

2019

ISD 279 - OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS

Osseo Area Schools is the fifth-largest school district in Minnesota, serving all or parts of Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Corcoran, Dayton, Maple Grove, Osseo, Plymouth, and Rogers.

Who we are (Oct 1, 2018 data)

Total resident population	145,541
Geographic area	66 square miles
Pre-K through 12 th grade enrollment	21,160
Students of color	51%
Students participating in free/reduced price meals program	40.27%

Highly educated teachers

Hold a master’s degree or higher

Osseo	69%
Minnesota	55%

Supporting high levels of achievement for all students

(most recent data available)

AP Scholars (record high for the district)	232
National Merit Commended (announced Fall 2018)	4
International Baccalaureate Diploma recipients 2018	3
ACT average composite score (Class of 2018)	19.9

Graduation rates (2018)

- 84% of students graduated within four years.
- 92% of students graduated within seven years.

Career and technical education programs offer career-connected knowledge, skills and competencies that help students succeed in life after high school. Workplace-ready certifications are available in automotive technology, culinary arts, health care, and information technology.

Protecting our community’s investment in facilities

1. 31 facilities, including 17 elementary, 4 middle, 3 comprehensive senior high schools
2. 3.6 million sq. ft. of buildings on 703 acres of property
3. 7,000+ doors, 70 boilers, 5.3 million sq. ft. of pavement
4. Oldest school building – 1952 (Osseo Senior High)
5. Newest school building – 2002 (Woodland Elementary)

Equitable Student Achievement, Safety, and Finance Reform

Basic Formula

Ensure annual increases to the basic formula linked to inflation to provide stable, predictable funding.

School Safety

Support school districts in their efforts to ensure a safe and supportive environment.

- a. Include a permanent increase to the Safe Schools revenue to ensure adequate resources in the area of safety and mental health supports.
- b. Expand the allowable uses of long-term facilities maintenance funding to include the modification of buildings to enhance safety and security.

Learning Opportunity Gap

Increase funding for the English learner program to help close learning opportunity gaps.

Special Education Cross Subsidy

Fulfill the state's commitment to fund certain special education costs by increasing special education funding to 100% of the state's statutory obligation by FY 2023.

For Osseo Area Schools, the state and federal special education funding shortfall is \$22.6 million. Source: MDE FY2017 Spec. Ed. Cross Subsidies Final Report.

These platform items align with those of several statewide education organizations, including Association of Metropolitan School Districts, Minnesota School Boards Association, Minnesota Association of School Administrators, Minnesota Association of School Business Officials.

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