

List of Minneapolis & St. Paul schools interested in hosting site visits on Wednesday, November 2, 2022

(Schools listed alphabetically; list may be updated periodically)

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

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL DIRECTLY TO SCHEDULE YOUR SITE VISIT

Blake School

110 Blake Road South Hopkins, MN 55343

www.blakeschool.org

Contact: Joe Silvestri, Director of Admissions & Financial Assistance, (952) 988-3422, jsilvestri@blakeschool.org

Blake is a co-educational PK-12 independent school with a national reputation for academic excellence. Enrolling about 1,350 students from the Twin Cities metro area, Blake offers an experience grounded in shared values of respect, love of learning, integrity, courage and commitment to pluralism. Admission is selective. Blake School has three campuses: the Upper School is located in the Kenwood neighborhood of Minneapolis, about a 15-minute drive from downtown St. Paul; the Middle School and one Lower School are located in Hopkins, about 25 minutes from downtown St. Paul; a Lower School is located in Wayzata, about 35 minutes from downtown St. Paul.

Breck School

123 Ottawa Ave. N Golden Valley, MN 55422

www.breckschool.org

Contact: Alisha O'Shaughnessy, Admissions Administrative Assistant, (763) 381-8203, alishao.shaughnessy@breckschool.org

Breck is a PK-12th grade school serving 1200 students on one campus a few minutes west of downtown Minneapolis. Originally founded in 1886 by the Episcopal church with the aim of educating the children of rural farmers, Breck grew through the years eventually settling on our current 54-acre campus in 1980. Today Breck is known for creating confident learners who lead lives of intellectual curiosity, self-knowledge and social responsibility. Supported by the Peter Clark Center, Breck has a strong commitment to professional development and innovative teaching. We are located at the intersection of Glenwood Ave. and highway 394, about a 20-minute drive from St. Paul.

Friends School of Minnesota (FSMN)

1365 Englewood Avenue St. Paul, MN 55104

www.fsmn.org

Contact Person: Joe Mueller, Head of School at joem@fsmn.org

Contact Person: Sara Wayne, Assistant Head of School at saraw@fsmn.org

Friends School of Minnesota prepares children to embrace life, learning and community with hope, skill, understanding, and creativity. We know that project-based, hands-on learning, exploring complex questions from multiple perspectives, a focus on the whole child and finding truth in silent reflection, prepares our children to be active citizens in our democracy. We are a K-8 Quaker progressive school in the Hamline Midway neighborhood of St. Paul. We are located near Snelling Avenue and Minnehaha Avenue, just steps from the Hamline University campus. FSMN is just over three miles from downtown St. Paul and one mile north of Allianz Field.

Groves Academy

3200 Highway 100 South St Louis Park, MN 55416

www.groveslearning.org

Contact: Paula Sundberg, Office Manager, (952) 915-4262, sundbergp@groveslearning.org

Groves Academy is a renowned place of learning that nurtures and encourages brilliance within students with learning challenges. We understand the emotional pain that results when a child is struggling to learn. Our goal is to empower students entering 1st–12th grades to gain the skills and confidence they need to achieve lasting success. We work with students to build their literacy skills and teach them how to learn. Groves Academy is part of the Groves Learning Organization (GLO), a nonprofit educational ecosystem that empowers each and every unique learner to discover their brilliance. GLO is a beacon of learning, illuminating the path to literacy for all students. We have a rich history of supporting bright students who struggle with learning disabilities and attention disorders, as well as promoting evidence-based literacy instruction for all. Groves Academy is located in St. Louis Park, about a 20-minute drive from downtown St. Paul.

Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School

4330 Cedar Lake Road Minneapolis, MN 55416 www.hmjds.org

952-381-3500

Contact: David Shaw, ISAC Lead Learner/Music Teacher, (952) 381-3500, dashaw@hmjds.org

Founded in 1984, the Minneapolis Jewish Day School (MJDS) was established by a group of community parents who envisioned the creation of a pluralistic Jewish day school for their children. They sought an immersive educational experience that combined Hebrew language, Jewish learning and values, and excellent general studies academics into one school day. In 2008, the school received a significant gift from local businessman and philanthropist Amos Heilicher in memory of his beloved wife, Celia. The newly named Amos and Celia Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School continued to focus on its core values of academic excellence and building a strong community. Rebranded as "Heilicher," the school renewed its focus on inquiry-based education, with a significant investment in STEAM (including the opening of a new Makerspace or "tinkering lab"). Travel to the school from downtown is approximately **20+ minute** depending on traffic/time of day. The school is located on the Barry Family Campus along with the Sabes JCC near the intersection of Interstate 394 and Highway 100. *Visitors will be expected to follow the school's Health & Safety Protocols while on campus*.

Lake Country School

3755 Pleasant Ave Minneapolis, MN. 55409

www.lakecountryschool.org

Contact: Angela Mullin, Office Administrator, (612) 827-3707, amullin@lakecountryschool.org

Lake Country School is a Montessori school with 305 students ranging in age from 3 years old through the 8th grade. The LCS learning environment fosters independence, critical thinking and creativity within every child. Our urban campus is in the heart of south Minneapolis in the Kingfield neighborhood about a 15-20 minute drive from St. Paul. Take I-94 west to I-35W south, use exit 14 (36th street) to 38th Street, turn right (west) to Pleasant Ave, turn right (north). LCS is on the NE corner of Pleasant and 38th street. We welcome our ISACS colleagues to visit and fall in love with our community.

Minnehaha Academy Upper School

3100 West River Parkway Minneapolis, MN 55406

www.minnehahaacademy.net

Contact: Sarah St. Andrew, Upper School Receptionist, (612) 729-8321,

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For more than a century, Minnehaha Academy has provided a high-quality education integrating Christian faith and learning so that students grow in wisdom and stature and favor with God and others. From preschool to grade 12, Minnehaha Academy fosters a strong community of life-long learners in a rigorous academic program that cultivates intellectual curiosity and spiritual growth. Students at Minnehaha Academy are encouraged to discover their potential in academics, athletics, and fine arts. Graduates are ready for success in college and future careers, with a solid foundation to guide them in their endeavors. Minnehaha Academy is located in Minneapolis about 15 minutes west of the ISACS Conference hotel on the picturesque West River Parkway along the Mississippi River.

Mounds Park Academy

2051 Larpenteur Avenue St. Paul, MN 55109

www.moundsparkacademy.org

Contact: Natalie Waters Seum, Director of Admission and Communication, (651) 748-5535, nwatersseum@moundsparkacademy.org

Mounds Park Academy engages students in a rigorous college-preparatory experience that cultivates dreamers and doers. Our PK-12 academic program is demanding, but not draining, and goes far beyond memorization. Students are challenged to apply their understanding to stir the human spirit, stand for justice, and shake the world. This is what we call rigor with purpose, and it grounds our students in the radical idea that their identity in the world is not measured by a test score, but by the depth and decency of their impact on the world. Mounds Park Academy is located just 12 minutes east of downtown St. Paul on 37 beautiful acres dotted with outdoor learning labs.

Providence Academy

15100 Schmidt Lake Road Plymouth, MN 55446

www.providenceacademy.org

Contact: Julie Kennedy, Registrar, Executive Assistant to Headmaster, (763) 258-2506, julie.kennedy@providenceacademy.org

Founded with the vision of preparing students for a life built on a strong foundation of academic excellence, personal character, and faith-based values, Providence Academy has established itself as a leading private PK-12th grade school in Minnesota. Currently serving just over 900 students on a 42-acre campus in the west metro of Minneapolis, Providence has experienced exponential growth in the nearly two decades since its founding. With support from exceptional curricular and co-curricular programs that provide a robust foundation and preparation for the challenges our graduates meet in college and in life, Providence continues to rank amongst the top private Catholic schools in the country offering over 25 sports and additional pursuits. We are located 25 miles west of St. Paul. Travel west on Interstate 94 out of downtown St. Paul, and 394 west out of downtown Minneapolis to the Plymouth area in the western suburbs. Estimated time of travel from downtown St. Paul is 45-minutes.

Saint Thomas Academy

949 Mendota Heights Road Mendota Heights, MN 55120

www.cadets.com

Contact Person: Tammy Greenlee, Executive Assistant to Headmaster, (651) 683-1505, tgreenlee@cadets.com

For more than 130 years, the Saint Thomas Academy community of students, parents, faculty, and alumni has prepared young men, grades 6-12, to succeed in college and life in an environment shaped by the message of Jesus Christ. Saint Thomas Academy's tradition, discipline, and spirit influence the life of a young man long after graduation. Saint Thomas Academy is approximately 15 minutes from downtown St. Paul. Take I-35E North to MN-149 N/Dodd Road. Take Exit 69 from I-494 East. Continue on MN-149 North/Dodd Road to the school in Mendota Heights.

Visitation School

2455 Visitation Drive Mendota Heights, MN 55120

www.visitation.net

Contact: Jennifer Sedivy - Assistant to the Head of School, (651) 683-1710, jsedivy@vischool.org

Visitation School, founded in 1873, provides an excellent education within a Catholic environment, combining a challenging academic program with the formation of students in faith and moral responsibility. A Visitation education is more than just academic achievement; it's about growth and wholeness in mind, body and spirit. We provide an education that is not for school, but for life. Visitation is coed from preschool through grade five and all-girls in grades 6-12. Learn more about Visitation School at visitation.net. Directions: From St. Paul: 35E South to Hwy 62 East, south on Dodd Road, west on Mendota Heights Road to Visitation Drive.