



MAHTOMEDI
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent Update

June 22, 2026

Experience Excellence





Fourth-grade students in Mr. Chad Halsten's art classes recently studied Mexican folk art, Alebrije.

[Click here to learn more about the project](#)

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Around the District

Celebrating the 2025-26 School Year

Our last week of school was filled with joyful celebrations and sentimental goodbyes!

We had the Wildwood Walk, firetruck field day visit, and special all-school and grade-level events.



Around the District

Class of 2026 Graduation

★ 5 merit scholars and 6 students with an unweighted GPA of 4.0. As a Class, over 31% of the students have a GPA of 3.7 or higher.

★ Nearly 150 student-athletes from the Class of 2026 contributed to 33 Conference Championships, 28 Section Championships, and 5 State Championships. Over 20 are continuing their education as collegiate athletes at the NCAA Division I, II, & III levels.

★ The Class of 2026 has contributed over 2,000 hours of community service and took home 30 National and State Community Service awards.



[Click here to watch a Graduation recap video](#)



[Click here to watch the full Commencement Ceremony Video](#)



Around the District

Passages Graduation

Congratulations to our 2026

graduates: Nathan Brinker, Emilee Christensen, William Koeneman, Mitchell Kuschke, and Jameson Melzer

During the graduation ceremony, Passages Transition Program staff shared videos about the students' learning throughout the year, and each graduate was recognized and celebrated by Passages staff, Superintendent Duffrin, Mahtomedi School Board members Kelly Reagan, Paul Donna, and Jenny Peterson, and Director of Student Support Tony Pierce. The graduates were joined in celebration by their families, friends, and Passages alumni.



Around the District

Community Education News

Mark your calendars! Our fall catalog is coming soon. Registration for our fall classes and events opens on **July 22 at 8 am!**

How to view our Fall catalog:

Stay tuned—a virtual edition of our catalog will be available on our [website](#) and [Arux](#) in early July.

Print catalogs will be sent to Mahtomedi families and the community in mid July.

Reminder! We are hosting our returning [Community Garage Sale](#) event **July 29-31!**



Congratulations to our Preschool graduates, Mahtomedi's Class of 2039! [Click here to watch the graduation in action!](#)



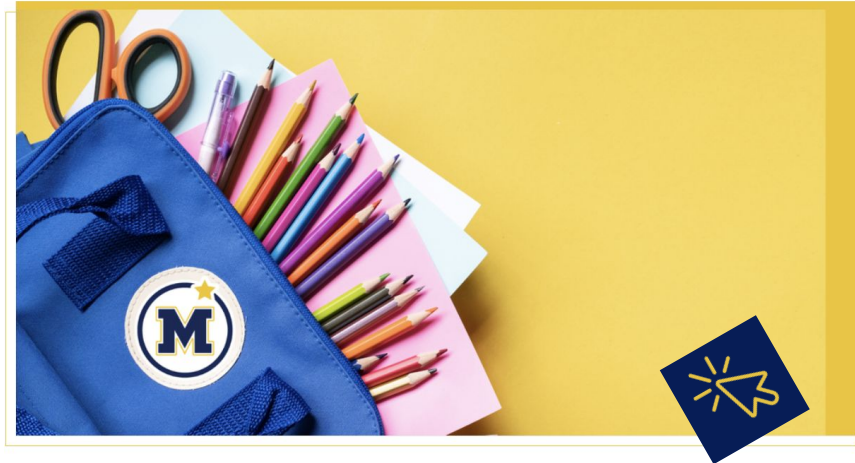
Around the District

Back-to-School Information

NEWS —

Our website has back-to-school information in a [pinned post on all websites under News](#).

Families can expect to receive the Handbook information and school-level Back-to-School Guides in July.



Back-to-School Information 2026-27

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2026-27 school year! Please see the resources below for back-to-school information. Additional information will be added when it is availab...



Awards & Noteworthy News

Future Educators

Congratulations to our Class of 2026 students who will enter the field of education!

Wilder Bourdaghs, Social Studies Education, Winona State University; RJ Burkel, Social Studies Education, University of Wisconsin River Falls; Alyssa Damlo, Early Childhood & Elementary Education, Winona State University; Drew Feustel, Elementary Education, University of Northern Iowa; Teyla Gordon, Elementary Education, University of Wisconsin River Falls; Zander Livingston, Music Education, St. Olaf College; Ashley Motz, Elementary Education, University of Wisconsin River Falls; Caroline Potjer, History Education, University College Roosevelt; Blair Smith, Elementary Education, University of Wisconsin Madison; Ada Thompson, Music Education, St. Olaf College; and Grace Van Hout, Elementary Education, University of Wisconsin River Falls.



The event was sponsored by the Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation, Mahtomedi Education Association, and Mahtomedi Public Schools.



Awards & Noteworthy News



Mahtomedi Baseball: 4x State Champions

Congratulations to the Mahtomedi Baseball Team on winning the Class AAA State Championship!

The Zephyrs defeated Grand Rapids (2-1) in the Quarterfinals, defeated Mankato West (12-5) in the Semifinals, and defeated Totino-Grace (10-0) in the State Championship.

This is a back-to-back State Championship win for the Zephyrs and their fourth overall! The Zephyrs had three players named to the 2026 Class AAA Baseball All-Tournament Team: Class of 2026 students Alex Kurpis and Cody Loida, and Class of 2027 student Frank Schwieters.

Awards & Noteworthy News

Mahtomedi Theatre Statewide Award & Performance

Congratulations to Mahtomedi's Into the Woods cast, crew, and staff, who earned state-level honors from the Spotlight Education Program, including Achievement in Musical Theatre and Outstanding Technical Production from Hennepin Arts!

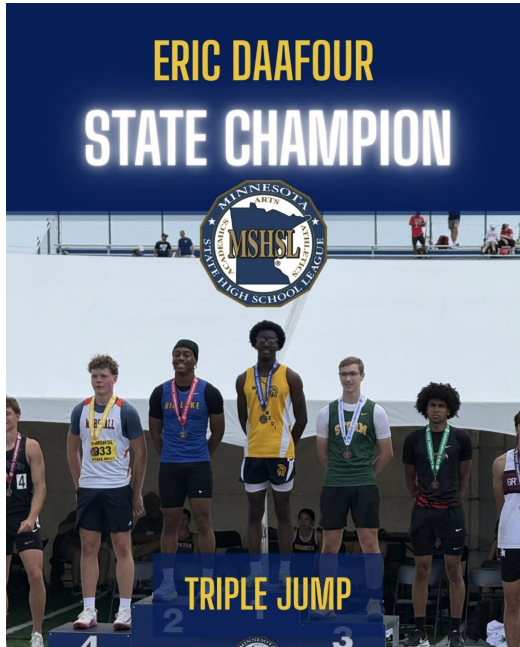
This award is considered the State Competition for Theatre in Minnesota. This means our Zephyrs are among Minnesota's top 25 theatre productions!

The cast performed a medley at the recent 2026 Spotlight Showcase in June, and our technical crew was featured in a statewide video.



Awards & Noteworthy News

Mahtomedi Track State Champions



Eric Daafour won the state title in triple jump with a class AA record-setting jump of 46'-7".

Andrew Russell broke his previous state class AA record by 4" on his way to win the High Jump title with a jump of 6'11.5"

Upcoming Events

July 22: [Concert in the Park: The Royal Order of Chords and Keys \(R.O.C.K.\)](#) 6-7 pm DEC

July 29-31: [Community Garage Sale Fundraiser](#)
Wildwood

Back-to-School Dates

August 25: Middle and High School Open Houses

August 27: Kindergarten Open House

August 31: First day of school for sixth and ninth-grade students

September 1: First day of school for students in grades 7, 8, and 10-12

August 31 & September 1: K-5 Assessment Days

September 2: K-5 First Day of School

