

Independence Elementary STEM

3rd - 5th
Grade



School Day Hours: 8:55-3:40



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About Independence School

- Became a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) school in September 2019, and every year continues to make learning more engaged through STEM-driven curriculum.
- Teachers effectively deliver Minnesota's grade level academic standards to students through the use of hands-on projects and activities that heavily engage students. This engagement level is the core of STEM Education. STEM principles are embedded in teachers' everyday lesson plans. In addition to core subjects, students rotate each trimester between STEM-focused classes. Students also attend music and physical education classes on alternating days.
- The importance of citizenship, community and relationships is woven throughout curriculum. A key component to this is the school's Community Connection program where each classroom is paired with a local organization. Students and employees/members of the organization meet multiple times during the year for collaborative activities.
- Students follow the district's behavior philosophy, the Hornet Way. This behavior model focuses on 5 traits: respect, honesty, kindness, responsibility, and fairness. Independence is a safe, welcoming, and caring community because all community members exhibit these positive behavior traits.

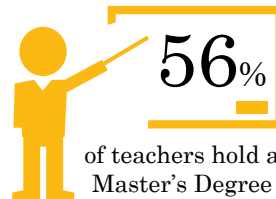


753
students

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students:teachers



56%
of teachers hold a
Master's Degree



90%
of teachers have
3+ years of
experience



Have questions? Ready for a tour?

Please feel free to contact the school's main office at 763-262-2537 or email Principal Deavel. If you have questions not specific to this school, please contact our District Office at 763-262-2536 or email communications@biglakeschools.org.

Source: MN Dept of Education School Report Card 2018-2019