

Official School Calendar 2011-2012

Dassel-Cokato Public Schools I.S.D. No. 466

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Area Learning Center (ALC) — Ext. 1200, District Transportation — Ext. 1005, Cokato Transportation — 320-286-5315

2011

AUGUST

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LEGEND

Red — Weekends/Vacations (No School)

Blue — School Days

Black — Summer Breaks

Gold — Teacher Planning/Staff Development/
(No School for Students)

No School for Elementary Students (K-4 only).
Early Childhood Special Education Students,
as scheduled

Student Days:

HS/MS = 172 + 2* Snow Days

ELEM = 170 + 2* Snow Days

Teacher Days: 182 + 2*

*two snow days built in, June 4 & 5

2011

Aug. 24, 25, 26 – New Teacher Orientation
Aug. 29, 30, 31, Sept.1 – Teacher Planning
Aug. 31 – Grade 5 Orientation/Open House-
Middle School 4:30-7:30 PM
Aug. 31 – Open House & Orientation-
High School 4:00-7:00 PM
Sept. 1 – Open House - Cokato Elem. 4:00-7:00 PM
Open House - Dassel Elem. 4:00-7:00 PM
Sept. 1 – 4:00-5:00PM Workshop for MS 6-8 Teachers
Sept. 1 – Grades 6-8 Open House -
Middle School, 5:00-7:00PM
Sept. 5 – Labor Day (No School)
Sept. 6 – School Begins
Sept. 8 – Early Childhood Center Kickoff (Open House)
Sept. 12-16 – Preschool Orientation Week
Sept. 19 – Preschool and ECFE Classes begin
Oct. 17 – HS P/T Conferences 4:00-8:00 PM
Oct. 17 & 18 – 4:00-8:00 PM MS P/T Conferences
Oct. 20 & 21 – (No School)Education MN Conference
Nov. 8 – Election Day
Nov. 11 – Conferences Kindergarten Only
(No School Kindergarten Only)
Nov. 15 & 17 – Elementary Conferences 4:00-7:00 PM
Nov. 18 – (No School) Elementary Only -
Teacher Planning in AM and
Elementary Conferences 12:30-3:30 PM
Nov. 24 & 25 – Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 1 – End of 1st Trimester (59)
Dec. 2 – (No School)Staff Dev/Teacher Planning
Dec. 19-22 – No Preschool
Dec. 23-Jan.2 – Winter Break

2012

Jan. 3 – Classes Resume
Jan. 3 – Preschool Classes resume
Jan. 9 – ECFE Classes resume
Jan. 16 – Martin Luther King's Birthday(No School)
Staff Dev/Teacher Planning
Jan. 19 – HS P/T Conferences 4:00-7:00 PM
Jan. 23 & 26 – MS Conferences 4:00-8:00 PM
Feb. 20 – (No School) President's Day
Mar. 2 – End of 2nd Trimester (56)
Mar. 5 – (No School)Staff Dev/Teacher Planning
Mar. 6 – Conferences Kindergarten Only
(No School Kindergarten Only)
Mar. 12 & 15 – Elementary Conferences 4:00-7:00 PM
Mar. 13 – Township Elections(6-8 PM) No Activities
Mar. 16 – (No School)Elementary Only -
Teacher Planning AM/
Conferences 12:30-3:30PM
Mar. 26-30 – (No School) Spring Break
Apr. 6 – (No School) Good Friday
Apr. 8 – EASTER SUNDAY
Apr. 16 – HS P/T Conferences 4:00-7:00 PM
May 14-18 – Last week of Preschool and ECFE
May 28 – (No School) Memorial Day
May 30 – Baccalaureate
June 3 – Graduation – 2:00 PM
June 5 – End of 3rd Trimester (59)
June 6 – Teacher Workshop 1/2 Day (No School)

If no snow days are used, June 1 will be the last day of school
for students with teacher workshop on June 4. If any days are
missed because of inclement weather or other emergencies,
the school year will be extended beginning with June 4, and
beyond for each day missed.

Banking of hour days: November 18 and March 16, (K-4)
Elementary Only. No School for Elementary Students. Early
Childhood Special Education students, as scheduled.

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Dassel-Cokato School Directory

Below is a listing of school personnel along with their areas of responsibility. Calling the appropriate person with questions, problems, compliments or ideas will help serve you

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY</u>
Teachers	N/A	<i>Discipline, grading, instruction, testing</i>	Early Childhood Programs Coordinator	Jane Ryan	<i>Coordinates programs for children ages 0-5, helps parents provide for their children's learning, and helps young children reach their full potential</i>
Media Centers Specialists	Paul Beckerman, H.S. Carla Halverson, D.E. Pam Beckerman, M.S. Pam Osterberg, C.E.	<i>Printed materials, books, audio-visual materials, library skills and technology</i>	Comm. Ed. Secretary	Shannon Smieja	<i>Provides support to Community Education staff, general information and registrations</i>
Title 1 Coordinator	Debbie Morris	<i>Coordinate Title 1 Program, Title 1 Advisory Council</i>	Early Childhood Secretary	Krista Cates	<i>Provides support to Early Childhood staff, general information and registrations</i>
Area Learning Center Coordinator	Jon Nelson	<i>Provide alternative plan for education for those students not experiencing success in regular classes</i>	School Nurse	Kelly Krueger	<i>Injuries, health screening, immunizations, health questions</i>
Area Learning Center Secretary	Betsy Dobmeier Gerri McWherter	<i>General information, registration and assists the coordinator, teachers and Secretary/students</i>	Administrative Secretaries	Marlyce Erickson, D.E. Margaret Pokornowski, C.E. Bernice Sand, H.S. Jennifer Inselman, H.S. Cindy Swanson, M.S. Kim Johnson, M.S. Lynne Hasty, H.S.	<i>Office managers of their respective bldgs.</i>
On the Job Employment Coordinator	Kelly Kosloski	<i>Marketing & Distributive Education and supervise work experience program</i>	Business Manager	Tina Palmer	<i>Business Services</i>
Special Education Coordinator	Beth Hoeg	<i>All special education, preschool-grade 12. Referrals, assessment, instruction, developing programs, planning and communication</i>	Bookkeeper	Michelle Schnitzler	<i>Accounts Receivable & Accounts Payable</i>
Social Workers	Anne Mahoney, H.S. Sandy Jones, M.S. Carmen Tschida, Elem. Heidi Sickmann, Elem. Rick Gross, M.S. Sarah Terpstra, Elem.	<i>Consultation regarding social or emotional development, school performance, chemical use—facilitate problem solving, school-home communications, referral to community agencies</i>	Transportation	Marilyn Howk	<i>Schedules bus routes, trips and assists with transportation</i>
Counselor	Ryan Tool	<i>Student class schedules, career and post school information</i>	Lunch Account	Noni Smith	<i>Updates lunch data base and implements free/reduced lunch program</i>
Psychologists	Sherry Graham M.S./CE Megan Anderson DE/HS/ ALC/ECSE	<i>Evaluation and direct services</i>	Secretary	Liz Anderson	<i>District Office secretary, and assists payroll</i>
Secretary Guidance Office	Jennifer Inselman	<i>Student records</i>	Computer Technician	Marce Polzin Chad Ardoff	<i>Maintains district-wide computer systems</i>
Food Service Director	Bernie Reinke	<i>District Food Service Management, planning, purchasing, cost accounting and supervising preparation</i>	Principals	Dean Jennissen, H.S./ALC Brian Franklin, M.S. Debbie Morris D.E. Lorene Force C.E.	<i>Planning and communications, safety, management of all programs, building security, discipline, staff growth and evaluation, K-12 materials-instruction development: planning, communications and assessment</i>
Coaches	N/A	<i>Rules, training, schedules and accidents</i>	Dean of Students	Steven Schauburger, H.S. Alisa Johnson, M.S.	<i>Student Management</i>
Building and Grounds Supervisor	John Martinson	<i>District building and grounds, custodial & mechanical maintenance management</i>	Curriculum Director	Lorene Force	<i>Oversees curriculum development and textbook selection for the district</i>
Activities Director	Perry Thinesen	<i>Athletics, Fine Arts, and co-curricular activities</i>	Curriculum/Special Ed. Secretary	Irene Pierce	<i>Assists the Curriculum Director and special education area.</i>
Activities Secretary	Stephanie Dahlin	<i>Assists Director</i>	Staff Development Coordinator	Jeff Powers	<i>Develops and coordinates staff improvement programs and mentorships.</i>
Facilities Secretary	Patti Kampa	<i>Schedules community use of facilities. Schedules pool for community use.</i>	Gifted Coordinator	Brian Franklin	<i>Coordinates Gifted Program</i>
Community Education Director	Perry Thinesen	<i>Community Education Management</i>	Superintendent	Jeff Powers	<i>Operation of the District including finance, transportation, public relations, program, school board functions</i>
Community Ed. Program Coordinator	Colleen Compton	<i>Coordinates youth, adult, and aquatic activities; School age child Care Coordinator; Executive Director of the D-C Arts Assn.</i>	Administrative Assistant	Marianne Bobrowske	<i>Assists the Superintendent and processes payroll for the district</i>
District Assessment Coordinator	Debbie Morris		School Board	Irene Bender, 275-3841 Mark Linder, 275-3231 Tracy McConkey, 286-0169 Kevin Bjork, 275-2292 Richard Tormanen, 275-3615 Rebecca Clemen, 286-5209	<i>Policy concerning the overall operation of the district</i>

What's SPECIAL about the Dassel-Cokato community?

- Over 20 churches in the district care for the spiritual needs of the community.
- An abundance of lakes in the area offer excellent fishing and recreational opportunities.
- Public libraries affiliated with regional systems are located in both Dassel and Cokato.
- Progressive municipal leadership is evident in both Dassel and Cokato.
- Athletic organizations, community education and private enterprises provide year 'round recreational activities.
- Dassel and Cokato both have an aggressive growth attitude toward small business & light industry development.
- Senior citizens' organizations are active in both Dassel and Cokato.
- There are ten county and municipal parks within the school district.
- Dassel and Cokato have small town, friendly atmospheres and are located near big city opportunities through close proximity to Minneapolis/St. Paul, St. Cloud & Hutchinson.

We Care!

about kids. We're dedicated to providing top quality educational opportunities for all kids. Our special education and gifted programs give all kids the chance to grow and learn at their maximum level.

WE CARE . . .

about the level of personal attention your children get from teachers when they begin school here. We've reduced class sizes in grades K-2 to assure them of this personal attention.

WE CARE . . .

about the kids who may have problems completing school. We have a FOCUS program and an area learning center (ALC) that has helped reduce our dropout rate.

WE CARE . . .

about the quality of our educational staff. We work to insure that quality through staff development activities in the areas of instruction, discipline, curriculum development, technology, gifted education.

WE CARE . . .

about the educational opportunities of ALL our citizens regardless of age. Dassel-Cokato Community Education offers a wide variety of educational, recreational and social programs and services to meet the needs of community residents of all ages.

What's SPECIAL about education at Dassel-Cokato?

- Dassel Elementary and DCHS recognized as "National Schools of Excellence"
- Dassel & Cokato Elementaries recognized as a "State Schools of Excellence"
- Class sizes for lower elementary have low teacher pupil ratios
- K-12 individualized gifted program
- District character pillars
- At-Risk Programs at all grade levels
- Strong ECFE program
- School based preschool program
- FOCUS program and Area Learning Center for at-risk students
- Student test scores well above state averages
- Excellent media/technology capabilities including computers in every classroom and well equipped computer centers with an overall student to computer ratio of 4 to 1
- Coordinated K-12 curriculum with sequential learning objectives
- Extensive extra and co-curricular activities including recent state championships in drum line, speech and FFA
- Community education programs serving people of all ages
- PTA
- Smart Boards in most classrooms
- Over 70 college credit opportunities at DCHS
- Opportunities for parent/community involvement in parent advisory councils, curriculum development, extracurricular activities and volunteer programs in the schools
- After school educational opportunities for elementary students
- State of the art auditorium
- 2000-seat gymnasium
- Excellent athletic facilities
- Elementary reading recovery program
- Indoor swimming pool
- Dassel Elementary – MAASFEP "Distinguished School"
- Certified Nursing Assistant Program
- Project Lead the Way - Pre-engineering Program

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