to involve parents in planning student education programs.

WHY ARE THERE EDUCATION DISTRICTS?

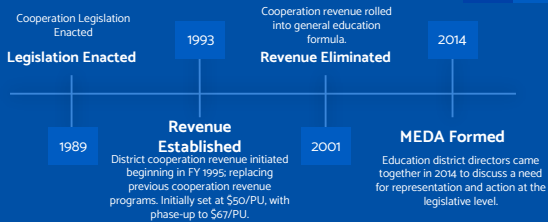


WHAT IS THE MISSION?

The mission of an education district is to **optimize educational opportunities** for students by **increasing cooperation and coordination** among the member districts.



OUR EVOLUTION



Minnesota Education District Association

MREA advocates on behalf of the education districts of Minnesota and their member school districts within the parameters of the MREA legislative platform and general best interests of Greater Minnesota education.

Examples of the Work with MREA



Eligible for QComp at \$3,000 in state aid per staff member.



In the 2017 legislative session, we worked hard to get SCRED eligible for QComp due to their staffing pattern and reporting



Added to entities that could levy for LTFM.



We now see "cooperative language" added to most new legislation.

MREA Membership

Cost

Each year, MREA bills the Goodhue County Education District (GCED) the full membership cost. GCED then bills the education districts equally.

Seat on the Board

Our Association was allotted one seat on the MREA Board to be filled by a member endorsed by MEDA.

Terms are 2 years and you can be re-elected 3 times.
