



REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2019



**Northfield
PROMISE**

Every child. Cradle to career.



What is Northfield Promise?

- ♥ We want Northfield to be a place where every child has the chance to be happy, healthy and well-educated.
- ♥ Northfield Promise is a community movement to help all of our children thrive, from cradle to career.
- ♥ Northfield Promise connects resources, programs and community members to collaborate toward 10 benchmarks – academic, social and emotional – throughout each child’s life.
- ♥ When our institutions all work toward these shared benchmarks, we improve our community for everyone.
- ♥ Northfield Promise is a challenge **to** and **with** the community to ensure all children succeed . . . closing gaps in access and success among Northfield’s youth.



Northfield has received the “Proof Point” designation from StriveTogether for our results. This is the highest national recognition that StriveTogether bestows. Northfield is just the 12th community in the country to receive Proof Point (and the first in Minnesota)!

FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS



Together, we:

MEASURE what matters

IDENTIFY best practices

SPREAD what works

to help ALL Northfield youth reach their full potential.

FLIP OPEN TO LEARN MORE



2019 By the Numbers



1,836 new books were given to children 5 and under at doctor visits through *Reach Out & Read*

EARLY LITERACY



44% more 3-year-olds completed early childhood screening, thanks to the *“Screen at 3” initiative*

SCHOOL READINESS



5,244 books were distributed through Northfield Promise free libraries and the Book Bike

ACCESS FOR ALL

96% of high school TORCH seniors graduated on time (Tackling Obstacles & Raising College Hopes)



CLOSING THE GAP



903 youth and **865** adults participated in Greenvale Park Community School programming

Greenvale Park Community School was ranked **#1** in the state among after-school programs by the Minnesota Department of Education

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

45 young adults earned **408** total college credits in Year One of the Northfield Community College Collaborative in downtown Northfield



EXPANDED LOCAL COLLEGE OPTIONS

See more examples at: northfieldpromise.org/2019-stats

We, as a community, commit to working tirelessly to ensure that ALL Northfield children will:

10 BENCHMARKS

As we work toward 100 percent, here's where we stand.

Graduate from high school with a plan to reach their full potential

92% of Northfield Public Schools students graduated in four years

85% of low-income students graduated in four years – up 12% from 2017



BEYOND

NON-ACADEMIC

HIGH SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL

ELEMENTARY

ACADEMIC
EARLY CHILDHOOD

Be ready for kindergarten



55% of incoming kindergartners met or exceeded the grade-level benchmark in reading and 56% in math

Among low-income kindergartners, these rates were only 33% in reading and 37% in math

Early Childhood Navigators helped enroll 49 new children in high-quality preschool programs and connected more than 80 families with resources.

“Seeing families and kids thrive once they get connected to the appropriate resources is incredibly gratifying.”

– Liliana Ramos, Early Childhood Navigator

Be at grade level in reading and math by the end of 3rd grade



68% of Northfield Public Schools 3rd graders achieved proficiency in reading, according to the 2019 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA). This was up 5% from 2018 – and 11% over the past two years!

43% of low-income 3rd graders scored at or above proficiency levels in reading, compared to 76% of all other 3rd graders

Be at grade level in reading and math by the end of 6th grade

52% of low-income Northfield 6th graders scored at or above proficiency levels in reading, compared to 86% of all other Northfield 6th graders

25% of low-income Northfield 6th graders scored at or above proficiency levels in math, compared to 68% of all other Northfield 6th graders

Have interests, goals and a vision for the future by the end of 8th grade

93% of Northfield's 8th graders reported that they know what they want to do after high school or have some idea



Career Exploration Day Reaches New Heights

The Northfield Promise Career & College Readiness Action Team helped sponsor the fifth annual Career Exploration Day at the Northfield Middle School. A few highlights included:

- 1,005 youth attended (a new record!), including 300+ high school students
- 61 businesses participated
- 143 professionals took part
- 30 immediate job openings shared or posted for graduating seniors



Students Supporting Students gives Northfield High School a gateway to destigmatize talking about mental health, which is key to bettering our school and community in general.”

– Jess Martin
12th grade student



Exhibit physical, social and emotional well-being in high school



71% of Northfield's male high school students reported they feel good about themselves*

49% of Northfield's female high school students reported they feel good about themselves*

81% of high school students reported that they do something outside of school that gives them joy and energy



Report feeling connected and engaged in their high school and community

Education Fellows

11 recent graduates interested in careers in education are working in the local schools and taking classes through the Northfield Community College Collaborative through the new Education Fellows Initiative.



“I figured out that I want to be a teacher. Working with students and just seeing them progress is heartwarming,” said Yailyn Moran on her Education Fellows experience.

97% of area incoming kindergartners participated in preschool and/or daycare

Be connected to the community during the early childhood years

To improve these outcomes, we need your help!

Volunteer or Donate
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81% of all Northfield 5th graders reported they feel good about themselves

Exhibit physical, social and emotional well-being in elementary school

92% of all Northfield youth in grades 5–6 reported having support from adults other than their parents

Have a connection with a caring adult beyond their parents as they transition to middle school

*Data for students who don't identify on gender binary is still being analyzed.



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