

ABOUT OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The Northfield public school district subscribes to a neighborhood school model, offering a kindergarten–grade 5 education in three elementary schools: Bridgewater, Greenvale Park and Sibley. Educators across the three schools work together to ensure a consistent curriculum and the highest standards of academic excellence, all the while focusing on offering a well-rounded education that strives to meet the specific needs of each student.

In addition to the academic support students receive from educators, we recognize the tremendous benefits of a mentor relationship, offering an acclaimed, results-oriented program that pairs a number of students with adults in the community who can provide friendship, encouragement and homework assistance. Everyone on our team – from teachers and principals to staff members and mentors – supports the overarching mission of our schools: Empowering learners; building foundations. We aim to foster an experience that commits to the following:

- Maintaining a community that values and promotes each child’s interests to ensure intellectual curiosity.
- Encouraging a learning environment that upholds the value of respect at all times.
- Motivating students in a safe environment that inspires them to be contributing members of society.

In addition to the core educational courses, Northfield’s elementary schools feature instructive programming that expands the bounds of the classroom through designated nature areas, fosters creative expression through music and the arts, and encourages an appreciation of culture through the Compañeros Spanish Immersion Program.

Through Northfield Public Schools’ online information portal – Family Access – parents are kept up-to-date on their child’s progress in the classroom, including:

- A detailed schedule of your child’s day (including grades and assignments).
- Contact information for teachers.
- Daily attendance records.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Northfield Public Schools offers two educational paths for elementary students: the Contemporary Program and the Compañeros Spanish Immersion Program. Regardless of the program chosen, families can be assured that educators will do everything possible to ensure the mission of the district – to empower all learners to participate in our dynamic world – is fulfilled.

Contemporary Program

Through the Contemporary Program, students will acquire skills in core areas of literacy, math, science, social studies and health. The reading and writing workshop model is used to develop students’ English language literacy and is taught in a 120- to 150-minute block. A combination of whole group, flexible group and individualized instruction is utilized to meet the instructional needs of each reading student. When it comes to learning mathematics, the program employs a hands-on approach, while maintaining a focus on sequential skills development. Other subjects, including science, social studies and health promote learning through the application of concepts within the real world.

Compañeros Spanish Immersion Program

Students enrolled in the Compañeros program are taught the same curriculum as those who are enrolled in the Contemporary Program, they simply learn one half of the day’s lessons in English (reading and language arts) and the other half in Spanish (math, science, social studies and health). The benefits of this program have been applauded by students and parents alike, preparing students for fluency in Spanish.

KIDVENTURES

Through the Community Services Division, Northfield Public Schools is pleased to offer quality, educationally focused childcare in each of the elementary schools outside of the school day (6:30 a.m. to the beginning of the school day and immediately after school until 6:00 p.m.). Educational professionals coordinate hands-on activities designed to stimulate the social, emotional, academic and physical development of learners.

BY THE NUMBERS

Schools: 3 – Bridgewater Elementary, Greenvale Park Elementary and Sibley Elementary.

Enrollment: Bridgewater: 547 students, Greenvale Park: 495 students, Sibley: 558 students.

Staff members: 81.

The average student-teacher ratio: 23.75:1.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about enrolling your student in one of our elementary schools please contact:

BRIDGEWATER: Nancy Antoine, Principal
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SIBLEY: Scott Sannes, Principal
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS BOUNDARY MAP

To the right is a city boundaries map that can be helpful in determining which elementary school your child will attend. For a larger, more detailed map, visit www.nfld.k12.mn.us/about/boundaries/.

- BRIDGEWATER
- GREENVALE PARK
- SIBLEY

