



2023–2024 Dakota Meadows Report to the School Board

October 16, 2023



Mission Statement

Mankato Area Public Schools
is committed to working together
equitably, with families and communities,
so that each learner has the knowledge
and skills to be a successful and
contributing citizen in a diverse global
society.

Commitment and Values

Visibly Inclusive
Intentionally Equitable
Actively Anti-racist
Committed to Excellence
Accountable for Results



Dakota Meadows Middle School

Total – 890 Students

6th Grade – 302

7th Grade – 271

8th Grade – 317





Dakota Meadows Middle School

Who are our students?
890 students

White - 77.3%
Black or African American - 8.0%
Hispanic - 7.0%
More than one race - 6.1%
Asian - 1.1%
American Indian or Alaska Native - 0.4%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander - 0.1%





Our VisionCard Down & In

Middle School Building Adult Actions	District VisionCard Alignment	Current Data
→ Increased PLC time → SMART Goals for PLCs → Reading Intervention → Scheduling Priorities → Technology Consistency	Middle School Success Measured by: difference between students identified by racial groups in 6th–8th grade MCA test performance, considering group size, trend analysis, and the highest performing and lowest performing.	MCA Proficiency 2023 Reading 53.6% Math 40%





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Middle School Building Adult Actions	District VisionCard Alignment	Staff is focused on ...
→ Promotion of activities available throughout the school year → Working with our youth organizations to help in creating programming opportunities pre-middle school → Utilizing Community Ed Department & Programming	Success Measured by: percentage of students at the middle and high school levels that are engaged in a district-sponsored activity.	• Increase student participation in district-sponsored activity • Obtaining Accurate Data • Increased student leadership opportunities





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Middle School Building Adult Actions	District VisionCard Alignment	Current Data
→ Fun Fridays → Pride slips – First in Line → School wide/grade level celebrations → Advisory lessons linked to PRIDE expectations → Navigate 360 → Students nominating teachers	Success Measured by: difference in number of suspensions between student groups.	Total Suspensions: 69 Incidents in 2022–23 182 Incidents in 2021–2022 62% Reduction Gaps were reduced but difference still exists.





Supporting the SEL of our Students

- Purposeful Advisory Lessons
- Hope Squad
- WEB
- MTSS Team
- DMMS Connects
- Panorama Survey





Our Commitment to an Equitable School Experience

SPEAK UP!
4 Responses for Addressing Biased Language and Behaviors

- INTERRUPT**
Hey, that's not cool. What you said/did could be hurtful to others!
- EDUCATE/TEACH**
Why did you say/do that? Do you know what that means?
- QUESTION**
Why did you say that? What do you mean?
- ECHO**
Thanks for speaking up! I was thinking the same thing!

P.R.I.D.E.
Preparedness. Respect. Integrity. Determination. Excellence.

*Information adapted based on "Learning for Justice: Speak up at School!"

**NO
PLACE
FOR
HATE**

RECOGNIZE IT, REFUSE IT...
REPORT IT



Student Success/Celebration



WE BELIEVE

Cell phones/electronic devices can cause distractions to the educational environment and our students deserve to learn in a positive environment that is free from avoidable distractions.



"Away for the Day"
CELL PHONE/
ELECTRONIC
DEVICE/WIRELESS
BLUETOOTH HEADPHONES
PROCEDURE

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Students are allowed to bring their cell phone/personal device to school.
- Student may use their cell phone/personal device BEFORE school and AFTER school.
- During the instructional day from 8:35 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. cell phones and personal electronics devices are to be put away and remain out of sight.

VIOLATION PROTOCOL

First Offense

- Reminder will be given by staff

Second Offense

- Redirection to put cell phone/ electronic device/ wireless Bluetooth headphones away. Parent/caregiver will be notified via Infinite Campus messenger.

Third Offense

- Staff will call "0" for a success coach/administration and an office referral will be completed

Subsequent Offenders

- Administration and parent/caregiver will create a plan to address the misuse of cell phones/ electronic device/ wireless Bluetooth headphones

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HELPFUL TIPS

- If a student brings a cell phone/electronic device/wireless Bluetooth headphones to school, the student will keep devices out of sight during the instructional day.
- Unauthorized photographing or video recording of other students and/or staff will not be allowed on school grounds.
- If students need to place an emergency phone call during the day, they should request a pass to the main office.
- If a student uses a cell phone for a medical reason, the administration, and nurse/practitioner will have a medical plan with the student and parent/caregiver.
- In the event of an emergency, parents/caregivers should call the school's main office at 507-387-5077
- Use of mobile phones or other personal electronic devices must not violate any other school district policies, including those regarding student privacy, copyright, cheating, plagiarism, civility, student code of conduct, electronic technologies acceptable use, or harassment.



Staff Success/Celebration

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PBIS CELEBRATIONS: SCHOOL WIDE BINGO



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Thank you

Questions?

