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Mankato Area Public Schools

www.isd77.k12.mn.us

Mankato Area Public Schools rank in the top 16 percent nationally as winners of the “Gold Medal School” award* and are nationally recognized for meeting the needs and expectations of families choosing schools as winners of the “School Match” award.** Curriculum is based on best practice research.

*Expansion Management Magazine, 2006

**School Match of Columbus, Ohio, 2002

General Data

District size	135 square miles
Total number of schools	16
Elementary schools (K-6)	9
Secondary schools (7-12)	1 junior high, 1 middle school, 2 high schools
Special education school	1
Choice school (K-6)	1
Alternative high school (7-12)	1
Central Freedom School (9-12) for students in chemical health recovery	1
Centers or programs for gifted/exceptional students	2
Total enrollment	7,019
Approximate number of students transported to/from school	3,500
Total number of buses	42

- District provides special education for ages 0-21
- District provides community education for all ages
- Gifted program administered throughout the district

Faculty Data (K-12)

Total teaching staff	550
Student/teacher ratio	22:1
Starting teacher salary	\$30,804
Average teacher salary	\$54,849
Percent of teachers with a Master’s degree or higher	50%
Administrators	27.4

School Finances

Current operating budget	\$70,031,993
Yearly expenditure per pupil	\$8,296
Bonded long-term debt	\$24,846,726

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School Tax Levies

2006	\$10,302,599*
2005	\$ 7,957,960
2004	\$ 7,811,087

*Passed technology referendum and bond for facility maintenance and improvement.

ACT Scores

In 2005, Minnesota topped the nation in average scores on the ACT college-entrance exam. Mankato did even better.

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Public Schools 2005
22.6

State
22.3

National
20.9

High school graduates attending post-secondary80%
Statewide average65%

Parochial Schools

Mankato Area Catholic Schools

www.mankatoareacatholicschools.org

Comprised of schools throughout Mankato and North Mankato. Over 90% of high school graduates go on to post-secondary schools.

Notre Dame Elementary	Pre K-3
Holy Rosary Intermediate	4-5
Fitzgerald Middle School	6-8
Loyola High School	9-12

Protestant Private Schools

St. Mark Lutheran School, part of the Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School Association	Pre K-8
Mount Olive Lutheran School, Member of Evangelical Lutheran Synod	K-8
Grace Christian School, a ministry of Grace Baptist Church	K-12
Immanuel Lutheran School, a ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church	K-12

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Colleges and Universities

Bethany Lutheran College

www.blc.edu

Private, residential, Christian, coeducational, liberal arts college founded in 1927, owned and operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Academics: AA & BA offered, 16 majors

Enrollment: 566

Faculty: 75 (35 adjunct)

Student to faculty ratio: 12:1

Facilities: 50-acre campus. 11 buildings, 4 residential halls, 2 gymnasiums, baseball, soccer & softball fields, tennis & racquetball courts, fitness rooms

and indoor running track.

Gustavus Adolphus College (10 minutes north of Mankato in St. Peter)

www.gac.edu

Nationally-recognized, private, coeducational, church-related liberal arts college firmly rooted in its Swedish and Lutheran heritage. Gustavus Adolphus is the host of annual Nobel Conferences since 1965. The Nobel Conference® is the first formal lecture program in the world (outside of Sweden and Norway, where Nobel prizes are awarded) to have the official authorization of The Nobel Foundation, Stockholm. The series is now in its fifth decade and has attracted international attention.

Academics: BA, 75 majors in 24 departments

Enrollment: 2,569

Faculty: Student to faculty ratio: 13:1

Facilities: 340-acre campus. Award-winning chapel; library; 2 science buildings; 2 fine arts buildings; new campus center; sports complex; 13 residential halls.

Minnesota State University, Mankato

www.mnsu.edu

A comprehensive four-year university founded in 1868. MSU is the third largest higher education institution in the state. The University is a leader in wireless technology and was named Nokia's "model campus" for the Western Hemisphere in 2000. MSU was named a top university for "Schools that offer the best value for your tuition dollar," by *Kaplan/Newsweek College Catalog 2002*. MSU's engineering program was ranked among the top 50 in the nation by 2001 *U.S. News & World Report*. In 2005, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) announced MSU as a host institution of the Minnesota Center for Engineering and Manufacturing Excellence.

Academics: Seven colleges, 158 undergraduate programs, 82 graduate programs

Enrollment: 14,000; 500 international from 71 countries

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Minnesota State University, Mankato, continued

Faculty/staff: 1,500

Facilities: Three residence halls; renovated Myers Field House; Taylor Center 4,800-seat arena; Andreas Theatre; 25,000-sq. ft. Technology Center; renovated student recreation center; \$11.4 million Centennial Student Union addition completed in 2005. Wireless access in most locations.

South Central College

www.southcentral.edu

Now a comprehensive community college, SCC was established as the state's first technical college in 1946 in North Mankato. SCC is a student-oriented college focusing on small classes and personal attention. SCC is a provider of quality customized training and technical assistance for business and industry -- see www.training.southcentral.edu. A mission expansion approved in 2005 made SCC Minnesota's newest comprehensive two-year college.

Academics: AAS, AS, and AA degrees, plus program majors in Agribusiness Management, Business, Health Care, Visual communications, Technical & Industrial, and General Education.

Enrollment: 2,500

Faculty/Staff: 213

Facilities: Meeting rooms, conference center, satellite teleconferences, and interactive television. Campuses in North Mankato and Faribault.

Business and Technical Schools

Rasmussen College

www.rasmussen.edu

Founded in 1900, Rasmussen College is a private two-year, degree-granting college for business and professional careers. The Mankato campus was founded in 1983 to serve southern Minnesota and northern Iowa. Day, evening, and on-line classes are offered.

Academics: BS and AAS degrees as well as diploma and certificate programs. Program areas include Accounting, Banking & Finance, Business Management, Child Care, Criminal Justice, Medical/Health Care, Human Resources, Information Technology, Sales & Marketing.

Enrollment: 408

Facilities: Campuses in Mankato, Brooklyn Park, Eagan, Eden Prairie, St. Cloud

Cosmetology Training Center

www.cosmetologytrainingcenter.com

The cosmetology course includes theory, practical classroom and laboratory work, and applied and clinic practice. Services are open to the public at discounted prices.