

Schools closing the opportunity gap

Changing-the-odds schools in Minneapolis

These schools are changing the odds for students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds; they have test results that indicate a strong academic program is in place and works well. Based on Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment, or “MCA,” data, students on Free and Reduced-Price Lunch at these schools are doing better than average and/or growing at a faster rate than expected. See more about this calculation on pages 16-21.

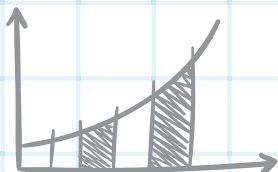
Unfortunately, not all schools are able to demonstrate strong academic results with all students. The list of changing-the-odds schools on the opposite page identifies schools where low-income students (as identified by the FRL program) performed above the average Minneapolis student in the 2016-17 school year. These schools have demonstrated success serving ALL students, including the families most in-need.

The MCA is Minnesota’s annual test to measure student achievement. Policymakers, advocates and educators can understand how students as a whole meet state standards, and our ability to close “opportunity gaps.”

In this guide, scores are reported in two ways, proficiency and growth. Students who are considered “proficient” have met statewide standards that MDE set for their grade level. For growth, MDE measures how much a student’s demonstrated learning has grown based on their previous year’s test scores.

Free and Reduced-Price Lunch

On each school’s profile, you’ll find the percentage of students receiving Free and Reduced-Price Lunch, or “FRL.” This is the federal government proxy to measure how many children come from a low-income background. It provides context about how a school’s academic performance impacts some of our city’s most vulnerable students.



Tip: As you explore school profiles and visit schools, ask how children similar to your child do academically.



These schools are providing students most in-need a good education

School	Grades	FRL rate	Page #
Burroughs Community School	K-5	16%	112
Dowling Elementary	K-5	48%	119
Field Community School	5-8	27%	124
Friendship Academy of the Arts	K-6	80%	127
Green Central Park Elementary School	PK-5	98%	129
Hale Community School	K-4	14%	130
Hennepin Elementary School	K-7	96%	134
Hiawatha Community - Hiawatha Campus	PK-2	35%	139
Hiawatha Community - Howe Campus	3-5	45%	140
Hiawatha Leadership Academy - Morris Park	K-4	92%	141
Kenny Community School	K-5	26%	151
KIPP North Star Academy	5-8	91%	153
Lake Harriet Community Lower	K-3	6%	156
Lake Harriet Community Upper	4-8	14%	157
Northrop Community School	K-5	27%	181
Pratt Community School	PK-5	61%	188
Southside Family Charter School	K-8	42%	195
Twin Cities International Elementary School	K-4	96%	204
Ubah Medical Academy	9-12	98%	248
Waite Park Community School	PK-5	50%	207
Yinghua Academy	K-8	10%	211