



ABOUT

BIRCH GROVE ELEMENTARY

Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts is a national award-winning magnet (specialty) school where students learn through their passion for the arts. As a magnet school, Birch Grove enrolls students through an application process; the first priority deadline is Dec. 31. Apply at www.nws.k12.mn.us.



OPPORTUNITY

150 more minutes of arts instruction per six-day cycle than other schools.



SUPPORT

We help each student achieve at high levels and thrive socially and emotionally.



PARTNERSHIPS

Birch Grove students regularly benefit from District 279 Foundation grants that provide arts experiences.



MAGNET

As a magnet school, Birch Grove attracts students from across Osseo Area Schools and seven other school districts.



AWARDS

Magnet School of Distinction (Magnet Schools of America) national recognition.



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers contribute more than 1,000 hours per year in our classrooms and at events.

OCTOBER 2017 ENROLLMENT: 466

SPOTLIGHT ON BIRCH GROVE

- Free half-day pre-kindergarten
- Talent development, academic challenge, and gifted support services
- Vocal music, band and orchestra (only school in the district that provides instruction in stringed instruments as early as third grade)
- Services for students with special needs
- Before- and after-school child care
- BG and Company Arts Troupes, annual spring musical
- Apply through the Northwest Suburban Integration School District (NWSISD)
- Transportation provided to eligible students who enroll through the NWSISD application process

SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOL CLIMATE

Birch Grove CARES! Birch Grove students and adults are Cooperative, Assertive, Responsible, Empathetic, and show Self-Control.

Birch Grove uses restorative practices, the Responsive Classroom approach and the MindUp curriculum, which promote a safe, challenging and joyful learning environment.

CONTRIBUTING TO COMMUNITY

Every year, Birch Grove students and staff contribute to the local community and beyond through service and fundraising projects.

ARTS SPECIALISTS BRING ADDED VALUE

Our staff includes art, drama, music and curriculum integration specialists.

STAFF

58%

of Birch Grove's teachers have a master's degree or higher.

40%

of Birch Grove's teachers have more than 10 years of experience.

HOW ARE BIRCH GROVE STUDENTS DOING ACADEMICALLY?

Percent considered proficient on 2017 state MCA exams

	Birch Grove	District	State
Math	51%	54%	59%
Reading	44%	56%	60%
Science	46%	45%	54%

Percent making medium or high growth on 2017 state MCA exams

	Birch Grove	District	State
Math	77%	73%	71%
Reading	73%	73%	73%

OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS

ISD  279

Our mission is to inspire and prepare all students with the confidence, courage and competence to achieve their dreams; contribute to community; and engage in a lifetime of learning.