



Shepardson Elementary School

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Principal: Mary Kay Sommers School colors: Blue & silver

Grades: K – 6

School mascot: Shooting star

Enrollment: 480

“Working together we can reach the stars!”

History

Shepardson Elementary School opened in 1978 and was named for Margaret Shepardson, long-time PSD teacher. Shepardson was remodeled in 1995.

Learning culture

The Shepardson staff believes in adjusting teaching and learning activities to address individual learning needs and styles. By using various differentiation techniques within classroom instruction to challenge students appropriately, Shepardson has received an Excellent rating from the state each year.

Enrichment opportunities are offered to interested students beyond the regularly scheduled school day. Classes are diverse and include science, technology, and foreign language. Students may participate in year-long enrichment such as student council, choir, Odyssey of the Mind, track and chess clubs, and academic bees.

Academic environment

Our diverse student population prepares students for the real world. Nearly 10% of Shepardson students are identified as having special learning challenges, and 13% qualify as English Language Learners. Approximately 25% of our students perform at an advanced level

in reading, while 43% perform at an advanced level in math.

We strive for all students to feel included. Accommodations and extensions are made in the classroom where students learn to value differences in themselves and others.

Arts, technology, and media skills are integrated into our challenging standards-based curriculum. All curricular areas focus on improving our students' writing skills. The ESL/Literacy program uses a multi-sensory clinical approach to address the learning challenges of students who struggle with basic reading skills.

Opportunities for parents

Our School Improvement Team reviews test data and helps make decisions about staffing, budgeting, program development, and goal setting. Our active PTO provides additional resources by raising more than \$27,000 annually. Approximately 43% of our parents actively serve on committees and volunteer in various capacities throughout the school.

Average years of teaching experience of staff: 12 years

Education level of teachers: 17 of 30 teachers hold master's degrees or above