The DMPS aviation technology program is one of the only programs in the nation licensed by the FAA.

DMPS Graduates End Distinctly preparing to work-real-world Graduates

A common question asked throughout the Des Moines community is how are Des Moines Public Schools preparing students to be successful beyond high school and into the 21st century? With the support of the school board approval in 2010, the District has embarked on a three year process of IB learning to emphasize the Graduate Ends. For more information on the implementation of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program by the DMPS Professional Development Planning Committee, the plan was approved by the state board and can be accessed in the district’s website.

The Welcome Center staff enrolls children for a variety of preschool programs located throughout the district, including half-day programs, full-day programs, year-long programs, and those that are half the year or working parents. Some of the programs have been designed by Des Moines Public Schools and others are sponsored by community partners who work with students and non-English speaking children. The Welcome Center staff works with families throughout the year and helps families choose educational options that best fit the needs and skills of their children. Parents can be referred to ESOL and primary language.

Graduation Requirements* English 3 units Mathematics 3 units Science 3 units Social Studies 3 units U.S. History 1 unit United States Government 1 unit World History 1 unit World History 1 unit

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District Implements 3-Year Professional Development Plan

The district has a new 3-year professional development plan that includes a focus on learning to emphasize the Graduate Ends. The plan was approved by the State Curriculum Commission, the plan was approved by the state board and can be accessed in the DMPS Professional Development Planning Committee.

Metro Kids Care

Metro Kids Care located from 8:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. on weekdays at Central Campus, 1800 Grand Ave. and will work to begin the three year process of IB learning to emphasize the Graduate Ends. For more information on Metro Kids Care, call 242-7951.

School Hours

Elementary Schools

Tier A: 8:15 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Tier B: 8:30 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Middle Schools

7:45 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

High Schools

7:40 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.

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