

SCHOOL DISTRICT 196
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan
Educating our students to reach their full potential

Student and Staff Achievements

2007-08 School Year in Review

National, State and Local Assessments

- On the **American College Test (ACT)** entrance exam ...
 - District 196 students scored well above state and national averages, posting an average composite score of 23.8 compared to a state average of 22.5, which was highest in the nation among states where more than half of all students took the test.

- On the **MCA-II/Graduation-Required Assessment for Diploma (GRAD)** tests ...
 - More than 85% of District 196 10th graders passed the reading test on their first attempt compared to 75% statewide, and
 - Nearly 95% of District 196 9th graders passed the written composition test on their first attempt compared to 89.5% statewide.

- On the **Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)** tests, which measure the growth of individual students during the school year and over time ...
 - Students in grades 2-6 and 8 achieved growth targets in math and reading compared to the previous school year.

Team Champions – 14 total

- **Rosemount High School marching band**, grand champion, Minnesota Youth in Music Marching Band Championships and third place, Bands of America Super Regional Championships
- **Dakota United Hawks**, state champion, adapted soccer cognitively impaired (CI) division
- **Eastview High School girls' soccer team**, academic champions, National Soccer Coaches Association of America
- **Falcon Ridge Middle School Knowledge Master team**, first place in state, fall competition
- **Falcon Ridge Middle School MathCounts team**, first place in state competition
- **Eagan High School one-act play**, starred performance at State One-Act Play Festival
- **Apple Valley High School competition cheerleading squad**, first place in state coed division
- **Apple Valley High School wrestling team**, state champion for ninth of last 10 years
- **Eastview High School wrestling team**, academic state champions
- **Woodland Elementary School Destination Imagination team**, first place in state
- **Dakota United Hawks**, state champion, adapted softball physically impaired (PI) division
- **Eagan High School softball team**, state champion
- **Eastview High School girls' track team**, state True Team champion and Minnesota State High School League champion
- **Rosemount High School boys' track team**, Minnesota State High School League champion

Individual Champions – 48 total

- **Speech, 3 national champions:** Akshar Rambachan (double winner) and Greg Berman of Eastview High School, and Meghan Kreidler of Eagan High School, and **11 of 13 state champions:** Jessy Soderbeck, John Ward, Evan Lowder, Jaci Berkopec, Kjellrun Owens and Marissa Gage of Eagan High School; Akshar Rambachan, Greg Berman, Susan Close and Semira Mohammed of Eastview High School, and John Hofmeister and Matt Porter of Apple Valley High School
- **Debate, 1 national champion,** Chris Theis of Apple Valley High School, and **1 state champion,** Akshar Rambachan of Eastview High School
- **Science Olympiad, 10 state champions:** Peter Loftus, Scott Tangen, Colin Clement and Kyle Rosas of Apple Valley High School; Alex Amundson, Jonathan Hsiao, and Dan and David Dorsch of Eastview High School, and Jamie Poole and Joshua Papacek of Eagan High School
- **Math Olympiad,** Utkarsh Koshti of Red Pine Elementary School earned a perfect score in international competition
- **National Business Professionals of America,** first place at national competition, Viroopa Volla of Eagan High School
- **Minnesota SkillsUSA competition,** first-place gold medals, Jordan Raths and Alicia Huhta of Dakota Ridge School
- **Student Television Network,** first place in news writing, Emma Austin of Eastview High School
- **Jr. Minnesota Duck Stamp contest,** first place in grades 4-6 division, Madison Zeise of Valley Middle School
- **Stock Market Game,** first place at state, Eddie Glozman of Dakota Hills Middle School
- **Wrestling, 6 state champions:** Eric DeVos, Destin McCauley, Justin LaValle, Matt Mincey and Tyler Lehmann of Apple Valley High School, and Bill Morgan of Rosemount High School
- **Track, 10 state champions:** Obai Hussein of Rosemount High School, Alexis Brown of Eastview High School, and Kylie Peterson (triple winner), Kristin Dare, Megan Charles, Chanel Miller, Mike Hutton, Nick Hutton, Nick Metzger and Spencer Vadner of Apple Valley High School

Student Awards & Honors

- **National Merit Scholarship Program,** 13 finalists (top 1% of seniors nationwide) and 26 commended students (top 5% of seniors nationwide)
- **National Schools of Excellence in Speech,** Apple Valley and Eagan, 2 of 6 high schools to earn this title at the 2008 National Forensic League Tournament, and Apple Valley and Eastview, 2 of 5 high schools honored for speech excellence at the National Catholic Forensic League Tournament
- **National Achievement Awards in Writing,** 7 of only 16 students in Minnesota to receive the award from the National Council of Teachers of English: David Mikolajczyk and Erin Schroeder of Apple Valley High School, Ruth Bisek, Madeline Blasberg, Zi Gong and Travis Panneck of Eagan High School, and Rachel Pederson of Eastview High School
- **Minnesota MathCounts team,** Nathan Salo of Falcon Ridge Middle School, one of four students named to team that represented state at national competition

- **Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership (ExCEL) Award**, Szuyin Leow of Apple Valley High School and Daran Han of Eastview High School, 2 of 25 finalists statewide
- **Distributive Education Clubs of America**, Katherine Knight of Rosemount High School, second place at national competition
- **2008 Minnesota State Economics Challenge**, second place, Rosemount High School team
- **State Geography Bee**, Aditya Ronanki of Shannon Park Elementary School, third place
- **A.C.E. (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) Award** Minnesota representative, Holly Schwarzbauer of Eastview High School, presented by the National Exchange Club
- **2008 Spotlight Award**, Grace Erickson of Rosemount High School, 1 of 2 students selected by Art Educators of Minnesota
- **2008 Minnesota Scholastic Art Awards**, gold award recipients, Alex Boatman of Rosemount High School and Catherine Glass of Eagan High School
- **Student Emmy Awards**, National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Upper-Midwest Region: Andrew Wipf, Ben Wagner, Blake Hanson, James Jobs and Matt Hoerl of Eastview High School
- **Gold Medallion Award**, Eastview High School yearbook *Lightyear*, presented by the Minnesota High School Press Association
- **All-American honor rating**, Rosemount High School literary arts magazine *Shadows*, presented by the National Scholastic Press Association
- **Essay contest**, Anthu Huynh of Falcon Ridge Middle School, 1 of 4 statewide winners in contest sponsored by Minnesota Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages
- **James Bradley Peace Foundation Scholarship**, Kayla VanDyke of Eastview High School, 1 of 2 national winners
- **Future City state competition**, Valley Middle School team, second place, and Black Hawk Middle School team, third place
- **All-State musicians**, 45 students selected in 2007-08 by the Minnesota Music Educators Association
- **Minnesota Band Directors Association Honor Bands**, 31 of 79 middle school students selected statewide and 15 of 78 high school students selected statewide
- **University of Minnesota High School Honor Band**, 27 students from district's four high school band programs
- **Honor Choir**, five students from Eastview High School and six students from Rosemount High School, selected by state chapter of American Choral Directors Association
- **Team academic awards**, Section 3, Apple Valley High School boys' cross-country and girls' gymnastics, Eastview High School girls' basketball and Rosemount High School boys' basketball
- **Boys' cross country**, Rosemount High School, second place in state meet

- **Boys' golf**, Tyler Ekenberg of Apple Valley High, tied for second place in state individual competition
- **Boys' soccer**, Apple Valley High School, third place in state tournament
- **Dance team**, Eastview High School, third place in state high kick competition
- **Minnesota Boys' Cross Country Runner of the Year**, Jordan Carlson of Rosemount High School
- **Minnesota Girls' Track and Field Athlete of the Year**, Kylie Peterson of Apple Valley High School
- **Minnesota Mr. Basketball Award finalist**, Andrew Brommer of Rosemount High School
- **Minnesota Mr. Hockey Award finalist**, Corey Fienhage of Eastview High School

Staff Awards & Honors

- **2008 Minnesota Teacher of the Year finalist**, Lynne Meyer, Greenleaf Elementary School fifth-grade teacher
- **2008 Human Rights Award**, Magaly Miralles, Red Pine Elementary School English Language Learner teacher
- **Citation Award** from the National Federation of State High School Associations, Pam Wycoff, Apple Valley High School head speech coach
- **2008 National Scholastic Head Wrestling Coach of the Year**, Jim Jackson, Apple Valley High School head wrestling coach
- **Lifetime Achievement Award**, American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota, to Bruce Becker, former Apple Valley High School choral director
- **2007 Minnesota Debate Coach of the Year**, Chris McDonald, Eagan High School
- **2007 Minnesota Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year**, Len Bierlien, Eastview High School
- **Minnesota Boys' Golf Coaches Hall of Fame**, Brian Johnson, Eagan High School

District Awards & Accountability

- **What Parents Want Award**, SchoolMatch Inc. national relocation service, for having the qualities and services parents most often look for in a school system
- **Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting**, highest honor given by the Association of School Business Officials International, and a **School Finance Award** from the Minnesota Department of Education
- **Spending per pupil** in District 196 was at the average for school districts in the Twin Cities metropolitan area in 2006-07 (the most recent statewide data available), but remained below average for school districts statewide and among other districts that comprise the Lake and Classic Lake conferences.

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