

## Ways we lead and exceed

In addition to highly professional and caring staff members, here are four key areas where District 191 leads and exceeds:

### **Emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math:**

- Science specialists at all elementary schools.
- Arts & Technology magnet at Rahn Elementary School.
- Project Lead the Way pre-engineering program in grades 7 through 12.
- STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) magnet programs at William Byrne Elementary and Metcalf Junior High.
- Districtwide chess program with all fourth-graders participating in a residency with a chess master and all teams having chess clubs.
- State-of-the-art TV studio at Burnsville High School involves students in video production.

### **Gifted and talented education:**

- Gifted and talented programs at all elementary schools.
- Gifted and talented magnet programs at Harriet Bishop Elementary and Eagle Ridge Junior High.
- College-level classes offered at junior high schools and Burnsville High School.
- World languages begin in 8th grade.

### **Preparing students for success:**

- Full-day, every-day kindergarten for all students, at no cost to parents.
- AVID college readiness program at Nicollet Junior High and Burnsville High School.
- Annual college and career fairs at Burnsville High School.
- District 191 is #1 in the state for participation and credits earned through the College in the Schools (CIS) program of the University of Minnesota. During the 2012-13 school year, Burnsville High School students earned 2,503 college credits valued at \$1.2 million.
- District 191 is one of only 11 Minnesota school districts and one of 367 in the nation to be placed on the College Board's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AP<sup>®</sup> Honor Roll for simultaneously increasing students' access to Advanced Placement (AP) coursework while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students in grades 9 through 12 who earn scores of 3 or higher on AP exams, making them eligible for college credits.

### **Arts opportunities:**

- Band begins in 5th grade at all schools.
- String instrument programs at five schools.
- Specialists in visual arts and music at all elementary schools.
- Theater program at Burnsville High School is vast with outstanding musicals, dramas, one-act plays, a variety show and summer theater productions.