



MAIS Fast Facts

- Non-profit, independent school organization
- 17 schools: Pre-primary, elementary, middle and high schools
- MAIS schools serve over 10,000 Minnesota students and their families
- MAIS schools employ over 3,400 Minnesotans

2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Preserve the “independent” status of MAIS schools by opposing proposals that create onerous regulations or unfunded mandates, which have a negative impact on MAIS students, families, faculty and staff.
- Support necessary state funding for nonpublic pupil aid (ie; textbooks, counseling, transportation, health services).
 - Expand nonpublic pupils counseling aid to include students in grades K-6.
 - Allow nonpublic schools to access school safety funding for physical security upgrades.
- Serve as a resource to elected officials involved in E-12 education public policy.

MN Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) is a cohort of 17 independent schools in Minnesota that have achieved, or are in pursuit of, ISACS accreditation. Through the ISACS accreditation process, MAIS member schools hold themselves publicly accountable to accepted standards of quality education, responsible operations and on-going improvement. The mission of MAIS is to support and connect school leadership, faculty and staff while promoting and preserving education independence and choice for MN families and educators.

MAIS School	Location	District
Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School	St. Louis Park	46
Breck School	Golden Valley	43
City of Lakes Waldorf School	Minneapolis	62
Friends School of Minnesota	St. Paul	66
Groves Academy	St. Louis Park	46

Lake Country Montessori School	Minneapolis	62
Many Rivers Montessori	Duluth	8
Marshall School	Duluth	8
Minnehaha Academy	Minneapolis	63
Mounds Park Academy	St. Paul	44
Providence Academy	Plymouth	42
Saint Thomas Academy	Mendota Heights	52
St. John's Preparatory School	Collegeville	13
Shattuck-St. Mary's School	Faribault	19
St. Paul Academy & Summit School	St. Paul	64
The Blake School	Hopkins, Minneapolis	46, 61
Visitation School	Mendota Heights	52

MAIS member schools differ in many ways. They are secular, religious, single-gender, day and boarding schools, and some pedagogically based, but all support providing families with choice in education. Not only do MAIS schools save Minnesota tax dollars, which would otherwise have been spent in educating children in public schools, but MAIS students also represent Minnesota at myriad colleges and universities and often end up giving back to the state in a variety of leadership roles. Additionally, MAIS schools provide a number of vital jobs for adults living in Minnesota.

More about MAIS school communities:

- Total enrollment in MAIS schools for the 2021-2022 school year was over 10,000 students, saving taxpayers potentially \$110,000,000 in state funds required to educate additional students in public schools.
- MAIS schools employ over 3,400 full-time and part-time workers in Minnesota.
- MAIS schools provide health/retirement benefits to 1,400+ employees totaling over \$20 million dollars.

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