



FAST FACTS

Groves Academy is a non-profit organization that transforms lives through education. We have expertise in literacy, dyslexia, study skills, and teaching the process of learning. Groves consists of three programs: Our School, the Learning Center, and the Institute for Professional Learning.

Our school serves students in grades 1-12 who have strong ability and a desire to learn along with dyslexia, ADHD, or other learning challenges. When our students have the opportunity to learn in a different way – with highly trained teachers, small class sizes, and specialized curriculum – they begin to experience success, build confidence, and recognize their full potential. They feel understood and included as part of a community of learners.

FOUNDED: 1972 by Minnesota parents who wanted to create a school for children with learning disabilities

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: John Alexander, M.A., Education, Harvard University

HEAD OF SCHOOL: Kimberly Peeples, M.A., Education, Wayne State University

CAMPUS: Located just outside of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Groves Academy's five-acre campus occupies a convenient location near the intersection of Highway 100 and Minnetonka Boulevard in St. Louis Park. State-of-the-art facilities include an updated kitchen and cafeteria, a media center and library, a ceramics studio, an audio-visual recording studio, a theater, and new classrooms and offices.

SCHOOL HOURS: 8:30 – 3:00, (Wednesdays 1:00 dismissal)

ENROLLMENT: 280 students from over 30 communities

FACULTY: 50 men and women, 67% of whom hold advanced degrees. The faculty includes over forty teachers, four psychologists, a speech-language pathologist, two counselors, and an assistive technology consultant. Faculty members are provided with continuous opportunities for professional development.

CLASS SIZE: Average of eight students per class in our Lower and Middle Schools and 10 students per class in our Upper School.

ACADEMICS: Groves provides targeted, small-group instruction in reading (Orton-Gillingham based approach), writing, math, science, social studies, computer technology, organization and study skills, fine and performing arts, physical education, and health. The curriculum at Groves is presented using evidence-based, multi-sensory methods that address students' individual needs. Emphasis is on building academic skills, particularly in reading, writing and math, and developing strategies for success in school.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Groves offers a rich array of extracurricular activities including art, sports, theater, science, and technology. All ages can participate and coverage is provided until 5:30 daily.

ACCREDITATIONS: Groves is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) and has twice received the Excellence in Education award by the U.S. Department of Education. Groves is a member of the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) and the Learning Disabilities Association (LDA).

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID: Tuition for the 2018-19 school year is \$29,900 for students in Lower School, \$30,550 for students in Middle School, and \$31,050 for Upper School students. Over \$1,000,000 in financial aid has been awarded to approximately 30% of the student body.

SUMMER PROGRAM: Groves Academy's Summer Program serves boys and girls ages 8-18 and is open to students from any school. The four-week program for students in grades 2-8 combines academic classes with optional summer day camp activities. Two-week programs are available for high school students.