

2019 By the Numbers



Early
Childhood
Screening

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

SCHOOL READINESS

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

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



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

EARLY LITERACY



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

ACCESS FOR ALL



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

EXPANDED LOCAL COLLEGE OPTIONS

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Northfield, MN
Permit No. 217



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BE PART OF OUR WORK

Get involved with Northfield youth!

Community is vital to the success of Northfield Promise. Join us in our mission to ensure every child in Northfield thrives.

Visit: northfieldpromise.org/volunteer

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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



Every child. Cradle to career.

2019

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



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.

A
B
C

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

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



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

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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.



To improve these outcomes, we need your help!
Volunteer or Donate
northfieldpromise.org

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



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Students Supporting Students trained **44** youth in grades 9–12 to provide confidential resources to: help peers cope with mental health challenges; offer encouragement and referrals; and open conversations about mental health to reduce stigma. They held **1,000+** supportive conversations with peers with top topics being school-related stress and peer relationships.

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

For detailed local data on all 10 Northfield benchmarks, visit northfieldpromise.org.



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

ACADEMIC
EARLY CHILDHOOD

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

Be connected to the community during the early childhood years