



2025 – 2026

Project Success

November 3, 2025

Excellence, Equity, Empowerment. Every Student, Every Day.



MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MISSION & CORE VALUES

MISSION

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CORE VALUES

- Courage
- Student Centered
- Integrity
- Accountable
- Inclusive Practices



Strategic Directions: Focus of Our Improvement Efforts

- A. Improving our professional practices so that each learner achieves at high levels in an inclusive educational model that is relevant and flexible
- B. Enhancing our student support structures to meet academic, social, behavioral, and mental health needs
- C. Recruiting, developing, and retaining staff to ensure positive learning experiences for students
- D. Strengthening our parent/caregiver partnerships and connections
- E. Ensuring safe, efficient and effective operations

PROJECT SUCCESS™

Where students connect
to their purpose

DREAM. IGNITE. GROW.



Our Mission: Project Success motivates and inspires young people to dream about the future, helps them take steps to get there, and gives them the tools they need to achieve their goals.

Our Vision is that every child entering middle school will graduate high school with a plan for their future and have the skills and confidence that will take them through the rest of their lives.

With over 30 years of experience, Project Success has served **225,000+ students and counting!** We work with over **17,000 students** each year from **over 40 schools** in Mankato and Minneapolis.

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In-Class Workshops

Out of this world experiences. Right inside the classroom.



WORKSHOPS

Workshop Objective Arcs:

6th Grade: How do I *dream for my future* while building community?

7th Grade: What are goals? How do I set and *achieve my goals*?

8th Grade: How can I *be a leader* and prepare for my transition into high school?



7th Grade workshop at Prairie Winds Middle School 2024

Arts Experiences

Setting the stage. For your life.

Arts experiences create a springboard for discussion – inviting risk-taking and possibility.

- ***Offerings include:***

- Evening & weekend experiences for students & families
- Field trips to community arts experiences
- Artist residencies in the school
- Flagship theater experience in Twin Cities brought over 300 Mankato students & families



Middle School students playing with the MSU pep band at Mav for a Day – Jan. 2025



Dakota Meadows Middle School with Collide Theatrical Dance for an artist residency – Feb. 2025



Students with family at Merely Players holiday theater performance – Dec. 2024

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Expeditions Programs

Learning is a trip. From here to around the world.



Outdoor Adventures

- Winter Adventure Day
 - 50+ students & families



Students with Dani, Mankato Program Manager, at Winter Adventure Day – Feb. 2025



Winter Adventure Day: students learning about fire building – Feb. 2025

College & Career Tours

- Minnesota State University
 - 250 students
- St. Paul College
 - 30 students



Dakota Meadows students on MSU college tour field trip learning about Agribusiness – Apr. 2025



Dakota Meadows students on MSU college tour field trip learning about Environmental Sciences – Apr. 2025

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High School Opportunities & Expansion

We are thrilled to be growing our presence into high school!

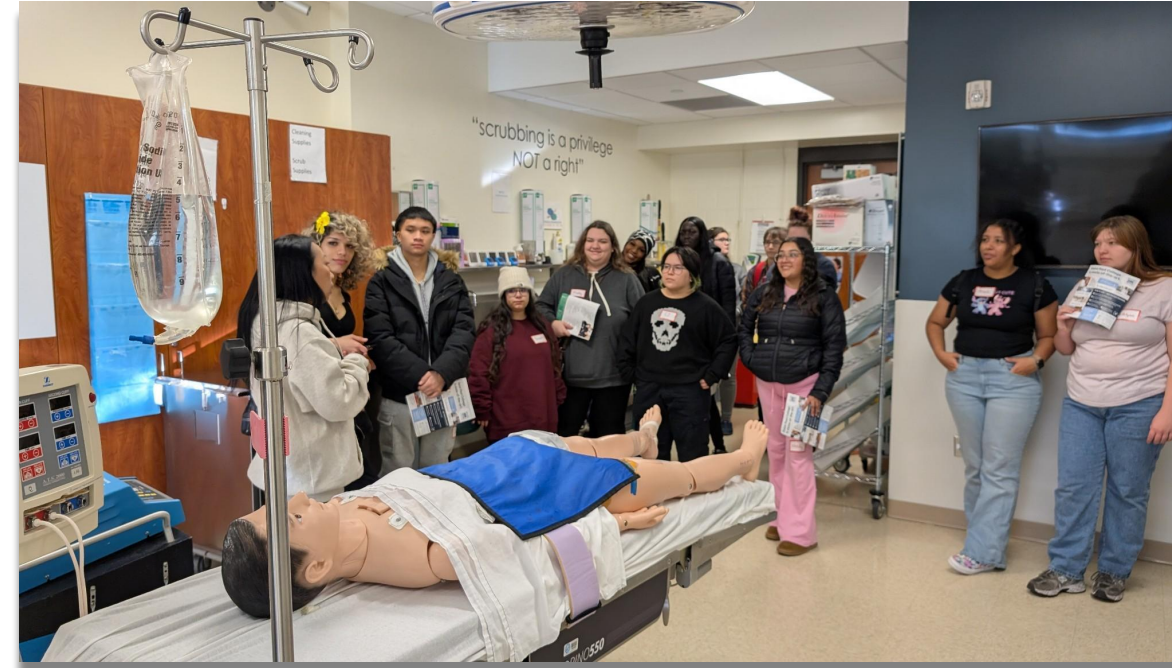


Certified Nursing Assistant Career Pathways program (24–25 school year)– Central High School

9th Grade Workshops East & West High Schools

9th Grade Objective Arcs:

Who am I? What do I want out of high school?



Central High School students at St. Paul College during college tour field trip – Dec. 2024



Central High School Career Pathway participant students – Feb. 2025

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