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## What Makes A School District Great?

The staff and students of District 112 are committed to excellence in everything we do. We're proud of our growing school district and our students' achievements in academics, athletics and community service. Here's evidence of the outstanding accomplishments that make our school district great.

## Strong Academics

Our academic programs and curriculum are designed to prepare students for the future and give them the self-confidence and personal tools to be successful in whatever path they choose.

- More than 620 students will graduate in June 2008; over 80% will continue their education after graduation.
- CHS offers 16 Advanced Placement Classes, as well as college credit courses and Project Lead the Way, our accredited pre-engineering program.
- 53 Chaska High School students were awarded Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards in 2007; 7 received Scholars with Honors, 9 were Scholars with Distinction.
- State test scores show District 112 students exceed state averages in both math and reading.
- Strong academic programs reflect a strong faculty; more than 70% of our K-12 staff has advanced degrees.
- Access to instructional technology in abundant with a student to computer ratio of 5.6:1.
- CHS was proud to have 11 National Merit Scholar semi-finalists in the past 4 years.
- 1 CHS junior student received a perfect score on this year's SAT exam.

Average Class Sizes for District 112	
Grade level	# Students
Kindergarten	19.5
1st grade	22.5
2nd grade	22.5
3rd grade	24
4th grade	26
5th grade	26
6-8th grade	29.5
9th grade	29.5
10-12th grade	27

## Successful Students

We are committed to preparing every student for the future. Students are involved in a wide variety of activities that help them develop important skills needed to meet the challenges ahead.

- 90% of the Chaska High School DECA team qualified for state competition – 62 students competed at the state event and 20 were chosen to move on to the national competition.
- The CHS Science Bowl team placed second at the Minnesota Science Bowl Tournament – the team has participated in the national competition six times in the past.
- 40 District 112 4th graders participated in this year's Young Inventors State Convention. Only 100 students from the metro area were invited to the event.
- The Chaska High School Choir performed at the State Choral Directors Conference – one of only five Minnesota high school choirs invited to the event.
- The CHS team was named champion in the Academic World Quest state competition this year. They will compete for the national title in April.
- Chaska High School won four awards at the Lake Conference Art Show.

## Talented Athletes

Students have the opportunity to participate in extensive co-curricular activities at the middle school and high school levels.

- For the first time in history, the CHS Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams advanced to the state meet. Both teams were named the Section 2AA Academic Champions; the boy's team was named State Academic Champion.
- The Chaska High School Girls Basketball Team took 4th place at the 2007-08 State Tournament.
- Two CHS divers competed in this year's state meet; they finished in first and second place.
- The CHS Dance Team placed second at the 2007-08 State Tournament. 44 high school athletes were recognized as All-Lake Conference award winners and honorable mention honorees for the winter season.

## Community Values and Service

District 112 emphasizes community values and the importance of service learning in its academic and co-curricular activities. Our students demonstrate their commitment to these values in many ways.

- More than 300 outstanding youth were recognized at the annual Celebrate Youth program for their demonstration of their contributions and commitment to our community values.
- Students at Chaska Middle School West raised more than \$30,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through the Pennies for Patients fundraiser.
- CHS Relay for Life raised more than \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society; more than 600 students participated in the event.
- Through events such as the annual "Sleep Out," CHS International Club students have raised more than \$50,000, which are then donated to various relief agencies and charitable causes both at home and abroad.

## Parents are Welcome

Parents are partners in our schools and are welcomed and encouraged to participate with the school district in a variety of ways.

- Each school has an active PTO which organizes family events and raises money to provide additional programs and services at the school.
- Parents are represented on each school's Site Council and on various district committees.
- Parents with children in middle school and high school are invited to keep up-to-date on their child's progress through the Parent Portal, an online system offering access to student grades, assignments and attendance.
- 95% of parents in grades K-9 attend parent conferences.

## Parents are Satisfied

Parent satisfaction with District 112 schools tells a powerful story as indicated by these 2007 elementary school survey results:

- 98% of parents felt welcome at school
- 99% described their school's as a positive learning environment
- 97% said there were high standards for student behavior
- 98% believe their child's school is a safe place
- In another survey, 91% of parents rated the value of a District 112 education as good or excellent.