For more than 100 years, Des Moines Public Schools has been educating the students of Iowa’s capital city. Today, we are the largest provider of public education in Iowa. Nearly 5,000 employees – including 2,700 teachers – serve over 31,000 students at more than 60 schools throughout the community.

What sets Des Moines Public Schools apart? A lot. We provide families with more educational choices than any place in Iowa. We educate the top scholars in the state who go on to attend leading colleges and universities around the world. And we are home to educators and employees who are recognized throughout the state and across the country as the best in their fields.

If you are looking for a great career opportunity in education, then you are looking at the right place.

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Des Moines is a vibrant, innovative and diverse city.

Des Moines offers amenities usually found only in major cities. Experience the unique shopping offered in the East Village. Dine at world-class restaurants. Enjoy countless entertainment opportunities at Wells Fargo Arena and the Civic Center. Expand your horizons at the new Summerfield Center of Iowa and Downtown Library Center for a NBA-16 Teamfish and the Chicago Bulls-16 Teamfish club. Find unique housing options at several lakes and townhome developments. Visit one of the nation’s largest farmers’ markets as well as the top-ranked art festival. Listen to summer concerts along the banks of the Des Moines River or on the steps of the State Capitol. And take a leisurely stroll through the Pappajohn Sculpture Park or along the Principal Riverwalk.

Throughout Des Moines are dozens of neighborhoods, each with its own personality and style. You will not only find great places to live but will discover a new favorite coffee shop, locally owned restaurants and food markets, unique clothing stores, and much more.

And Des Moines—along with the entire metro area—is connected by a series of parks and trails so you can enjoy a bike ride, walk or run on a warm summer day, under the colored leaves of autumn, or on a brisk winter’s morning. Whether you’re a native or a visitor, you’ll discover a new favorite coffee shop, locally owned restaurants and food markets, unique clothing stores, and much more.

Don’t just take our word for it. Here’s what others have to say:

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- Des Moines ranks #2 “Best Place for Business” – Forbes
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