



**2015 Annual Conference – Site Visit List**  
**List of Minneapolis/St. Paul area schools interested**  
**in hosting site visits on Wednesday, November 4, 2015**  
*(Schools listed alphabetically; list will be updated periodically)*

As a courtesy to ISACS members and to encourage sharing among members, we have compiled the following list of Minneapolis/St. Paul area schools interested in hosting schools traveling to the area for the ISACS Annual Conference.

**Please contact the school below to schedule your site visit!**

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**The Blake School**

Multiple campuses – See below for additional details and contact information

[www.blakeschool.org](http://www.blakeschool.org)

Now in its second century, The Blake School offers a rigorous education grounded in shared values – respect, love of learning, integrity, courage and a commitment to pluralism. Students become lifelong learners who make lasting contributions to the world. Our three campuses unite approximately 1,375 students served by 350 faculty and staff, creating a diverse and inclusive community.

- **The Blake School/Northrop Campus (Grades 9-12)**

511 Kenwood Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN

**Contact for Northrop Campus: Janet Herron, Office Manager, [jherron@blakeschool.org](mailto:jherron@blakeschool.org), 952-988-3703**

Ten miles from downtown St. Paul: Follow I-94 West to Hennepin Avenue exit; follow signs for Lyndale Ave North/Hennepin Ave North using the right turn lane; get in the far left lane after turning north on Hennepin/Lyndale and then turn left on Vineland Place; follow the road as it curves right and then curves left; the school will be on your left and you can park in the west parking lot; come in through the glass doors and use the intercom to be admitted to the building.

- **The Blake School/Blake Campus (Grades PK-8, PK-12 Athletic Facilities & PK-12 Administrative Offices)**

110 Blake Road  
Hopkins, MN

**Contact for Blake Campus: Elaine Fries, Executive Assistant to the Head of School, [efries@blakeschool.org](mailto:efries@blakeschool.org), 952-988-3403**

Twenty-one miles from downtown St. Paul: Follow I-94 West to I-394 West to Highway 169

South; take the Excelsior Boulevard exit; go east on Excelsior Boulevard to Blake Road; turn right (south) on Blake Road; the main drive entrance will be on your right about 1 block from Excelsior Boulevard; follow the drive to the top of the hill and park on the south side of the school; come in through the Middle School entrance and use the intercom to be admitted to the building.

- **The Blake School/Highcroft Campus (Grades PK-5)**

301 Peavey Lane  
Wayzata, MN

**Contact for Highcroft Campus: Jinnea Zarate, [jzarate@blakeschool.org](mailto:jzarate@blakeschool.org), Office Manager, 952-988-3556**

Twenty-five miles from downtown St. Paul: Follow I-94 West to I-394 West; continue onto US-12 West; take the exit toward Long Lake/Orono/County Road 112; turn right onto Wayzata Blvd West; turn left onto Ferndale Road South; cross the railroad tracks and take a sharp right; follow the road about three blocks and Highcroft will be on your left; park in the lot and enter through the main entrance; use the intercom to be admitted to the building.

### **Breck School**

123 Ottawa Ave N  
Golden Valley, MN 55422  
[www.breckschool.org](http://www.breckschool.org)

**Contact: Scott Wade, Admissions Director, [scott.wade@breckschool.org](mailto:scott.wade@breckschool.org), 763-381-8202**

Breck is the Golden Valley, single-campus, p-12, Episcopal independent school where living our mission means always reimagining, reinventing, and reanimating learning—both to model the process and rewards of authentic, meaningful learning for Breck students, and to continually grow, evolve, and reinvigorate as a learning enterprise. Breck is approximately 25-30 minutes from downtown St. Paul. Get on I94W (Head west on W Kellogg Blvd, Turn right onto 7<sup>th</sup> St W/Fort Rd, Use the 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left lane to turn left, and use the middle lane to take the ramp onto I-94W). Follow I-94W to MN-55 W/East Lyndale Ave N. in Minneapolis. Take exit 230 from I-94W, Merge onto I-94W, take exit 230 for MN-55 toward Olson Hwy/7<sup>th</sup> St N. Take Rte 55W/State 55W to Ottawa Ave N in Golden Valley. Continue onto MN-55 W/East Lyndale Ave N, Use the left two lanes to turn left onto Rte 55W/State 55W, continue straight to stay on Rte 55W/State 55W, turn left onto Meadow Ln N, turn right onto Olson Hwy Service Rd, turn right onto Chatelain Terrace. Chatelain Terrace turns slightly left and becomes Natchez Ave N. , turn right onto Ottawa Ave N. and the school will be on the right.

### **City of Lakes Waldorf School (CLWS)**

2344 Nicollet Ave. S  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
[clws.org](http://clws.org)

**Contact: Betsy Leighton, Office Manager, [betsyleighton@clws.org](mailto:betsyleighton@clws.org), 612-767-1506**

City of Lakes Waldorf School, founded by six mothers in 1988 as the Waldorf City School, holds the defining word “city” in its name. Guided by the early vision and present mission of the school, CLWS today is the result of a growing community—parents, alumni, teachers and students—endeavoring to create and experience Waldorf education in the heart of Minneapolis. Located in the Whittier neighborhood, we make our home in a gracious four-story historic building with adjacent urban gardens and a play area enjoyed by our school community and our Whittier neighbors. CLWS is independent and self-administered. We have a 45 member teaching and administrative staff serving more than 240 children from PS-8<sup>th</sup> grades. As a full and accredited member of the Association of Waldorf Schools of

North America, we share a common educational philosophy and independent school association with over 170 Waldorf schools in the US, Mexico and Canada. CLWS welcomes families and staff of all racial, cultural, social, ethnic and religious backgrounds. The school is 13 miles from downtown St. Paul. Take I-94 E, Take exit 231B for Hennepin Ave toward Lyndale Ave, Keep right, follow signs for Lyndale Ave S, go left on Franklin, go right on Nicollet and proceed two blocks and school is on the right.

### **Friends School of Minnesota (FSM)**

1365 Englewood Ave

St. Paul, MN 55104 [www.fsmn.org](http://www.fsmn.org)

**Contact: Shane Zack, Admissions Director, [shanez@fsmn.org](mailto:shanez@fsmn.org), 651-621-8937**

Friends School of Minnesota is a K-8 progressive education school grounded in Quaker values. FSM was founded in 1988 and is located in the Midway neighborhood of St. Paul. We currently have 164 students and 20 faculty. The school is located four miles from downtown St. Paul. Take I-94 west and exit at Hamline Ave. Follow Hamline Ave. north (right turn) and take a left at Englewood Ave. The school will be on the right side of Englewood.

### **Groves Academy**

3200 Hwy 100 South

St. Louis Park, MN 55416

[www.grovesacademy.org](http://www.grovesacademy.org)

**Contact: Debbie Moran, Admissions Director for the Lower School, [morand@grovesacademy.org](mailto:morand@grovesacademy.org), 952-920-6377 (main), 952-915-4275 (direct)**

Groves Academy is the area's only independent day school specifically serving students who have learning disabilities, such as dyslexia, or attention disorders. Current enrollment at Groves is 240 students in grades 2-12. Groves also provides learning disability education and resources to students, families and educators in the Twin Cities community. Groves is about 15 miles from downtown St. Paul (25 min.) via Hwy 94W to 394W to Hwy 100S to Minnetonka Boulevard. We are located on the frontage road on the west side of Hwy 100, just south of Minnetonka Blvd.

### **Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School (HMJDS)**

4330 Cedar Lake Road South

St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Website: [www.hmjds.org](http://www.hmjds.org)

**Contact: Julie Ziessman, Admissions and Outreach Director, [jziessman@hmjds.org](mailto:jziessman@hmjds.org), 952-381-3566**

HMJDS is an independent, K-8 learning community that inspires students to realize the height of their potential, roots them in Jewish values, and empowers them to use their knowledge, skills and creativity to enrich our world. We offer engaging coursework masterfully integrated with Hebrew and Judaic Studies. Academic achievement, growing self-confidence and pride in Jewish identity are hallmarks of an HMJDS education. HMJDS is approximately 25 minutes from downtown St. Paul. Take 94W to 394W (Exit 231A), in 2.2 miles merge onto MN-100S (Exit 5), go 0.9 miles and get off at the Cedar Lake Road ramp - Stay Right. Merge onto Parkdale Drive. In 0.2 miles turn left onto Cedar Lake Road. The school is located at the very end of Cedar Lake Road, 4330 Cedar Lake Road South.

### **Lake Country School - Montessori Learning Environments**

3755 Pleasant Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55409

[www.lakecountryschool.org](http://www.lakecountryschool.org)

**Contact: Brooks Cavin, Assistant Principal, [bcavin@lakecountryschool.org](mailto:bcavin@lakecountryschool.org), 612-827-3707**

Celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> year, serving students ages 3-14 years within an urban and rural Montessori learning environment. The school is located in South Minneapolis approximately 12 miles from downtown St. Paul. Take I-94 West to 35W South, Exit at 36th Street, West on 36th Street to Pleasant Avenue, left on Pleasant Avenue and the school is on the northeast corner of 38th Street and Pleasant Avenue.

### **Minnehaha Academy (two campuses)**

- Upper Campus: 3100 West River Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55406
- Lower Campus: 4200 West River Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55406

[www.minnehahaacademy.net](http://www.minnehahaacademy.net)

**Contact: Dr. Mike DiNardo, Vice Principal, [dinardo@minnehahaacademy.net](mailto:dinardo@minnehahaacademy.net), 612-729-8321, ext: 1701**

In 1913, Minnehaha Academy was founded to educate young men and women and develop their character under Christian teachers. More than 100 years later, our commitment remains the same, although the depth and breadth of programs and services has expanded. We now teach and shape students from PK-12<sup>th</sup> grade on two campuses, through robust college-preparatory curriculum, excellent co-curricular offerings and opportunities for leadership and service. We believe in the development of every aspect of your child's life, and we pride ourselves on fostering a Christ-centered community where students are challenged, nurtured and prepared to be leaders of tomorrow. As Christian role models, our expert faculty encourage students to explore opportunities to grow in faith and character and develop their full potential. Minnehaha's core values are: 1) Distinctively Christian; 2) Exceptional Academics 3) Cultivating Potential 4) Caring Community. Minnehaha is located about 10 minutes from downtown St. Paul. Take 94 West to Cretin. At the top of the exit take a left and cross over 94. Go about 2 blocks to the stop light and take a right on Marshall and cross over the Mississippi River on the Marshall/Lake Street Bridge. As soon as you cross the river, turn left at the stoplight; angle down about a quarter of a block to West River Parkway. The Upper School is one block on the right and the Lower/Middle School is about a mile farther at 42nd Street and West River Parkway.

### **Mounds Park Academy (MPA)**

2051 Larpenteur Ave E

Maplewood, MN 55109

[www.moundsparkacademy.org](http://www.moundsparkacademy.org)

**Contact: Craig Dodson, [cdodson@moundsparkacademy.org](mailto:cdodson@moundsparkacademy.org), 651-748-5519**

MPA hosts a challenging, college-preparatory curriculum within the context of a progressive, innovative, whole-child approach to education. There is nothing rote or routine about the educational experience—students explore their creative capacity through a focus on the arts while taking advantage of a myriad of athletic and extracurricular activities every year. Here, learning is challenging, yet fun. MPA partners with parents and students in helping to mold and shape children into the global citizens we need to change our world. The school offers an authentic, PK-12 educational experience that is unique in today's educational landscape. MPA is located nine miles NE of downtown St. Paul, on the border of St. Paul and Maplewood, MN. From downtown, take I94E to the McKnight Rd. exit. Follow McKnight Rd. north to Larpenteur Ave E. Turn left on Larpenteur Ave and follow ½ mile to MPA entrance on your right.

**Providence Academy**

15100 Schmidt Lake Road

Plymouth, MN 55446

[www.providenceacademy.org/](http://www.providenceacademy.org/)

**Contact: Mike Scholl, Director of Advancement, [michael.scholl@providenceacademy.org](mailto:michael.scholl@providenceacademy.org), 763-258-5546**

Providence Academy a traditional college preparatory PK-12 school in the Twin Cities. All on one campus with exceptional facilities, Providence provides a welcoming Catholic independent school experience, conserving the best of our past, and preparing your children to succeed and to tackle the complexities of American Life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Providence Academy is located about 28 miles (about 45 minute drive) from downtown St. Paul. From St. Paul, take I-94W toward Minneapolis, use right two lanes to take exit 231A to merge onto I-394W, take exit 1BN to merge onto I-494N, take exit 23 for County Road 9/Rockford Road, travel less than ½ mile and turn right on Fernbrook Lane, travel approximately one mile and turn left on Schmidt Lake Road. Travel approximately ½ mile to 15100 Schmidt Lake Road.

**Shattuck-St. Mary's School**

1000 Shumway Avenue  
Faribault, MN 55021

[www.s-sm.org](http://www.s-sm.org)

**Contact: Erin Sellner, Assistant to Head of School, [erin.sellner@s-sm.org](mailto:erin.sellner@s-sm.org), 507-333-1663**

As one of Minnesota's few boarding/day schools and located 50 minutes south of the Twin Cities, Shattuck-St. Mary's welcomes visitors attending the ISACS Conference. Founded in 1858, Shattuck-St. Mary's is an independent, Episcopal, co-educational, college preparatory school enrolling nearly 500 day and boarding students in grades 6-12, as well as post-graduate students from over 30 countries and 30 states. The school has distinguished itself through its Centers of Excellence, including The Major, BioScience, Engineering, Vocal Performance, Pre-Conservatory Music, Soccer, Golf, Figure Skating, and Ice Hockey. Leading the national dialogue on how best to create and implement a blended learning program has also been a key focus for Shattuck-St. Mary's in recent years, as well as the establishment of its unique weCreate Center. From St. Paul, take I-35S to Faribault, approximately 45 minutes. Use the second Faribault exit (Exit 56), which is also Highway 60. Take Highway 60E. Continue on Highway 60 through the city of Faribault and veer right onto 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE. Turn left on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE which turns into Ravine Street and turn left on Shumway Avenue. On Shumway Avenue, continue for approximately two blocks. Entrance sign to the school is on the left at the top of a small rise in the road.

**St. Paul Academy and Summit School (SPA)**

1712 Randolph Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55107

[www.spa.edu](http://www.spa.edu)

**Contact: Ami Berger, Director of Communications, [aberger@spa.edu](mailto:aberger@spa.edu), 651-696-1323**

St. Paul Academy and Summit School is K-12 independent day school on two campuses founded in 1900. Tour our just-opened state-of-the-art performing arts center on our middle and upper school campus. SPA is just under five miles from downtown St. Paul. Directions: take 35-E to Randolph Avenue exit. Go east on Randolph past six stoplights, continue four blocks to the seventh and last stoplight at Fairview. Turn left. At the next street on the left, Juno, turn left.

**Visitation School**

2455 Visitation Drive  
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

[www.visitation.net](http://www.visitation.net)

**Contact: Mary Pat Ferraro, Director of Enrollment, [mferraro@vischool.org](mailto:mferraro@vischool.org), 651-683-1706**

Visitation School offers excellent academics, in a Catholic environment and empowers children to be the best version of themselves. Visitation School is an all-girls college preparatory for grades 7-12 and a coed PK-6 grade Montessori. Visitation is about nine miles (less than a 15 minute drive) from the St. Paul River Centre. Directions: 35E South to MN-110E/Highway 110 via Exit 101A, turn right onto Dodd Rd/MN-149, turn right onto Mendota Heights Road and enter the first roundabout and take the first exit onto Visitation Drive.