



Welcome to Northshore School District!
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How do we rate? Parents, realtors, and even other educators often ask how Northshore rates as a school district. While there is no official rating system for school districts, there are factors that can be considered when evaluating districts.

A wide range of academic and extra-curricular activities: Northshore emphasizes a strong program in basic skills and electives for all students. Schools offer a variety of electives, as well as before and after school programs: math and science clubs, visual and performing arts, computer and technology enrichment, student council, video production and a wide range of athletic programs.

Programs for gifted students and those with special needs: Basic skills are enhanced by offerings in gifted, alternative, career and technical education. Special needs are met with an extensive special education program, English Language Learner, and Head Start classes.

Students pursuing higher education: Over 86% of Northshore graduates in 2011 indicated a plan to enroll at a 4-year university, community college, technical school, trade school or the military.

Graduation Rate: Northshore had an on-time graduation rate of 88.2% and an extended graduation rate of 90.7% in 2011 and a drop-out rate of 2%.

Excellence in teaching: Northshore teachers had an average 13.8 years of teacher experience in 2011 and 68.1% of Northshore teachers have at least a master's degree. 99.6% of classes in Northshore are taught by teachers meeting the No Child Left Behind highly qualified definition.

Opportunities for input and involvement: Parents and community members are encouraged to participate in school district activities and programs both in the schools and at the district level. Feedback about how the district is doing and how we can improve is gathered through committee involvement and periodic surveys.

Strong community and business partnerships: More than 8,500 parent and community volunteers are currently helping in our schools. Learning is a responsibility shared by parents, volunteers and representatives from agencies and businesses. The district provides extensive opportunities as well as support to these partners.

Registering for School: Students can register year round (except July) at the school they will be attending. Attendance area is based on the street address and can be determined by using the online look-up. Northshore's Transportation Department 425.408.7900 can also provide the information. School service area maps are online.

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Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten

To qualify for the Pre-School program, a child must be three years old by August 31. The program is held on Tuesday and Thursday, 2.5 hours each day. There is a morning and afternoon session. Children must be potty trained.

To qualify for Pre-Kindergarten program, a child must be four years old by August 31. The program is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2.5 hours each day. There is a morning and afternoon session. Children must be potty trained.

Required:

- Proof of birth
- List of immunizations
- Parents must provide transportation to and from school

Kindergarten

Students entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before August 31. Students who are five by November 30 may apply and test for early entrance into kindergarten. Children attending kindergarten attend half-day sessions either morning or afternoon or may choose an all-day kindergarten program.

Required:

- Proof of birth
- List of immunizations
- Proof of residency
- Social security number (optional)

Elementary Schools

Required:

- Proof of birth
- List of immunizations
- Proof of residency

Secondary Schools

Required:

- Proof of birth
- List of immunizations
- Proof of residency
- Withdrawal sheet or report card from previous school

Schools of Choice

Parents/guardians who reside within the Northshore School District may request a transfer to another school within the district provided that: 1) the school has the attendance capacity and programs to meet the student's needs, 2) the district timeline for transfer is met, and 3) the parent/guardian provides transportation for the student. For more information on waivers, please [click here](#).