



Saint Anthony Park Elementary School Frequently Asked Questions



What grades do you offer? Kindergarten through fifth (no pre-kindergarten)

Do you offer before and after school care?

Our Discovery Club program offers after-school care. Families apply separately for this fee-based program. For more information and to register, visit discoveryclub.spps.org or ask in our school office for a brochure.

Extended Day Learning (EDL) and Community Education (CE) offer after school enrichment options. EDL is free and goes from 2:00 to 3:45 Tuesday and Thursday. CE has a sliding scale fee and goes from 2:00 to 3:15 Wednesdays. EDL and CE classes start in October and run through early May.

Is there busing?

Yes, free busing to and from school is offered to all Area E students that live farther than one-half mile from school. To check whether your address is qualified for busing, go to <http://apply.spps.org>

What are the demographics?

There were 490 students at St. Anthony Park in 2021-22. There are currently 505. Approximate percentages from Fall 2022:

- American Indian 3%
- Asian American 8%
- Black or African American 18%
- Hispanic/Latino 9%
- Caucasian American 57%
- More than one race 8%
- English Language Learners 16%
- Special Education 8%
- Students eligible for free and reduced lunch 40%
- Out of district students 7.5%

What are the test scores?

Our test scores are strong, some of the highest in St. Paul and well above average for Minnesota. Percent proficient in each subject:

Year	Reading	Math	Science (Gr 5 Only)
2022	64%	60%	75%
2021*	64%	56%	65%

**Note: 2021 test scores were affected by low participation rates and lost learning time due to pandemic school closures.*

What options do you offer for gifted and talented students?

A high percentage of our students have been identified as gifted and talented, so enrichment opportunities are infused throughout the school day and available to all students. Enrichment and acceleration in core academic subjects are part of everyday school routines. Many additional options are also available, such as Artist-in-Residence programs, Destination Imagination, talent show, Running Club, cross grade-level mentoring, chess, weekly computer and art classes, and much more.



What do you offer in the sciences?

Science, especially environmental learning, is a priority at SAP. We have an excellent science specialist who works with students one to two times per week. Our local park is designated as an official school forest and regularly becomes an outdoor learning space. Inquiry classes, family science nights, science fair (grades 3-5), Bakken Institute demonstrations (grade 4), Physics Force field trip (grade 2), and Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Trip (grade 5) are just a few of the additional opportunities for students.

What do you offer in the arts?

SAP students are immersed in the arts! We have a full-time performing arts teacher and a visual art teacher. Students learn with both, once or twice a week. Each class also works closely with an artist for one to two weeks during our Artist-in-Residence program. We are part of the Minneapolis Institute of Art's Art Adventure Program. Community Education and Extended Day Learning options include many arts options, including instrumental music lessons for fourth and fifth graders, drumming and guitar lessons, and drawing.

What is your philosophy on social-emotional support?

We believe that all students want to be successful and have positive learning experiences. Our counselors teach lessons in every classroom about social skills, self-esteem, and successful school behaviors. Every classroom begins the year by explicitly teaching all children the rituals and routines they will need to know in order to participate successfully at school. Each day begins with a morning meeting, in which the focus is sharing and community building. Some children need more time or assistance to learn those routines, and we provide extra support as needed from counselors, support staff and teachers. We have a partnership with Nystrom and Associates to provide on-site mental health therapy. If children are not demonstrating expected behaviors, they are provided with tools to help them change their behavior, fix a problem they have created, or help themselves be ready to learn again. We hold all children to very high standards of positive behavior, but we are committed to providing all children the support they need to meet those standards.

What opportunities are there for parents to get involved?

There are opportunities galore! Community events, science family nights, science fair, classroom volunteering, school support, book clubs, field trips, fundraising, read-a-thon, advisory council, just to name a few!

The St. Anthony Park School Association (SAPSA) is our fundraising and community planning group. In addition to organizing events and other school supports, SAPSA also has the Advisory Council, our parent/guardian advisory group, which works with our principal on issues such as programming, budget, enrollment, and district policies. See www.sapsamn.org for more information.

Why should I choose St. Anthony Park?

For many reasons! These include the spirit of community (happy and engaged students, positive energy levels, high parent involvement, community involvement), high test scores, and excellent and caring teachers and staff. In 2017, our school was awarded the designation "National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence" based on our overall high performance and excellent educational practices.

What are the hours?

Our school hours are:

- 7:15 Doors open for arrival
- 7:30 Class starts
- 2:00 Dismissal

How can I find out more?

We have tours in January for prospective families. Times, dates and registration information are at www.spps.org/stanthony. Our website also contains more information and videos about our school.

For more information, or to tour our school, call 651-293-8735, or visit our website at www.spps.org/stanthony
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