



Minnesota State Academies

Faribault, Minnesota



2 Academies –

Minnesota State Academy for the Blind (MSAB) – serving blind, visually impaired, and deafblind students

Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf (MSAD) – serving deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deafblind students

Some students attend classes or receive services on both campuses, depending on their individual needs.

We serve students statewide – students come from more than 60 districts and we also provide resources and supports for many others.



MSAD Educational Programs

Starting at 18 months of age – through 21 years of age.

Age-appropriate academics, curriculum, language development, and critical thinking skills.

ASL-English Bilingual Instruction Program

A+ Transition Program for older students



MSAB Educational Programs

Starting in Kindergarten – through 21 years of age.

Age-appropriate academics, curriculum, language development, and critical thinking skills.

Braille, Orientation and Mobility, and Music programs

Expanded Core Curriculum

A+ Transition Program for older students



Whole Child Development:

Athletics, Music, Drama, Organizations/Clubs, After School Programs

Provided to develop students' abilities, knowledge, and skills in various areas – academics, language, social-emotional skills, mental health, communication, problem solving, teamwork, self-advocacy, and so forth



Residential Programs

Incorporates after school educational programs – including athletics, extracurricular activities, workshops, independent living skills, and other daily life skills necessary for life after graduation.



Funding:

We are funded primarily through a biennial appropriation from the state legislature rather than by the funding formula that applies to other districts in Minnesota.

We are not able to issue any tax levies or bonding and rely on legislative action to fund all needs on our campus.



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- MSAB/MSAD Dorm Renovations and Design: \$7.8 million.

This will allow us to bring our aging dorms on the MSAB and MSAD campus up to code in regard to safety, security, ADA requirements, energy saving, indoor air quality, and accessibility. We will also increase flexibility for our educational/residential programs.





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- MSAD Student Center PreDesign: \$240,000

To hire architects to evaluate our needs and recommend an energy efficient/low-maintenance building that is fully accessible and code compliant, potentially replacing up to 5 aging, high-maintenance buildings and outdated/inaccessible facilities. This center will incorporate our athletic/PE facilities; cafeteria; career/technical education; and other needs on our MSAD campus.





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- **Asset Preservation: \$2.6 million**

To continue maintenance, upkeep, and improvements to our buildings and facilities on both campuses to ensure safety, security, accessibility, and long-term maintenance so that our programs can continue to operate. Current priorities include preservation of exterior stone facades; replacement of boiler and heating equipment; tuckpointing and roof replacement; and replacement/correction of deteriorated walkways/roadways.

