



Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School is part of the Northwest Suburban Integration School District

Top Ten Reasons To Enroll In Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School



All Day Every Day Kindergarten for All Students Tuition Free

- Increased learning and creative time for children
- Stronger child-teacher bond
- The ability to provide more individualized instruction
- Opportunity to work with specialists in the areas of music, art, physical education and media



Piano Lessons

- Third and fourth grade students have an opportunity to learn to play the piano or enhance their current piano skills in a weekly piano lab group lesson
- 30-minute lessons in groups of five each week
- Individual keyboards for each student
- Access to practice opportunities throughout the day
- Annual class performance



Hard Working, Caring Staff Collaborating with Parents

- Active Rockford Education Foundation parent group
- Parent Volunteer opportunities in the school and individual classrooms
- Galaxy Kids Program, an on-site, before and after school child care program

Arts Magnet School

- Provide students the opportunity for creative expression, critical thinking, self-confidence, communication skills, appreciation of the arts and multi-cultural experiences for all students through the artistic disciplines (dance, drama, diversity, music, visual and media arts.)
- Piano lessons for all third grade students
- Fourth and Fifth grade choir opportunities
- National Anthem Team for third, fourth and fifth grade students
- Spotlight on the Arts- Classroom teachers and specialists collaborate to connect the academic concepts studied in the classroom, to the arts, in annual grade level performances
- Arts and Academics Showcase
- Artist in Residence opportunities for students at all grade levels
- Arts related field trips
- Aviation Art Contest winners since 2005
- Minnesota Children's Honor Choir participants since 2000



Innovative Instructional Approaches

- Balanced Literacy approach uses effective teaching practices that help students become capable readers, writers, and speakers
- Fermi Math program for highly able math students
- Infusing Arts into core subjects
- EXCEL program for gifted and talented learners



Fabulous Friday Learning and Sharing Opportunities

- Students at all grade levels share learning achievements in a respectful and welcoming atmosphere
- Students and staff build community and share learning across the grade levels during school assemblies



Student Leadership Opportunities

- Kindness Council leadership opportunities for students in grades kindergarten through four
- Student Safety Patrol leaders for grade four



Kindness Project

- Kindness retreats and assemblies with Youth Frontiers
- Kindness lessons with the school counselor
- Kindness Council actively leads service learning projects
- All school kindness song



Outstanding Facilities

- Building built in 2001
- Classrooms continue to be updated to be 21st century classrooms, LCD projectors document cameras, interactive whiteboards, iPads, and two computer labs



Parent Involvement Opportunities

- Physical Education Family Fun Nights-Parents and children participate in family activities
- Literacy Night-Parent informational sessions in various areas of math and balanced literacy
- Rockford Education Foundation sponsored Family Carnival