



## 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, Executive Function, 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

**HEAD OF SCHOOL:** Kimberly Peeples, M.A.

**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 a full-size gym, an updated kitchen and cafeteria, a media center and library, a ceramics studio, an audio-visual recording studio, a theater, and a design and innovation lab.

**SCHOOL HOURS:** 8:30 – 3:00 (Wednesdays 1:00 dismissal). After care daily until 5:30.

**ENROLLMENT:** 290 students from over 30 communities

**FACULTY:** 60 men and women, 67% of whom hold advanced degrees. The faculty includes teachers, psychologists, speech-language pathologists, counselors, and assistive technology consultants. 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, executive functioning 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.

**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), the Learning Disabilities Association (LDA), and the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

**TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID:** Tuition for the 2019-20 school year is \$31,420 for students in Lower School, \$32,050 for students in Middle School, and \$32,590 for Upper School students. Over \$1,250,000 in financial aid is awarded annually to approximately 30% of the student body.

**LEARNING CENTER:** Groves Academy's diagnostic testing, tutoring, speech-language therapy, and summer programs are open to students from any school. For more information visit [grovesacademy.org/learning-center](http://grovesacademy.org/learning-center)