

Virtual Public School Students Attend Field Trips Across Minnesota

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MTS Minnesota Connections Academy (ConnectionsAcademy.com), a high-quality, highly accountable, virtual public school, recently announced the remaining field trips for the 2007-'08 school year.

What:

The faculty at MTS Minnesota Connections Academy (MTSMCA) planned 72 field trips across the state of Minnesota for the 2007-'08 school year. The field trips are an opportunity for virtual public school students to come together, support the principles and theories presented in students' lessons, and socialize with other MTS Minnesota Connections Academy students and parents. Most of MTSMCA's students and their parents participate in multiple field trips during the year, bringing field trip attendance thus far to 1,200. The average attendance at each field trip is 19.

Spring Field Trips: When and Where

- Star Tribune printing plant tour in Minneapolis on April 18, 2008
- Garden Bowl in Alexandria on April 21, 2008
- Great Lakes Aquarium in Duluth on April 21, 2008
- Hutch Bowl in Hutchinson on April 22, 2008
- Red Baron Museum in Marshall on April 22, 2008
- Community Center in Detroit Lakes on April 23, 2008
- MSU Moorhead College Visit in Moorhead on April 25, 2008
- Little Falls Zoo in Little Falls on April 30, 2008
- Pete and Joy's Bakery in Little Falls on April 30, 2008
- Festival of Nations in St. Paul on May 2, 2008
- Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota, Release at Hyland Park in Bloomington on May 3, 2008
- Headwaters Science Center in Bemidji on May 7, 2008
- Depot in Duluth on May 13, 2008
- Creative Expression Night in Hopkins on May 21, 2008
- Track and Field Day in Burnsville on May 31, 2008
- Valley Fair in Shakopee on June 6, 2008

Interview and Photo Opportunities:

- Online school friends and mentors learning and socializing together
- Student-to-student interaction
- Student-to-teacher interaction
- Virtual public school tools and facilities

Background:

Connections Academy is a leading national provider of high-quality, highly accountable virtual public schools in 14 states operated in partnership with charter schools, school districts and state departments of education. MTS Minnesota Connections Academy operates in partnership with Minnesota Transitions Charter School and serves K-11 students across the state of Minnesota, with grade 12 to be added during the 2008-09 school year.

Connections Academy schools deliver top-quality, personalized education for students that combines certified teachers, a proven curriculum, technology tools and community experiences to create a supportive and successful environment for children who want an individualized approach to education. In Connections Academy's unique Personalized Performance Learning® approach, students use daily lesson plans and curriculum materials provided by Connections Academy. Teachers develop a learning plan for each student, whose progress is tracked through a proprietary, web-based Learning Management System.

In 2007-08 Connections Academy serves students in Arizona, California (Southern and Central), Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Minnesota, Missouri (through MoVIP program), Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, Maryland (Baltimore County), Mississippi, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. South Carolina will be added in the 2008-09 school year. In 2008-09 Connections Academy will offer grades K through 12, though not all schools include all grades.

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