

2017

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, 2016 data)

Total Resident Population	145,541
Geographic Area	66 square miles
Pre-K through 12 th Grade Enrollment	20,527
Students of Color	54%
White	46%

Highly educated teachers

Hold a master's degree or higher (core classes)

Osseo	70%
Minnesota	53%

Supporting high levels of achievement for all students; closing the achievement gap (most recent data available)

ACT (Class of 2016) average composite score	22.3
AP Scholars (record high for district)	164
National Merit Commended (announced Fall 2016)	6
National Merit Semifinalists (announced Fall 2016)	4
International Baccalaureate Diploma recipients 2016	10

Osseo Area Schools has delivered significant gains in on-time graduation rates. Over the past five years (from 2011-2015):

- Overall on-time graduation rates rose from 82% to 85%.
- American Indian students, Black students, Asian students, Hispanic students, and students eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch saw gains ranging from 5 to 38 percentage points.

Award-winning financial management

- School Finance Award from Minnesota Department of Education - 12 consecutive years
- Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) - 27 consecutive years
- 2015 Pinnacle of Achievement Award Winner - ASBO International

Equitable Student Achievement and Finance Reform

1. Strengthen the ability of school districts to retain the most effective teachers by modifying the Continuing Contract Statute (M.S. 122A.40) to align with the Teacher Tenure Act; Cities of the First Class (M.S. 122A.41).

The following 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.

2. 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 2021.

*For Osseo Area Schools, the special education funding shortfall is \$21.9 million.
Source: MDE FY2015 Spec. Ed. Cross Subsidies Final Report.*

3. Expand the allowable uses of the building lease levy and long-term facilities maintenance revenue to include remodeling of existing space, expanding facilities for instructional space, and modifying buildings to enhance safety and security.
4. Support voluntary pre-kindergarten by providing funding to ensure that school-based programs have the essential components of high-quality programs, including licensed teachers, support staff, transportation and classroom space.
5. Make FY 2015 funding for compensatory pilot grants ongoing for FY 2018 and later.
For Osseo Area Schools, the compensatory pilot grant provides \$660,000.
6. Ensure annual increases to the basic formula linked to inflation to provide stable, predictable funding.

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