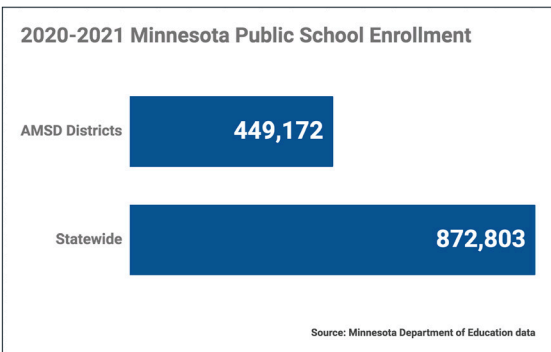




STATE ENROLLMENT

AMSD school districts enroll more than half of all public school students in Minnesota.



STUDENTS OF COLOR

Nearly 70 percent of the state’s approximately 316,000 students of color are enrolled in AMSD school districts. AMSD members are committed to closing racial achievement gaps to ensure all students receive an equitable and excellent education.

The Association of Metropolitan School Districts has been a strong voice for public education and metro area schools for more than 40 years. AMSD’s mission is to advocate for member school districts so they can lead the transformation of public education.

AMSD represents 44 K-12 school districts, five intermediate/ educational cooperative districts, and two integration districts, enrolling more than half the state’s preK-12 public school students.

The organization is highly regarded for its nonpartisan research, communication efforts, timely legislative updates, and extensive legislative summaries.

AMSD board members and staff stand ready to assist state policymakers by providing current research and data to help them make informed policy decisions.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education costs exceeded state and federal education aid by almost \$457 million for AMSD member districts in FY 2020, and more than \$673 million statewide.

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ENGLISH LEARNERS

Nearly 70 percent of Minnesota’s English learner students attend school in an AMSD member school district. In FY 2020 AMSD districts spent almost \$135 million on services for English learners, but received just \$35.7 million in English learner funding. In other words, AMSD districts had to redirect more than \$99 million in general education aid to fund critically important English learner services.

HOMELESS STUDENTS

More than 6,000 students in Minnesota are homeless, and more than one half of these students attend a school in an AMSD member district.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

More than 280,000 students in Minnesota qualify for free or reduced lunch prices with approximately 50 percent of those students residing in AMSD member districts.





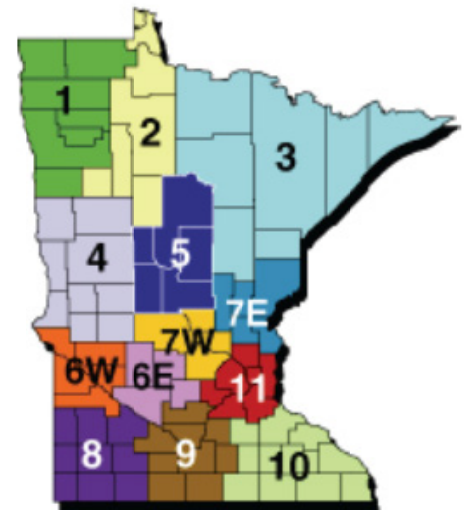
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PERSONNEL COSTS HIGHER IN AMSD DISTRICTS

Labor costs, whether in the private or public sector, are significantly higher in the metropolitan area. The average hourly wage in the metro area runs up to 30 percent higher than in other regions of the state. As the chart below shows, the same is true for teacher salaries and other staff employed by school districts. Minnesota’s education funding formula does not recognize this cost differential, making metro school districts heavily reliant on voter-approved operating referenda to cover higher personnel costs.

AVERAGE TEACHER SALARY BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGION

2020-2021		
Economic Development Region	Avg. Teacher Salary	% Under Metro
EDR 11 - Seven County	\$71,684	
EDR 7W - Central	\$63,593	-11.3%
EDR 3 - Arrowhead	\$61,457	-14.3%
EDR 7E - East Central	\$60,756	-15.3%
EDR 2 - Headwaters	\$60,714	-15.4%
EDR 4 - West Central	\$59,600	-16.9%
EDR 10 - Southeast	\$58,926	-17.8%
EDR 5 - North Central	\$58,455	-18.5%
EDR 6E - Southwest Central	\$58,430	-18.5%
EDR 1 - Northwest	\$57,382	-19.9%
EDR 6W - Upper Minnesota Valley	\$57,174	-20.3%
EDR 9 - South Central	\$57,164	-20.3%
EDR 8 - Southwest	\$53,765	-24.9%



Source: Minnesota Professional Educators and Licensing Board

AMSD MEMBER DISTRICTS

Anoka-Hennepin School District • Bloomington Public Schools • Brooklyn Center Community Schools • Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191 • Centennial School District • Columbia Heights Public Schools • Duluth Public Schools • Eastern Carver County Schools • Eden Prairie Schools • Edina Public Schools • Elk River School District ISD #728 • Equity Alliance MN • Farmington Area Public Schools • Fridley Public Schools • Hastings Public Schools • Hopkins Public Schools • Intermediate School District #287 • Intermediate School District #917 • Inver Grove Heights Schools • Lakeville Area Public Schools • Mahtomedi Public Schools • Metro ECSU • Minneapolis Public Schools • Minnetonka Public Schools • Mounds View Public Schools • North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale School District • Northeast Metro Intermediate School District #916 • Northwest Suburban Integration District • Orono Schools • Osseo Area Schools • Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools • Richfield Public Schools • Robbinsdale Area Schools • Rochester Public Schools • Rockford Area Schools • Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools • Roseville Area Schools • Saint Paul Public Schools • Shakopee Public Schools • South St. Paul Public Schools • South Washington County Schools • SouthWest Metro Intermediate District • Spring Lake Park Schools • St. Anthony-New Brighton Independent School District • St. Cloud Area School District 742 • St. Louis Park Public Schools • Stillwater Area Public Schools • Wayzata Public Schools • West St. Paul-Mendota Heights-Eagan School District • Westonka Public Schools • White Bear Lake Area Schools