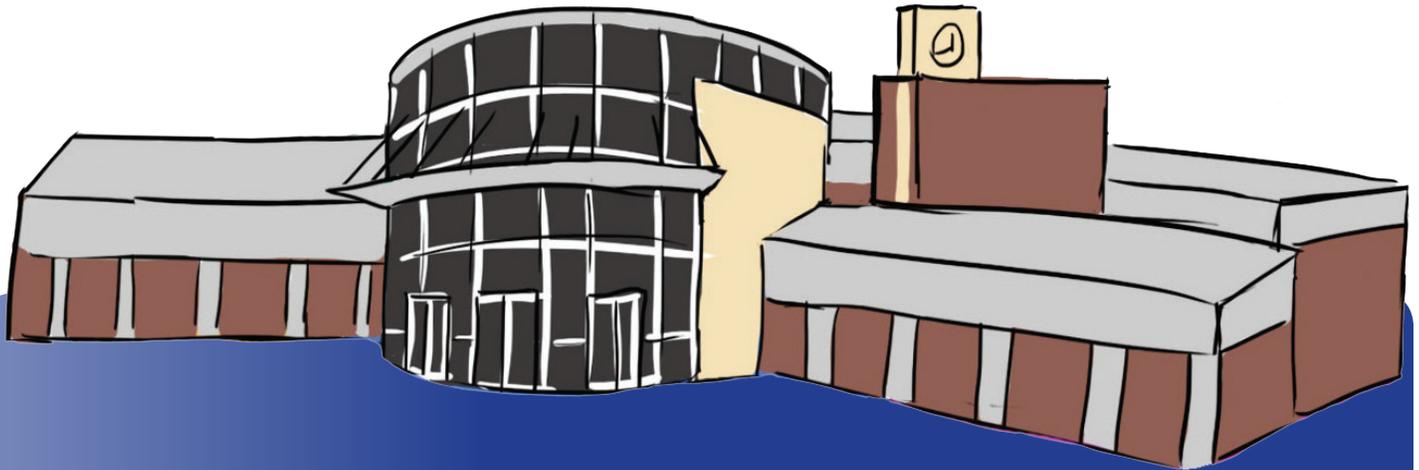




MINNETONKA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Connecting the Dots



Making the Most of Minnetonka High School
Your School of Opportunities

REGISTRATION
PLANNING
2018-19

From the Principal



Minnetonka High School teachers, counselors, staff and administrators are committed to creating a high school environment focused on exceptional learning experiences and exceptional relationships.

To meet students' learning needs, we have developed an extensive and unique course catalog that offer countless pathways that not only lead to high school graduation, but exploration of interests and passions that can provide clarity and direction as students pursue their goals for college and career.



Exceptional relationships are not just within our school walls. We value the critical partnership our families provide in helping students understand, build and pursue an exciting plan for all four years at MHS. Starting in January, we offer numerous opportunities for families to learn more about Tonka's breadth of curriculum, including signature programs like VANTAGE, Tonka Online, Minnetonka Research, International Baccalaureate Diploma Programmes, Language Immersion and more.

It's never too early to see what's ahead for your child at MHS. We look forward to welcoming you during our 2018-19 course registration season.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeff Erickson".

Jeff Erickson, Minnetonka High School Principal
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Registration Overview Sessions for Parents

(attend sessions denoted by your child's current grade level, 8-11)

Parents, join us in February as we present options for the 2018-19 school year. At these sessions, we'll review grade-level requirements, provide updates on new courses and opportunities, share ways your child can continue their Immersion education, and explain how Tonka Online helps students achieve their goals. You'll make valuable connections with Principal Jeff Erickson and program leaders.

Informational Meetings for Students and Families

For programs that require a “deeper dive,” we offer dedicated informational meetings for families and students. Here, we'll present details on learning experiences, expectations, prerequisites and guidelines to help your child find the right fit. Some informational meetings include student speakers; all include a chance to ask detailed questions and make connections with teachers and program leaders.

Webinars

Webinars offer audio-visual presentations (same or similar to our informational meetings) from the convenience of home or office. All are led by program leaders with deep knowledge of the level of engagement needed for student success and positive outcomes. Participants are encouraged to submit questions to the speaker(s). All webinars are offered at no charge. Please visit program websites to register online and receive your GotoWebinar link to participate (see the next page for dates, times and specific website URLs).

Curriculum Fair

This year's Curriculum Fair is scheduled for Thursday, February 22, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at Minnetonka High School. This is an opportunity for families and students to learn more about Minnetonka curriculum in an open-house format. Bring your questions and connect with staff from each of our 18 departments and signature programs.



Registration Overview Sessions for Parents

8th Grade* Registration Overview Session for Parents
Thursday, February 1, Arts Center • Immersion, 6 p.m.; all parents, 7 p.m.

9th Grade* Registration Overview Session for Parents
Tuesday, February 13, Arts Center • Immersion, 6 p.m.; all parents, 7 p.m.

10th Grade* Registration Overview Session for Parents
Tuesday, February 20, Arts Center • Immersion, 6 p.m.; all parents, 7 p.m.

11th Grade* Registration Overview Session for Parents
Monday, February 12, Arts Center • Immersion, 6 p.m.; all parents, 7 p.m.

Grades 8-11* Curriculum Fair for Parents and Students
Thursday, February 22, MHS Student Union, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Student and MHS School Counselor Seminars: 8th Grade (MMW, Jan. 30; MME, Feb. 1);
9th Grade, Feb. 27; 10th Grade, Feb. 20; 11th Grade, Feb. 22

* Student's current grade level

AP[®] Advanced Placement (AP)

- **Options:** 28 AP courses
- **Results:** In 2017, 1,418 students took 2,538 tests; AP test scores of 3 or higher = 84.9% (compared to state [66.4%] and global [60.3%] averages)
- **Tonka Online:** 10 AP courses; AP test scores of 3 or higher = 85.9%

VANTAGE

MINNETONKA ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

4350 Baker Rd, Minnetonka, MN 55343

Study areas: Business in a Global Economy (GB), Business Analytics (BA), Design + Marketing (DM), Digital Journalism (DJ), Global Food Sustainability: Economics and the Environment (GFS) and Health Sciences (HS)

- **Informational meetings at the VANTAGE location:**
Tuesday, January 30 • All study areas • 7 p.m.
Tuesday, February 13 (GB, BA, DM) • 7-7:45 a.m.
Wednesday, February 14 (DJ, GFS, HS) • 7-7:45 a.m.
- **Webinars:**
Wednesday, January 24 • 12 p.m.
Wednesday, February 21 • 7 p.m.
- **Online steps:** Parents, visit www.tonkavantage.com to learn more and register for a webinar. Students, apply online to express your interest and meet with a VANTAGE director.

TONKA ONLINE

Tonka Online provides students with an opportunity to choose from 51 Minnetonka courses taught by Minnetonka teachers in an online learning environment. Explore areas of interest, create a flexible schedule or prepare for a higher-level course.

- **Webinars:**
Thursday, February 15 • 12 p.m.
Thursday, March 1 • 10 a.m.
- **Online steps:** Parents, visit www.tonkaonline.org to learn more and register for a webinar.



International Baccalaureate (IB)

Students can choose from individual courses or the two-year IB Diploma/Bilingual Diploma Programmes.

- **Informational meeting:** Thursday, February 15 • 4:30 p.m., MHS Forum
- **Webinar:** Thursday, January 18 • 12 p.m.
- **Online steps:** Parents, visit www.minnetonkaschools.org/ib to learn more and register for the webinar. Students, apply online to express your interest and meet with Laura Herbst, IB Coordinator.



Minnnetonka Research

Opportunity to pursue authentic research driven by a student's own questions and interests.

- **Informational meeting:** Wednesday, February 7 • 6:30 p.m., MHS Forum
- **Webinar:** Tuesday, February 20 • 12:30 p.m.
- **Online steps:** Parents, visit www.minnetonkaschools.org/research to learn more and register for the webinar. Students, complete the online form to express your interest. Minnetonka Research Director Kim Hoehne will follow-up to provide additional details and answer your questions.



Language Immersion

Mandarin Chinese and Spanish Immersion curriculum is defined through grade 12 with multiple pathway opportunities.

- **Informational meetings:** Immersion options will be discussed in the hour preceding each Registration Overview Session for Parents (see top).
- **Webinar:** Friday, February 23 • 12:30 p.m.
- **Online steps:** Parents, visit www.minnetonkaschools.org/immersion to learn more and register for the webinar.



The Minnetonka Curriculum

18 departments and more than 225 courses prepare students for college and career.

Art • Business • Computer Science • English • ELL • FACS • Health
Innovation & Leadership • International Studies • Math • Music • Physical Education
Project Lead the Way • Science • Social Studies • Technology Education
World Languages & Immersion

Learn more and discuss optimal pathways for your child at our Registration Overview Sessions for Parents (see top); Curriculum Fair Thursday, February 22 (5:30-7:30 p.m.); and Parent-Teacher Conferences March 1 and 2.