

# Schools closing the opportunity gap



## Schools that are changing the odds

These schools are changing the odds for students; they have test results that indicate a strong academic program is in place and works well. Based on Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment, or “MCA,” data, students at these schools are doing better than average or growing at a faster rate than expected. See more about this calculation on pages 16-21.

Unfortunately, not all schools are able to demonstrate strong academic results with all students. The list of changing-the-odds schools on the opposite page focuses on schools with 40% or more of the students identified as low-income through the federal FRL program. These schools have demonstrated success serving the families most in-need.

The MCA is Minnesota’s annual test to measure student achievement. In this guide, scores are reported in two ways: proficiency and growth. Students who are considered “proficient” have met statewide standards that MDE set for their grade level. For growth, MDE measures how much a student’s demonstrated learning has grown based on their previous year’s test scores.

### **Free and Reduced-Price Lunch**

On each school’s profile, you’ll find the percentage of students receiving Free or Reduced-Price Lunch, or “FRL.” This is the federal government proxy to measure how many children come from a low-income background. It provides context about how a school’s academic performance impacts some of our city’s most vulnerable students. This list uses a FRL rate of 40% as a cutoff to create a broad list of schools that have demonstrated an ability to meet the needs of a diverse student body.



*Tip:  
As you explore school profiles and visit schools, ask how children similar to your child do academically.*



## These Minneapolis schools are providing students most in-need a good education

School	Grades	FRL rate	Page #
Anthony Middle School	6-8	42%	77
Bright Water Elementary	PK-6	49%	90
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School	9-12	89%	194
Dowling School	K-5	49%	99
Edison High School	9-12	86%	196
Fair Senior High	9-12	50%	199
Friendship Academy of the Arts	K-6	91%	105
Hennepin Elementary School	K-5	95%	112
Hiawatha College Prep	5-8	94%	114
Hiawatha Community – Howe Campus	3-5	50%	116
Hiawatha Leadership Academy – Morris Park	K-4	92%	117
Hope Academy	K-12	75%	120, 203
KIPP North Star Academy	5-8	92%	127
Lake Nokomis Community School – Keewaydin Campus	3-8	52%	132
Lyndale Community School	PK-5	70%	139
Marcy Open Elementary	K-8	52%	140
New Millennium Academy	K-8	82%	154
Pratt Community School	PK-5	66%	162
Ramsey Middle School	6-8	42%	164
Sanford Middle School	6-8	63%	166
Seward Montessori School	PK-8	54%	168
South High School	9-12	56%	220
Southside Family Charter School	K-8	48%	171
St. Helena Catholic School	PK-8	40%	174
Twin Cities International Elementary School	K-4	95%	180
Ubah Medical Academy	9-12	99%	222
Waite Park Community School	PK-5	55%	183
Washburn High School	9-12	44%	225
Windom Dual Immersion School	PK-5	48%	186

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