

**BlueSky Online School's MISSION:**

*Bringing quality online education and diverse learners together.*

**BlueSky Online School's VISION:**

*BlueSky is defining education for the 21<sup>st</sup> century by creating an individualized, dynamic education for all students. We are committed to empowering our community by facilitating relevant learning, skills, hopes and relationships.*

**BlueSky Online School's LEADERSHIP:**

Our BlueSky leadership team is committed to the BlueSky model of a highly personalized online education. Our administrators provide vision and direction for our school and supervise and support the BlueSky staff.

**About Us:**

BlueSky Online School provides a free public online education to 6-12 grade students throughout the state of Minnesota. We offer full-time and part-time (supplemental) enrollment options that are flexible and convenient. With access to learning resources 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, students are free to work during their most productive learning hours, conveniently from home or any location that has Internet access. BlueSky teachers, counselors and social workers continually strive to engage students in learning. We meet the unique needs of each student through constant communication and encouragement. Students are in frequent communication with teachers via live class sessions, phone, e-mail, text messages, and online chats.

Our teachers work from home with some office and support staff working from the main office in Bloomington. We have a traditional school calendar with students and teachers working between the months of September through early June. Our leadership and office staff work year round with office hours of 8:00-5:00. We currently have approximately 10 staff who work from the main office on a consistent basis throughout the year.

We have 90 total staff who attend onsite meetings approximately 4 times during the school year. In addition, we have an onsite student learning center where students are free to come to the office to receive teacher support or work on their schoolwork with BlueSky staff and other students. We also offer onsite student days or out of office field trips once per month for students to engage in some social activity or educational event such as holiday card making or college and career fair. The typical number of students attending these events at any one time is usually 10-20. We also use our office location for required state testing. Approximately 30-40 students attend during this time to complete their online testing while being proctored by BlueSky staff. We do not provide transportation for testing or onsite student days. Parents and

students who visit the office take public transportation or drive themselves. In addition, we have once per month public board meetings. The number attending onsite is usually 10-15 people. Below is a map indicating our current student population and the locations that they live in Minnesota along with a close up view of the metro area:



