



Handbook of Children Education in Fargo Metro Area



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1. Introduction to Fargo, West Fargo K-12 Public Education

Fargo Public Schools (FPS)

FPS is governed by a 9-member Board of Education, and it serves more than 11,300 students and their families in grades Kindergarten through twelve.

Homepage: <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/District>



Learning portal, PowerSchool, and calendar can be found on the top right corner

- Learning portal: students get their login information from school. It has different learning resources listed, some are specific to each school, some are general for all students.
- PowerSchool: both parents and students have login accounts.
 - Parents use PowerSchool to register students, pay school fees, fund lunch accounts, find students' teacher contact information, check students' grades, etc.
 - Students use PowerSchool for teachers posted schedules, homework, grades, announcements. The usage may be different by schools or classes.
- Calendar:
 - Shows the district school calendar including the first and last day of each school year, holidays, teacher activities, no school days, etc.
 - During the COVID-19 pandemic, the site also shows a calendar for different groups FPS operates in different stages.
 - Click on a specific school calendar to see school specific events.

Find all schools by clicking on the dropdown arrow of *Our schools*, click on the specific school for more information.

Find other information through other tabs on the web page.

West Fargo Public Schools (WFPS)

WFPS is the fastest growing school district in the state of North Dakota, and the enrollment for the 2019 -2020 academic year was over 11,400 students from K-12th grade. The school board is composed of seven elected residents of the West Fargo School District.

Homepage: <https://www.west-fargo.k12.nd.us/>



School boundary

At Fargo, West Fargo Public Schools, students attend schools based on the area in which they live. Boundaries are set for elementary, middle, and high schools. The school boundary has been changing frequently for both Fargo and West Fargo in recent years. Please pay close attention to boundary changes for students about to move on to the next level of school.

Boundary map for Fargo:

Elementary boundary:

https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=95&dataid=4669&FileName=Elementary_Boundaries.pdf

Secondary boundary:

https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=95&dataid=4670&FileName=Secondary_Boundaries.pdf

For assistance with determining your school, call 701-446-1043.

Boundary map for West Fargo

https://app.guidek12.com/westfargond/school_search/2020/

Select the student's grade and type in home address, it will show which school the student belongs to.

Open enrollment

A family can elect to open-enroll their children into a different district, or in-district petition to a different school within the school district. FPS Open enrollment and In-district petition process:

<https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/Page/1379>

Annual Report

Both FPS and WFPS publish their annual reports each fall and contain data from the preceding school year to the public. The annual reports provide a wide array of information such as Board of Education, District Overview, Assessment Data, Student Demographics, Programming, Activities, Achievements, Financial Overview, and School Demographics.

FPS annual reports: <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/AnnualReport>

WFPS annual reports: <https://www.west-fargo.k12.nd.us/domain/976>.

Enrollment Related

FPS Early Entrance: <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/Page/344>

FPS kindergarten Registration: <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/Page/445>

FPS Immunization requirement:

<http://www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Documents/Schools/School%20Requirements%2019-20%20Final.pdf>

FPS elementary gifted program: <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/Page/345>;

FPS middle school gifted program: <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/Page/346>

WFPS gifted and talented education: <https://www.west-fargo.k12.nd.us/domain/112>

FPS communication

Go to the link <https://fargo.parentlink.net/main/login/new-account-sign-up> to subscribe to different newsletter or notifications from the school district (SchoolTalk) or each individual school.

Daily announcement, you can go to the school homepage and find the daily announcement, or subscribe to receive daily emails, which have reminders for all activities for secondary school students.

Other selected links

English learner: <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/Page/1197> or <https://www.west-fargo.k12.nd.us/domain/111>

Early Childhood Special Education: <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/Domain/369> or <https://www.west-fargo.k12.nd.us/domain/2770>

Reading recovery: <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/Page/1634>

Air force Junior ROTC: <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/Domain/106>



2. Elementary School Education

North Dakota Century Code requires that students entering kindergarten in the fall must be five years of age on or before July 31. Public Schools have procedures to admit children into kindergarten who do not meet the August 1 age requirement but do meet the December 1 age requirement and who successfully pass early entrance evaluation criteria. Please contact your resident elementary school to request additional information related to early entrance procedures and timelines.

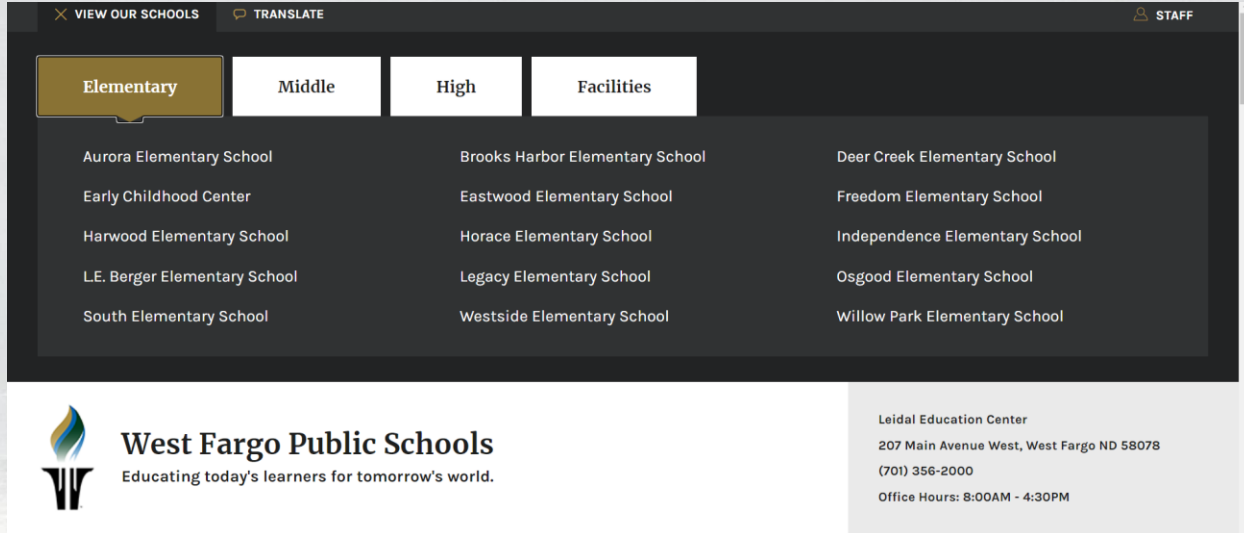
Elementary school runs from Kindergarten through 5th grade. Elementary classroom teachers teach all subjects other than Music, Art, Library, and Physical Education. Students stay in the classroom until they are led to lunch, recess, library, or other classroom, or gym. Parents are responsible for winter outdoor gears (snow pants, winter coat, winter gloves, boots, hat, etc.) for students to use during winter outdoor recess. Every school runs at slightly different times, around 8:20a.m. -2:40p.m. Children under the age of 9 need an adult supervisor at all times, and children of age 9 or older can stay by themselves.

There are 14 elementary Schools in the Fargo school district, and the average elementary class size is about 1 teacher with 20 students. Next are the list of elementary schools in Fargo.

- Bennett Elementary School, <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/bennett>
- Centennial Elementary School, <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/centennial>
- Clara Barton Hawthorne Elementary School, <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/cbh>
- Eagles Elementary school, <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/eagles>
- Ed Clapp Elementary school, <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/edclapp>
- Horace Mann Roosevelt Elementary School, <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/hmr>
- Jefferson Elementary School, <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/jefferson>
- Kennedy Elementary School, <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/kennedy>
- Lewis and Clark Elementary School, <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/lewisandclark>
- Lincoln Elementary School, <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/lincoln>
- Longfellow Elementary School, <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/longfellow>
- Madison Elementary School, <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/madison>
- McKinley Elementary School, <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/mckinley>

- Washington Elementary School, <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/washington>

There are 14 elementary Schools in WFPS, and each of the schools are listed under the Elementary navigation bar at the homepage.



Beginning in the primary grades, the District uses the Multi-Tier System of Support (MTSS) process to identify and match students to an appropriate gifted service. Gifted instructions are given in the following areas: subject acceleration, curriculum compacting, cluster grouping, independent study, grade skipping, early entrance, and enrichment cluster. Please visit FPS elementary Gifted Services at <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/Page/345>;

Standard Test:

- Measure of Academic Progress (MAP): MAP is a computerized adaptive test, given in grades 2-9, which helps teachers improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote a child's academic growth. You can find percentile ranks for both student performance (Tables C.1.1 - C.1.12) and school performance (Tables C.2.1 - C.2.12) from the link https://www.scred.k12.mn.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_3022443/File/Research%20&%20Outcomes/2015NormsReport-Percentiles.pdf
- North Dakota State Assessment (NDSA): Students grades 3-8 take the NDSA for Math and English Language Arts. Grades 4, 8 and 11 also participate in the Science

assessment. The NDSA is administered annually and is aligned to the state content and achievement standards in Reading, Mathematics and Science.

- ACCESS assessment: ACCESS is the annual North Dakota English Language (EL) Proficiency Assessment in which all English Learners must participate. The purpose of the English Learner (EL) Program is to identify and to provide specialized EL instruction for students who qualify.

Extracurricular activities: Each school may have different extracurricular activities. Please pay attention to the school newsletter, or fliers students bring home for specific activities, registration, due date, etc.

- String Orchestra, 5th grade students will have the option to enroll in a string orchestra program, usually have the program early morning before school.
- *FIRST*® LEGO® League, it guides youth through STEM learning and exploration at an early age. Please visit the link <https://www.firstlegoleague.org/> for more information. School team will compete at regional level first, then go to state if qualified. The #1 and #2 teams in the state will go to international and national competition.
- Chess club, it is usually very popular among students. The availability will vary among different schools.
- Foreign language, parent volunteers may teach foreign languages classes. The availability will vary among different schools, between years.
- Folk dance, a popular dance, considered as part of the tradition or custom of a particular ethnic group. It is provided by school music teachers, and it will vary among different schools.
- Choir, it is provided by school music teachers, and will vary among different schools.
- 5th grade math competition, please see the link <http://www.mathmastersmn.org/>. School teachers will register for gifted math class students, or you may register for your own child.

Summer school: <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/Page/715>. The Fargo Public Schools Elementary Enrichment program offers a wide variety of classes for children who have completed grades 2-5. The summer enrichment courses are intended to strengthen students' self-esteem, learn new abilities, and encourage lifelong learning through creative and enriching activities.



After school care:

- Boys and Girls club offers after school care at each school building.
<https://www.bgcrrv.org/forms-registration>
- YMCA, they will have buses to pick up students from schools.
<https://ymcacassclay.org/child-care/school-age/>
- Hope Lutheran Church, <https://www.fargohope.org/childcare/>

Transportation for Hope Center for Learning-North – A Hope Lutheran Church van will pick-up school age children from Longfellow Elementary and Washington Elementary. A Hope Early Learning Center Staff person will walk with children from McKinley Elementary. Transportation for Hope Center for Learning-South – Students will be transported from Centennial Elementary School to Hope Lutheran Church on the Energy Saver (public school) bus. A Hope Lutheran Church van will pick-up school age children from Bennett, Kennedy, Ed Clapp, Eagles, and Oak Grove.



3. Middle School Education

There are three Middle Schools in FPS. West Fargo has three middle schools. Each middle school has its own homepage. You can get to your interested school homepage by clicking on the school name at the district homepage under *our schools* or click on links below. Middle School students do not sit in one classroom, instead they travel to different rooms for different classes. Each school offers different before school and after school activities. Please visit each school activity page for more details.

<https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/benfranklin>

<https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/cbe>

<https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/discovery>

<https://www.west-fargo.k12.nd.us/cheney>

<https://www.west-fargo.k12.nd.us/heritage>

<https://www.west-fargo.k12.nd.us/liberty>

Middle Level Honor Orchestra: 7th and 8th string students can audition for the MLHO, and selected students will have an extensive group practice with all selected musicians across the state, and then present at a concert.

Middle Level all State Band: 7th and 8th grader band students can audition for MLASB.

Gifted Service link: <https://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/Page/346> for middle school.

Math, each student could be on different level of math in each grade. If a student has passed geometry in 8th grade, the student would have passed prerequisites to take classes as a freshman in High School.

6th grade: Math 6, advanced math

7th grade: Math 7, algebra 1

8th grade: Math 8, geometry

Activities: please visit the activity navigation bar at each schools' home page for more details. Each school offers a variety of activities such as Debate, Student Congress, Speech, One Act Play, Art Club, Math Counts, Choir, Chamber Orchestra, Band, Science Olympiad, et al.

Tri-College Math Contest: Over 200 teams representing more than 1700 middle and high school math students will participate in the annual Tri-College Math Contest. The Tri-College Math contest is held each year on a rotating basis at NDSU, MSUM, and Concordia. Each school will pick the top students to make up school team(s) and compete at different levels.

MathCounts: <https://www.mathcounts.org/programs/competition-series>. Each school has its team(s), and every student can join the club if the student chooses to.

AMC8: <https://www.maa.org/math-competitions/amc-8> School math teacher will give the test to advanced math class students in mid-November each year.

Science Olympiad: an American team competition in which students compete in 23 events pertaining to various scientific disciplines, including earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. <https://www.soinc.org/> Any student can attend if the student chooses to, compete on different topics with a team partner.

GeoBee: an annual geography contest sponsored by the National Geographic Society. It is open to students in the fourth through eighth grades in participating schools. <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/education/student-experiences/geobee/>

Spelling Bee: <http://spellingbee.com/> A spelling bee is a competition in which contestants are asked to spell a broad selection of words, usually with a varying degree of difficulty

FTC: <https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ftc>. *FIRST* Tech Challenge students learn to think like engineers. Teams design, build, and code robots to compete in an alliance format against other teams. Robots are built from a reusable platform, powered by Android technology, and can be coded using a variety of levels of Java-based programming.

Forensics: Middle school students may join high school forensic activities such as Debate, Student Congress, or Speech.

Sports: Middle school offers a variety of sports activities such as Dance, football, soccer, swimming, volleyball, basketball, tennis, cross country, et al. Please visit the Athletics page at

each school website. Boys and girls may play the same sports at different seasons such as tennis. Middle schoolers join the high school junior varsity team for some sports. Please pay attention to the schedule for each activity or sports practice time to avoid schedule conflict.

AMVETS Americanism Program: <https://amvets.org/americanism/> The AMVETS Americanism Program is a patriotic program the organization offers schools and youth organizations as a resource for teaching children in kindergarten through 12th grade about their American heritage, civics and citizenship. The program includes flag drawing, poster and essay contests that are grade specific and age appropriate.

PTA Reflections program: <https://NDPTA.org/reflections> National PTA's Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boost student confidence and success in the arts and in life. Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response to a student-selected theme, in the forms of Dance, Film, Literature, Music, Photography, and Visual Arts.



4. High School Education

- **High school education introduction**

In the US, high school spans from 9th to 12th grade and they are called freshman, sophomore, junior and senior. Most of the students see significantly heavier course load along with increased difficulty compared with middle school life. Ambitious students often take multiple in-school and/or out-of-school extracurricular activities and need a very good time management skill to thrive.

In general, 9th grade is a transition period to test students' academic caliber and try out different extracurricular activities to find out their true passion. Most students shall find 10th and 11th grades most demanding, loaded with multiple AP courses, standardized tests preparation and extensive involvement in extracurriculars. Fall semester in the Senior year can be crazy if students would like to apply for 10+ selective colleges, when many customized essays need to be completed. Finally, students may truly enjoy their high school life in the spring semester of Senior year while anxiously waiting for the final college admission outcome.

- **High school coursework planning**

Before entering High School, students shall meet with their middle school counselor to discuss Freshman year course load. FPS has annually published "[Program of Studies](#)", which has detailed information on high school graduation requirements as well as a brief introduction to each offered course. Students and parents may want to spend some time getting familiar with this information and talking with the school counselor for any questions.

FPS typically has 8 available school periods every day. If students are involved in many extracurriculars and need to travel often for many kinds of tournaments and meets, they may want to leave at least one school period open (take 6-7 periods a day) to have enough time to make up the schoolwork such as quizzes and exams they had missed.

Some of the high school science courses such as Chemistry and Biology have math prerequisites such as Geometry and Algebra II. Depending on the student's math level, they should plan their STEM courses accordingly over the four years of high school.

Although it is not required for FPS high school graduation, it is often necessary to take 4 years of Math classes (including Computer Science and Statistics), 4 years of Science classes (e.g., biology, chemistry, physics, etc.), 4 years of foreign language classes (e.g., Latin, Spanish, French, German), 4 years of Social Study class (e.g., history, economics, government, etc.) to give students some advantage when applying for highly selective colleges.

For more recent information sharing regarding high school planning and college application, please refer to this video link : <https://youtu.be/mIMcMqYuQ7s>

- **AP course selection and planning**

AP stands for advanced placement. AP course is arguably considered to be equivalent to the first-year college coursework. A good score from AP National Exams (4 or 5) may allow students to earn college credits and graduate from college sooner. However, most elite colleges will not recognize AP credits but do give students an edge to skip some entry level college course work. Taking AP courses requires extra effort and is often considered a great way to show college admission officers that a student is challenging himself/herself to go beyond his/her comfort zone. Taking rigorous AP coursework is risky but can be extremely rewarding.

FPS currently offers 19 AP courses while missing a few advanced level Math/Science courses such as AP Calculus BC, AP Physics II and AP Physics C, etc. Students are not obligated to take AP National Exams in May while taking AP classes in school, but a good AP score does give students the aforementioned benefits. In addition, AP courses can help to boost weighted GPA in high school. On the other hand, AP National Exam can be taken by self-study instead of in school classes.

The difficulty level and length of AP courses vary wildly. Some AP classes (Math, Science, English, History, etc.) take one full academic year while others (Government, Economics, etc.) only require one semester. AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Calculus and AP English are quite difficult while AP Human Geography, AP Economics and AP Government are relatively easy to handle.

In addition to AP courses offered from school and NDCDE (see section below), websites such as [Khan Academy](#) and [Edx](#) also offer great resources for self-learning AP coursework.

There are also different levels of AP awards such as AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, AP Scholar with Distinction and National AP Scholar, etc. Students can refer to the [College Board website](#) to find out details on the updated requirements to reach different award levels.

Each AP National Exam currently costs \$100 but North Dakota can reimburse for up to four National AP Exam fees in the STEM area if students are scoring 3 or above.

- **Intro to NDCDE education**

[NDCDE](#) stands for North Dakota Center for Distance Education, which is located in Fargo. NDCDE offers many [online courses](#) including some AP courses. It provides great alternative options to satisfy high school graduation requirements by taking some courses online at students' own pace during their free time. Although a typical NDCDE course is scheduled for 20 weeks to complete, a capable student may complete it within 8-10 weeks. A good example may be taking the NDCDE "Health and Personal Wellness" class during the 8th grade summer to satisfy high school graduation requirements while freeing up time slots for other courses during regular school sessions.

However, it may not be a good idea to take main courses (e.g., Math, Science, English, History, Social Study, Foreign Language, etc.) through NDCDE since in-person experience at school is much better and allows teachers to know students well. In addition, it costs a couple of hundred dollars to take each course at NDCDE. Throughout an online course, students need to physically travel to NDCDE office multiple times to take proctored exams.

- **Standardized test preparation**

For college admission, both ACT and SAT are acceptable although ACT test is more popular in Midwest and mandatory in North Dakota. In March of the Junior year, the state will offer a free ACT test. Students can always take more tests after that if they want to achieve higher scores. SAT test is less popular in ND, but some kids choose to take both to improve their competitiveness for college admission.

Another important standardized test is PSAT (preliminary SAT), i.e., National Merit Scholarship test. High school students take their official PSAT in October of their Junior year. If they score

well (roughly top 1% within their state), they can be qualified for National Merit Semifinalists, 95% of which will become Finalists later if they do reasonably well in the regular SAT or ACT test. Each year there are about 20+ students from ND, who become National Finalists and FPS typically has 6-10 students reaching this level. Becoming a National Merit Finalist is a great honor, and many public universities offer four-year free ride education. However, since National Merit Finalists are purely based on one-time PSAT test and there are more than 16,000 students nation-wide earning this honor each year, it carries limited weight toward top elite school application.

Sophomore students can choose to take PSAT to gain some experience, but the scores earned during sophomore year are not considered in any means. FPS also allows sophomore students to take PreACT to gain some experience with ACT test during sophomore year. PreACT is not associated with any scholarship or distinction.

Students can quickly improve their SAT or ACT scores throughout their high school journey. Research shows that a typically capable student can easily improve 100+ points each year during high school. In general, it is not recommended to take standardized tests, SAT or ACT, before sophomore year. Most students only spend 60-100 hours preparing for their standardized tests to reach their maximum potential.

- **Taking courses at local colleges**

If all the available challenging high school courses are taken, a student may consider taking courses at local colleges. Each year, there are only a couple of FPS students taking classes at NDSU or other local colleges. Due to limited options, it is often very challenging to coordinate the schedule between high school activities and college courses. Another option is to take college courses during summer, which is also restricted by course offering schedule. In addition, students tend to be very busy during summer with many other opportunities. In general, it is not recommended nor feasible to transfer local college credits to other universities.

- **High school extracurricular activities**

There are several dozens of high school extracurricular activities offered at each school. Besides Music, Math and Foreign Language Clubs, most high school activities last just a few months during a particular trimester (Fall, Winter or Spring). Some school activities require intense practice and competition, so conflicts can happen from time to time. For example, it is almost impossible to attend both boys swimming and debate because both activities start from mid-November and end in February (debate) or mid-March (boys swimming). Therefore, it is essential to plan ahead to minimize potential conflicts between activities. Each high school activity requires a \$50 participation fee with a maximum limit of \$150.

- **Sports**

Some sports will allow middle school students starting from 7th grade to join the high school junior varsity (JV) even varsity teams such as tennis, swimming, cross country, etc. Others may only take high school students. For students who are actively involved in two or three sports during the whole 4-year high school time, they are honored as 42 or 43 club members.

- **Math competition**

The most influential national high school math competitions are the AMC10, AMC12, AIME, USA(J)MO series. The AMC10 exam is for students of grade 10 or below and AMC12 exam is for students of grade 12 or below. The top 2.5% of high achievers from AMC10 exam and top 5% of high achievers from AMC12 exam are qualified for AIME. AMC 10/12 exams are not administered in every ND high school. In the past, FPS high schools (Davies and North High) typically invited 60 students to attend AMC10 and AMC 12 exams, respectively. In North Dakota, there are only a couple of students (1 or 2) qualifying for AIME each year in the whole state. As a reference, there are about 4,500 students (~ 300 girls) qualifying for AIME each year worldwide and most of them are from the U.S.

The most popular regional middle and high school math competition is the annual tri-college math contest, which is rotating among NDSU, MSUM and Concordia College. It normally happens in mid-March and the competition is divided into middle school, lower high school, and upper high school divisions. The annual regional math competition attracts more than 1,700 students from schools as far as Bismarck, Grand forks, and Alexandria MN. Each school can send 2 teams of 6-8 students to attend each division's competition.

NDSU also conducts an annual math talent search but it is not very popular in the region.

- **Forensics**

Forensics includes three activities, Student Congress, Debate and Speech in the Fall, Winter and Spring trimester, respectively. Students can attend high school teams from 7th grade at lower level and gradually advance to high level competition.

Debate and Speech have way more tournaments (almost every weekend during the season) than Student Congress which has only EDC, WDC and State Meet. In addition to State Meet, students can also compete for NSDA National Qualifier which only has two spots in each category.

- **Music – Orchestra, Band, Choir and Piano**

In high school, capable students can attend Chamber Orchestra, Honor Band or Honor Choir in addition to regular orchestra/band/choir classes. The All-State audition typically happens in early January and results shall come out in two weeks. The All-State Orchestra, Band and Choir then perform in Bismarck in late March. It is a great honor for students to qualify for All State Music for four consecutive years and receive a plaque award in their Senior year.

The annual music contests are scheduled in April. For Orchestra, there are many categories such as solo, duet, quartet, and large ensemble, etc. Students need to receive a Star rating from EDC music contest to advance to the State contest in Valley City. There is only one Outstanding award given to each category, so it is incredibly competitive.

Students may also consider attending auditions for local Honor Music such as Concordia College Honor Music and/or UND Honor Music for additional enrichment opportunities.

There are some highly competitive National level honor orchestras that students can audition for such as NYO/NYO2, NAfME All-National Honor Ensembles, etc. The chance of getting into these national honor orchestras also varies wildly for different instruments. In general, violin is the most competitive instrument while viola is a little easier. Another relatively easy National Honor Orchestra is the High Performance Series in Carnegie Hall which does cost more.

Students who are good at instruments may also consider attending high school pit orchestra which is accompanying school musicals practice and performance.

There are also a few local annual piano competitions such as the Sue Simpson Memorial Piano Scholarship Competition organized by the Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club (FMAMC). Again, students need to contact their private piano teacher for registration.

The most prominent local music instrument solo competition is the Young Artists Solo Competition sponsored by Fargo Moorhead Symphony Orchestra (FMSO). The competition typically occurs in early January at Concordia College.

- **Science Olympiad**

The high school Science Olympiad typically starts practice in December once per week. The regional competition is set in Valley City in early April while the State tournament is at NDSU in late April.

The Science Olympiad has 20+ events and students often form a 2-person team to compete in different events.

- **Key Club**

Key Club is an international service organization for high school students. As a student-led organization, Key Club's goal is to encourage leadership through serving others. Key Club provides a great opportunity for high school volunteering experience and leadership fostering.

- **Foreign Language Clubs**

Each foreign language (Latin, Spanish, French and German) has its own club such as Junior Classic League (Latin club), French club, Spanish club, German club, etc. These clubs are popular high school extracurriculars. Each of them has their respective annual State Meet. In addition, there are also National Foreign Language Exams, in which students can earn gold, silver and bronze medals.

- **FCCLA**

FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private school through grade 6-12. FCCLA is the only national career and technical student organization with the family as its central focus. Each FPS high school has a FCCLA club which organizes to attend State and National Conference.

- **DECA**

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) has a mission to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools. The four components of the organization's Comprehensive Learning Program are that DECA integrates into classroom instruction, applies learning, connects to business, and promotes competition. DECA prepares the next generation to be academically prepared, community-oriented, professionally responsible, experienced leaders. Each FPS high school has a DECA club which organizes to attend State and National Conference.

- **FBLA**

FBLA, Future Business Leaders of America, is the largest student business organization in the world. Students from across the globe compete in events like accounting, agribusiness, website design, and computer applications. These events prepare undergraduates for college and their career. FBLA conferences are also a great opportunity for members to network with each other and business professionals. Each FPS high school has a FBLA club which organizes to attend State and National Conference.

- **Robotics**

The FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) is an international high school robotics competition. Each year, teams of high school students, coaches, and mentors work during a six-week period to build robots capable of competing in that year's game. The Red River Rage is the Robotics Team comprised of students from North, South and Davies High Schools of Fargo.

- **Others**

Each high school has a few dozens of school-organized extracurriculars that students can explore and get deeply involved in. The rule of thumb here is to stick with a few truly passionate activities throughout the four years of high school (even start from middle school) so that students can demonstrate strong engagement and advance into high level achievement. In general, it is not advised to switch from one club to another year over year, which shows little commitment to their selected extracurriculars.



5. Community Activities

Math

1. Math Enrichment Program (United Chinese Americans Fargo Moorhead (UCAFM)
Grades 5-8 (<http://www.ucafm.org/en/Youth.html>)

Language

1. Chinese Language Study Programs (Starlight Chinese Language Center)
Ages 5+ (<http://www.starlight-chinese.com/zh/index.html>)
2. Concordia language camps
Arabic, Chinese, Danish, English, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish camps.
Ages 7-18 (<http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/youth-village-life>)

Dance

1. Red River Dance and Performing Company (<http://www.redriverdance.com/>)
2. Gasper's School of Dance (<https://www.gasperschoolofdance.com/>)
The Gasper family owns the Red River Dance & Performing Company.
3. Messiah Dance Theatre (<http://www.messiahdancetheatre.com/>)
4. North Dakota Academy of Dance (<https://www.ndacademyofdance.com/>)
5. Just for Kix West Fargo (<https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/west-fargo-nd/>)
6. Just for Kix North Fargo (<https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/north-fargo-nd/>)

Music

Parents may consider having private music instrument lessons from local university professors or musicians from Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra: NDSU Challey School of Music (<https://www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/music/about/people/faculty/>) and the musicians of Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra (<https://www.fmsymphony.org/the-orchestra>). You may also find teachers' information from their Facebook or by asking reference in Chinese community WeChat group.

In addition, music instrument stores in Fargo also provide some music classes besides selling instruments and books: (1) Eckroth Music <https://www.eckroth.com/t-fgobandorchtc.aspx>; (2) Schmitt Music <https://www.schmittmusic.com/stores/fargo/>; (3) Flatland Guitar & Lutherie <http://www.flatlandguitar.com/contact-1/> (4) [Christian Eggert Violins](#)

1. Fargo Moorhead Area Youth Symphonies (<http://fmays.org/>)
 - Junior High Concert Strings: grades 6 – 8
 - Attacca Strings: grades 9--12.
 - Senior High Symphony Orchestra: (1) high school strings in grades 9 through 12; (2) woodwind, brass and percussion players in grades 8 through 12
2. Fargo Moorhead Youth Choir (FMYC) (<https://www.fmyouthchoir.org/choirs>)
Grades K-12
3. International Music Camp (summer season) (<https://internationalmusiccamp.com>)
Grades 5-12, some for age up to 19, one session for adults 21 and up

Piano Teachers

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| 1. Robert Groves
https://www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/music/about/people/faculty/robert_groves.php | 3. Brayden Drevlow
https://www.braydendrevlow.com/lessons |
| 2. Yechun Wang
https://www.ndsu.edu/faculty/yewang | 4. Tammy Jasperse |
| | 5. Wanda Wavra |
| | 6. Melissa Horky |

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7. Karen Okerlund
 8. Rachel Schauer
 9. Michelle Kallod
 10. Beth Benjamin
 11. Mariann Astrup
 12. Marjorie Johnson
 13. Monica Wolff
 14. Donna Fitzgerald
 15. Alpha Roeszler
 16. Julie Adams
 17. Laura O'Rourke
 18. Anne Morris
 19. Mary Motta
 20. Sue Nagel
 21. Amy Mercer
 22. Cathie Scheid
 23. Marta Hermunslie
 24. Sister Bernadette Trecker
 25. Sharon Wesbrook
 26. Natalie Heikas
 27. Kathy Tsen
 28. Shimmer Foster

Violin Teachers:

1. Sonja Bosca-Harasim (FMSO Concertmaster)
2. Mary Weisser
3. Jennifer Tackling
4. Jane Linde Capistran (Principal)
5. Mrs Dahl, Mrs Burggraff and Mrs Schuler

<https://sites.google.com/fargoschools.org/fpsmsorchestras/meet-your-teachers?authuser=0>

Clarinet Teachers

1. Verlene Stotts stottsv@fargo.k12.nd.us (good for beginners)
2. Dr. Leigh G. Wakefield

<https://www.concordiacollege.edu/directories/faculty-staff/details/dr-leigh-g-wakefield>

3. Cassie Keogh (usually do not accept beginners)

cassie.keogh@ndsu.edu Phone: (701) 231-8498 Web: cassiekeogh.com

Cello Teachers

1. Elise Buffat Nelson @NDSU
2. Dr. Gregory R. Hamilton @ Corcordia
3. Mary Osterlund

Arts

1. Trollwood Performing Arts School (<https://trollwood.org/arts-programs/>)
 - ArtSpark: ages 6-11;
 - Trollwood Children's theatre: ages 9-12;
 - SparkMusic: ages 7-11
2. Plains Art Museum (<https://plainsart.org/>)
 - Youth classes: for learners under 16
 - Family classes

STEM

1. NDSU STEM kids camp (Summer season)
Crime Scene Science, Anatomy, Coding, Mix It Up; If I Built a Car; Get Wired; Rad Rockets; Robot Rumble, etc.
Grades K-8 (https://www.ndsu.edu/coe/outreach/stem_kids_camp/)
2. MSUM College for Kids & Teens (Summer season)
Beginning Video Game Design; Kids Minecraft; Stop-Motion Animation; Digital Storytelling; Kids iPad iOS Photography; Magical Fantasy Worlds of Art; Exploring Printmaking; Character Essentials: Dungeons & Dragons.
Ages 6-18 (<https://www2.mnstate.edu/engaged-learning/collegeforkids.aspx>)
3. DigiGirlz at Microsoft (free)

Events: DigiGirlz Day & DigiGirlz High Tech Camp Microsoft

Girls in Middle School/Junior School (Ages 11-13) and High School/Secondary School (Ages 14-18) (<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/digigirlz/default.aspx>)

Swimming

1. West Fargo Flyer Swim Team

<https://www.teamunify.com/team/ndwffs/page/home>

2. YMCA Gator Team

<https://www.teamunify.com/team/ymca-4646/page/home>

3. Red Dragon Swimming Team

<https://reddragonswimming.com/>

4. Northern Lights Marlins Swimming Team

<https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=ndmms>

5. NDSU Swim Academy

6 months and older; different levels

https://www.ndsu.edu/wellness/aquatics/ndsu_swim_academy/

Gymnastics

1. TNT Kid's Fitness & Gymnastics (<https://www.tntkidsfitness.org/>)

- TNT Babies: For babies starting as young as 1 month - 18 months
- Preschool Gymnastics: Girls and boys 18 months - 5 years
- School Age Gymnastics: Girls and boys ages 6+
- Ninja: Girls and Boys ages 3+

2. American Gold Gymnastics (<https://www.americangoldgymnastics.com/>)

- Recreational Programs: Preschool: ages 3 months-4 yrs; School Age: ages 5-14yrs; Tumbling Teens: ages 11-18; Specialty class: ages 6-18
- USAG Competitive Team
- FM Acro Team

Soccer

1. Tri-City United Soccer Club (<https://www.tricityunited.org>)
 - Academy: ages 3-12;
 - Recreational Programs: Grades Pre-K to 8th ;
 - Competitive Programs: U8-U19;
 - TC TECH: ages 8-14;
 - Sanford Power Clinic: ages 8-19;
 - Camps: U8-U19
2. Fargo Soccer Club (<http://www.fargosoccer.org/>)
 - Recreational: grades Pre-K-6th;
 - Competitive: Under-9 (U9)-U19

Tennis

1. Courts and Plus (<https://courtsplus.org/programs/tennis/>)

Ages 4 - grade 12, year-round tennis lessons for both recreational and competitive

Hockey

1. Fargo Youth Hockey (<https://www.fargohockey.org/>)
 - Termites (boys and girls age 4-6)

- Mites and 8U Girls (age 6-9)
 - Squirts and 10U Girls (age 9-11)
 - PeeWees and 12U Girls (age 12 and under)
 - Bantams and 14U Girls (age 14 and under))
 - Junior Gold and 19U Girls (age 19 and under)
2. West Fargo Hockey Association (<https://www.westfargohockey.com/>)
- Girls: 8U (i.e. age 8 and under) through 14U (i.e. age 14 and under)
 - Boys: Termite, Mite, Squirt and PeeWee, Bantam levels

Ice skating lessons and figure skating club:

1. Red River Valley Figure Skating Club (<https://www.rrvfsc.org/>)
- Red River Valley Figure Skating Club provides lessons for various levels year-around including summer. No requirement for the adults to skate with 2-5 years old kids.
 - Registration: <https://www.rrvfsc.org/learntoskate/>
2. Fargo Park District (<https://www.fargoparks.com/>)
- Ice Skating lessons and Hockey are provided from September to February.
 - Adults are required to skate with 2-5 years old kids.
 - There is no lesson available between April and August at Fargo Park District, but Moorhead Sports Center remains open for lessons between April and August. (<https://www.rrvfsc.org/learntoskate/>)
3. Local Ice Show
- All kids who attend ice skating lessons or in the club will be invited.
 - Local Ice Show Date:
 - Fargo Ice Revue – middle March, at the Southwest Arena

- Moorhead Ice Show – one week after Fargo Ice Revue, the Moorhead Sports Center

A professional skater will be invited to perform at local ice show.

4. Red River Valley Figure Skating Club (RRVFSC)

- Children pass ice skating level four is able to register Red River Valley Figure Skating Club (<https://www.rrvfsc.org/coaches/>)
- Moorhead Sports Center opens year-round for skaters to practice, while Fargo park district opens between October and February.
- You can reach out to Laura Jacobson at Fargo park district for registration, Fargo
- The RRVFSC holds four to five sessions per year: usually in February, June, July and November. These test sessions are held to provide coaches and skaters with several opportunities to achieve their goals. All tests are conducted in accordance with USFS Test Rules. The USFS testing program provides the means assessing a skater's proficiency in the four disciplines of skating: freestyle, dance, moves in the field, and pairs.

Horseback Riding Lessons

1. Rusty K Ranch

Horse club for kids 8 years old and up; summer camps for different ages 2 years old and up (<http://rustykranch.com/index.html>)

2. Red River Equestrian Center LLC (<https://www.redriverequestriancenter.com/lessons/>)

3. Jubilee Equine (<https://jubileequine.com/lessons/>)

Roller Skate

1. Skate City (<http://skatecitynd.com/>)

Downhill Skiing

1. WeChat Croup: F-M Chinese Skiing Group

- Detroit Mountain Recreation Area, Detroit Lakes,
MN Vertical Drop: 210 ft. Longest Run: 2,200 ft. Downhill ski, Terrain Park, tubing, cross-country ski
- Andes Tower Hills, Kensington, MN
Vertical Drop: 290 ft. Longest Run: 3,000 ft. Downhill ski, terrain park, tubing, cross-country ski
- Spirit Mountain, Duluth, MN
Vertical Drop: 700 ft. Longest Run: 5,400 ft. Downhill ski, terrain park, cross-country ski, tubing
- Terry Peak, SD
Vertical Drop: 1,100 ft. Longest Run: 10,560 ft.
- Big Sky Resort, Montana
Vertical Drop: 4,350 ft. Longest Run: 6 miles.

Astronomy

1. MSUM Planetarium

Any age (<https://www.mnstate.edu/academics/colleges-schools/cshe/planetarium/shows/>)

Variety Facilities and Camps

1. Courts and Plus (<https://courtsplus.org/>)

Different sports programs (Tennis, Little movers, Kids jam, Sports sampler, Ninja classes, Basketball, Soccer, Racquetball)

Ages starting from 15 months old-8th grade

2. YMCA (<https://ymcacassclay.org/programs-camps/youth-teen>)

- Sports and recreation: basketball 6th-8th grade, Baton Twirling ages 4-18, Flag football ages 3-6+, Gymnastics ages 2-7+, Rock climbing ages 7-14+, Soccer ages 3-6+;
 - Enrichment and special training: Wacky Science ages 5+, youth arts and crafts 5th-8th grade, Harry Potter book and activity club grades 2+, Babysitting training ages 11+, CPR/AED&First aid safety education ages 15+.
 - Swim school: ages 6 months--adult
 - FM Gator swim team: ages 5+
3. YMCA Camp Cormorant (summer season) (<https://ymcacassclay.org/programs-camps/youth-teen/camp-cormorant-overnight-camp/>)
- Adventure camp; Horsemanship Camp; Cooking Camp; Wilderness Camp; Water Ski Camp; Ropes Course Camp; Art Camp; Fishing Camp. Ages 7-14.
- Family camp (for all ages)
4. Fargo Park Youth Program (<https://www.fargoparks.com/youth-programs/>)
- Youth Archery: ages 10-15; art classes: ages 3-12;
 - Baseball & T-ball: ages 5-9; Basketball: grades K-2;
 - Fencing: ages 12-15; Flag Football: grades: K-6;
 - Golf: ages 5-15; Hockey Skills; Ice skating: ages 2 and up;
 - Safety course; Snowmobile safety: ages 12 and up;
 - OHV (ATV) safety: ages 12-16;
 - Hunters' safety; Sports sampler: ages 4-6;
 - Swimming lessons: ages 4-14; Track & Field: ages 5-12;
 - Volleyball: grades 3-6
5. Family Wellness (<https://www.familywellnessfargo.org/programs/youth-family/>)

Swimming school; Babysitter's training; Gym & Swim: ages 6-11; Kids healthy Cooking Classes: ages 5 and up; Teen Boot Camp: ages 13-18; Youth Basketball: ages 7-9; Youth chef series: ages 3-5

6. North Dakota 4-H youth camp

(https://www.ndsu.edu/4h/website_master/camp/camp_descriptions/)

- Tractor Safety Camp: ages 14 & 15;
- 4-H Adventure Camp: grades 3 and up;
- Clover Camp: Ages 5 to 9;
- Livestock Camp: grades 3 and up;
- Whopper Club: Fishing Camp: Grades 5 and up;
- Survivor: grades 6 and up;
- Hardcore Archery Camp: Grades 5 and up;
- Horse Camp Explorer: Grades 4 and up;
- Entrepreneurship Camp: grades 6 and up;
- Junkin'It: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Grades 7 and up;
- 4-H Energy Camp: Grades 6 and up;
- Kitchen Knockout Camp: Grades 6 and up;
- Destination Science: ages 11 and up;
- Ninja Challenge: Ages 8 and up.

Church Related Programs

1. RRVCCC Children's Activities (Red River Valley Chinese Christian Church,
<https://RRVCCC.org/>)

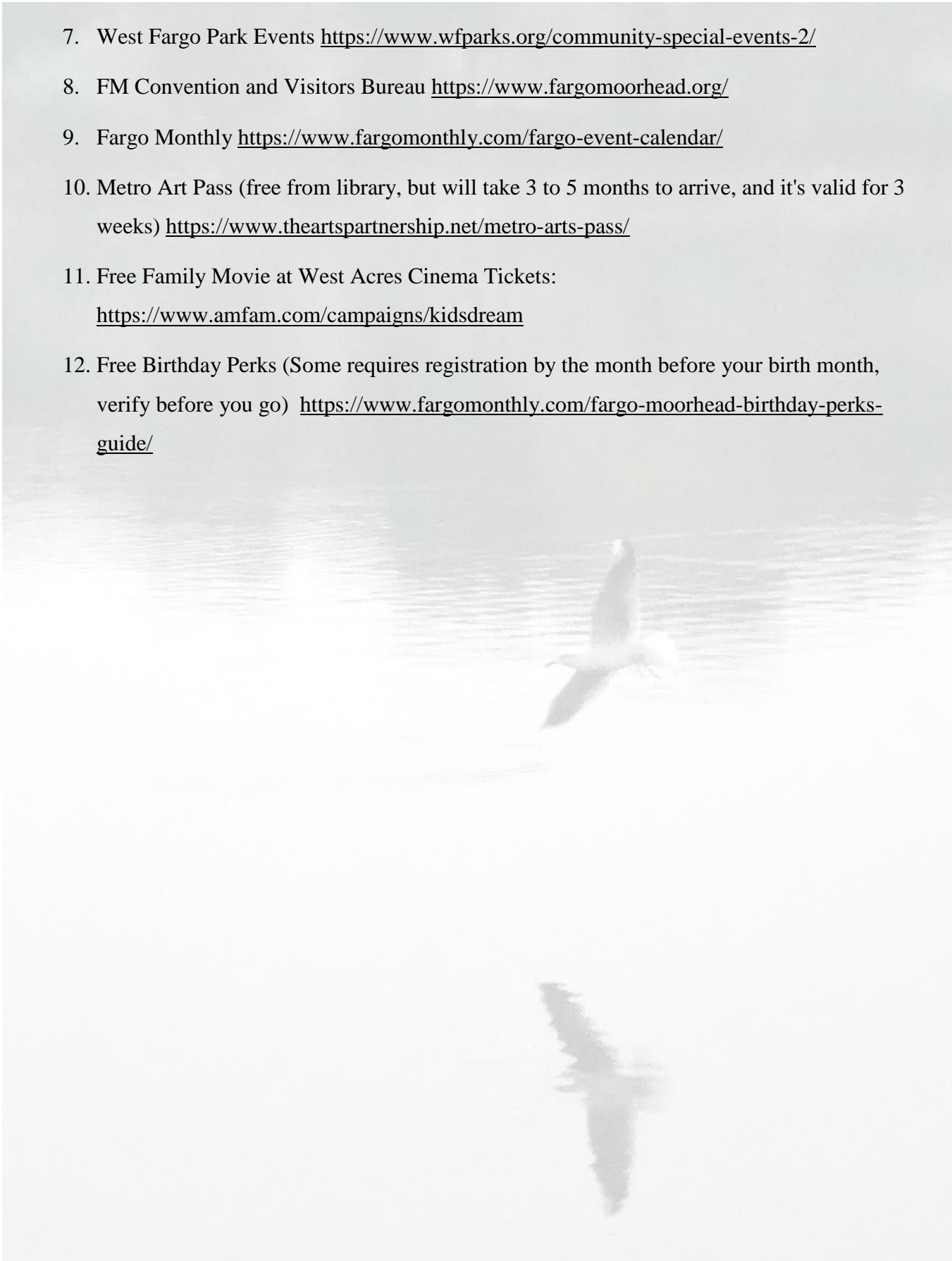
- RRVCCC children bible camp: Learn about God, Bible story through fun activities and games. Location: Cooperstown Bible camp or RRVCCC. May charge a small amount.

- Youth Snow Skiing once every year: February or March based on weather.
Location: Mickelson
 - Friday night bible story: bible story, games, songs and more
 - Sunday morning bible story: bible story, songs, games
 - Chess club: Sunday afternoon
 - Christmas celebration: every year before Christmas day. songs, dances, chorus, skit
2. Child Evangelism Fellowship of Fargo/Moorhead (summer season)
(<https://www.ceffm.org/camp-good-news-schedule/>)
- Camps: Arts & Crafts; Basketball, Soccer, and flag football; Detective; Drama; Escape; Gymnastics; Outdoor Adventure; Sports Sampler; Wacky Science; Overnight Camp; Summer's not over camp
- Ages of 6-12
3. Cooperstown Bible Camp (<https://www.cooperstownbiblecamp.com/>)
- High Ropes Course; Rock Wall; Zip Line; Low Ropes Course; Canoeing

Community Events

1. NDSU annual "Moos, Ewes and More event"
Organization: NDSU Department of Animal Sciences
<https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/academics/moos-ewes-and-more-scheduled-for-saturday/>
2. Fargo Library Events <http://fargond.gov/city-government/departments/library/adults>
3. Fargo Parks Events <https://www.fargoparks.com/calendar>
4. Moorhead Library Events <https://larl.org/locations/moorhead/>
5. Moorhead Parks Events <http://www.cityofmoorhead.com/departments/parks-recreation/parks-and-recreation-calendar>
6. West Fargo Library Events <https://www.westfargolibrary.org/calendar.aspx?CID=25>

7. West Fargo Park Events <https://www.wfparks.org/community-special-events-2/>
8. FM Convention and Visitors Bureau <https://www.fargomoorhead.org/>
9. Fargo Monthly <https://www.fargomonthly.com/fargo-event-calendar/>
10. Metro Art Pass (free from library, but will take 3 to 5 months to arrive, and it's valid for 3 weeks) <https://www.theartspartnership.net/metro-arts-pass/>
11. Free Family Movie at West Acres Cinema Tickets:
<https://www.amfam.com/campaigns/kidsdream>
12. Free Birthday Perks (Some requires registration by the month before your birth month, verify before you go) <https://www.fargomonthly.com/fargo-moorhead-birthday-perks-guide/>





6. Online Education Resources

You may agree with me that there is no way to list all websites that provide educational resources. This list is composed of those recommended by local parents, which may or may not overlap with those recommended/required by school.

1. Math focused:

Below are a few programs that are offered world-wide by Art of Problem Solving (AoPS) and have benefited some local students greatly.

AoPS is generally considered to be the most challenging Math training program which might be only suitable for students with math competency in the top 5%.

To learn more about the AoPS foundation, click [here](#). All programs at AoPS offer both textbooks and online courses. Go to their website for details about any listed course. Each course usually costs over \$400 and can span 12-24 weeks. The only free training/information offered by AoPS is [Math Jams](#), which is worth keeping up with. Once you are a registered user/student, you will receive emails regarding [Math Jams](#) events.

A) *AoPS Beast academy* (<https://beastacademy.com/>)

- Recommended for **Grades 2-7** or Ages 8-13
- Beast Academy is set up to work as a comprehensive math program. It can also be used as a supplementary curriculum in a public, private, or homeschool.
- Students learn problem-solving skills through **rigorous math lessons** taught by engaging, comic-book style characters.
- You may choose textbooks or online platform.
- Richly illustrated books teach math through the adventures of four little monsters at Beast Academy, capturing kids' **imagination**s and building their **love of math**.
The interactive online platform guides students through elementary-school math with **fun** puzzles and problem-solving practices.

B) *AoPS Online* (<https://artofproblemsolving.com/>)

- Recommended for **Grades 5-12**
- As stated on their website, “AoPS online helps **motivated students** become successful, creative problem solvers”.
- As stated on their website, “The AoPS curriculum **stretches** students to their **full potential**, while our online school connects eager students with inspiring peers and accomplished instructors. We give many of these students their first taste of a world beyond traditional math. A world filled with **challenging, intriguing problems** that **require creativity and persistence** to solve. A world where they have access to impressive mentors and role models. And most importantly, a world filled with inspiring peers who share their love of learning—peers that they often first met in AoPS classes and the AoPS online community”.
- AoPS Online courses cover a large variety of categories. To find out which course is most suitable for your child
(<https://artofproblemsolving.com/school/recommendations>)

C) AoPS academy (<https://aopsacademy.org/>)

- Courses include Language of Arts, so not only Math!
 - Virtual campus (<https://virtual.aopsacademy.org/>)
 - Recommended for Grades 2-7 or Ages 8-13
- AoPS has a campus in some of the big cities but **unfortunately not in our Fargo-Moorhead area.**
 - <https://aopsacademy.org/campuses>
 - Offered to grades 2-12

For other resources, please refer to *Section 3 – Others*. Programs such as IXL, Brilliant or Khan academy that offer training in multiple subjects including Math.

2. Second language

Second language is offered in school starting in 8th grade. Some parents choose to hire private teachers earlier on for Spanish or French. Below is a list of apps recommended by local parents that may be helpful for kids to strengthen their second language. Learning a second language demands commitment and repetition. Some parents find it hard to make children learn a second language even with private teachers, not to say just with an app. However, very motivated students may find the apps effective. All apps offer more access with paid subscription.

- Babbel (<https://www.babbel.com/>)
 - Website or App
 - 14 languages
 - \$6 - \$13 per month for subscription
- Duolingo (<https://www.duolingo.com/learn/>)
 - Website or App
 - > 31 languages
 - \$7 - \$10 per month for subscription

3. Others

- North Dakota Center for Distance Education (**NDCDE**) (<https://www.ndcde.org/>)
 - Refer to high school section for details
- IXL (<https://www.ixl.com>)
 - Website or App
 - Suitable for all grades K-12
 - As stated on their website, IXL is personalized learning, with **comprehensive** K-12 curriculum, individualized guidance, and real-time analytics.

- Brilliant (<https://brilliant.org/>)
 - Website or App
 - Suitable for all grades K-12
 - As stated on their website, “Build quantitative skills in **math, science, and computer science** with fun and challenging interactive explorations.”
- Khan academy (<https://www.khanacademy.org/>)
 - Website or App
 - Cover various subjects (Math, Science, Economics, Computing, Arts & Humanities, Reading & Language Arts, Life Skills) taught in school and for all grades K-12, as well as test preparation for SAT, PSAT, LSAT and Praxis Core. It is highly recommended for SAT and PSAT preparation.
 - Khan academy is the **only free training program** mentioned above.
- Quora (<https://www.quora.com/>)
 - According to Wikipedia, Quora is an American question-and-answer website where questions are asked, answered, followed, and edited by Internet users, either factually or in the form of opinions.
 - Once registered, you are asked to select your area of interest in order to have trending discussions or posts of your selected area exhibited to you.
- Greatschools (<https://www.greatschools.org/>)
 - According to Wikipedia, Greatschools is a United States national nonprofit organization that provides information about PK-12 schools and education. The website provides ratings and comparison tools based on test scores and other factors for schools in the U.S.
 - Once registered, you may choose to have newsletters sent to you weekly relevant to your children’s grades.



7. Daycare

There are many daycare options in Fargo. The ones with high online scores are listed below:

1. **Center for Child Development** (<https://www.ndsu.edu/childcenter/>)

Organization: North Dakota State University

1310 Centennial Blvd, Fargo, ND 58105

2. **YMCA early learning center** (<https://ymcacassclay.org/child-care/early-learning-site-directory/>)

Organization: YMCA of Cass and Clay counties

Fercho YMCA: 400 1st. Ave. S. Fargo

Schlossman YMCA: 4243 19th. Ave. S. Fargo

West Fargo YMCA: 109 3rd. Ave. E. West Fargo

South YMCA: 4225 38th. St. S. Fargo

Calvary YMCA: 4575 45th. St. S. Fargo

3. **The Goddard school** (<https://www.goddardschool.com/fargo/fargo-44th-avenue-nd>)

4665 44th. Ave. S. Fargo

4. **Sanford Child Development Center**

(https://childcarecenter.us/provider_detail/sanford_north_child_development_cntr_fargo_nd)

502 7th. St. N. Fargo

5. **Elim Children's Center** (<http://elimchildrenscenterfargo.org/>)

3534 S. University Dr. Fargo

6. **Children of Hope Childcare** (<https://www.cohchildcare.com/>)

1321 19th. Ave. N. Fargo

7. **Happy Days Childcare** (<http://www.happydaysfargo.com/>)

2824 Broadway N. Fargo

8. **Jeremiah Program Fargo Moorhead** (<https://jeremiahprogram.org/fargo-moorhead/>)

3104 Fiechtner Dr. Fargo

9. **Jasmin Childcare and Preschool** (<http://www.jasminchildcare.org/>)

4720 7th. Ave. S. Suite E. Fargo

10. **Tender Hearts Early Learning Program** (<https://www.tenderheartswf.org/>)

2360 7th. Ave. E. #3. West Fargo

11. **Hope Lutheran Church Childcare** (<https://www.fargohope.org/children/>)

North Campus: 2900 Broadway N, Fargo

South Campus: 3636 25th St S, Fargo

West Campus: Scheels Arena, 5225 31st Ave S, Fargo, ND 58104

12. **Dakota Montessori** (<https://www.dakotamontessori.org/>)

1134 Westrac Drive, Fargo, ND 58103