



# Northport Elementary

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Leona Robinson-Derden is the principal of Northport Elementary, and has worked with children and families for over 30 years. She believes that the true goal of education is to teach students to think critically and intensively. Intelligence plus character equals TRUE EDUCATION!

**Grades: K-5**  
**Remodeled: 2013**  
**Enrollment: 625**  
**School Hours:**  
**9:25 a.m.-3:45 p.m.**

**Adventure Club**  
offers before and after school care for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.  
Hours: 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.  
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The mission of Robbinsdale Area Schools is to inspire and educate all learners to develop their unique potential and positively contribute to their community.

## The Northport Experience

Northport Elementary is a K-5 Turnaround arts school that is known for its respectful, nurturing and challenging environment. Teachers, staff and families have high expectations for students in terms of academic achievement and behavior.

At Northport we cultivate a positive learning environment that is centered on high expectations. One of the strategies that we use is the power of positive influence.

Each fourth Monday morning, our third through fifth grade students attend Power Monday, where different members from our community come and speak to students sharing their own personal story while touching on a variety of topics such as responsibility, making good choices, personal goals, high expectations, resilience, and achieving personal success.

Northport believes that education is a partnership that exists between students, parents and school. We are committed to being a culturally responsive school and meeting the needs of our school community. As a result, we have a six-week Parent Academy once a quarter to cultivate a strong home and school partnership.

Every year, Northport hosts Kids College. It is a full day where students get to self-select courses they are interested in. Classes are taught in collaboration with our community partnerships and volunteers and are designed to be highly engaging and hands on.

We believe in empowering our students with 21st century skills. Therefore we have a commitment to infusing our science curriculum with STEM for grades three through five. Our classroom teachers co-teach with a certified STEM teacher using inquiry based project learning, real world video connections, performance tasks and literacy tasks.

## Turnaround Arts Program

It is our goal to use art as a way to approach teaching and learning. We will use the fine and performing arts as primary pathways to learning. The goal of arts integration is to increase knowledge of a general subject area while concurrently fostering a greater understanding and appreciation of the fine and performing arts. The John F. Kennedy Center defines arts integration as "an approach to teaching in which students construct and demonstrate understanding through an art form. Students engage in a creative process which connects an art form and another subject and meets learning objectives in both areas."



## Outstanding Curriculum

Northport Elementary School, like all Robbinsdale Area Schools, has implemented the framework of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). PBIS is a whole school approach that includes all students and staff in all school settings. Through implementation of PBIS, Northport has a learning environment that is more engaging, responsive and preventive, addressing classroom management and disciplinary issues intentionally and timely, and promotes and celebrates a positive school climate.

We embrace the fact that no two students are identical. Northport has integrated a Response to Intervention (RtI) block of time every day. During this time, students receive small group instruction to address their specific learning needs, based on careful and ongoing formative assessments, whether it is extra time to master concepts or enrichment time to go deeper with concepts already mastered.

## Northport Elementary offers:

- Whole-class literacy block includes fluency, phonics, phonemic awareness, comprehension, vocabulary, spelling and writing, supplemented with small group reading instruction at a child's instructional level.
- Math instruction, which teaches students to use physical objects to show how to solve equations. They're seeing concepts come to life through hands-on activities that helps with retention.
- Hands-on science activities that teach the history and nature of science, earth and space science, physical science, and life science.
- Social studies curriculum that focuses on history, humanities and the social sciences to develop social understanding and to prepare students to become responsible citizens.
- Art instruction K-5, based on state and national standards. Our arts education continues to be a model for school systems across the country.
- Music education at each grade level; string orchestra begins in grade four, and band is introduced in grade five.

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