



MINNDEPENDENT

What is MINNDEPENDENT membership?

MINNDEPENDENT the largest membership organization serving private & Independent schools in Minnesota. With more than 168 member schools throughout Minnesota, it is the trusted place for connection, collaboration and collective action for school leaders, administrative staff, and educators. **MINNDEPENDENT** serves as unified voice to advocate for the needs of Minnesota's private and independent schools.

What is the value of MINNDEPENDENT membership for your school?

As a member school, your school has access to discounted or free resources, publications, and exclusive educational offerings. Additionally, **MINNDEPENDENT** provides invaluable support to an array of public policy initiatives on behalf of the nonpublic school ecosystem.

Benefits of School Membership

Stay Informed:

- Receive monthly **MINNDEPENDENT** electronic newsletter
- Receive periodic and timely communications on critical issues impacting nonpublic schools

Access to members-only resources on MINNDEPENDENT's website

- Members Only Portal
- Law Guide for Nonpublic Schools (updated regularly)
- Directory of Services for Nonpublic Schools (updated regularly)
- Access to recorded professional development training from previous conferences and seminars
- Link to important resources and documents
- Direct access to MINNDEPENDENT staff for hands-on assistance working through critical issues

Save Time and Money

Access to MINNDEPENDENT established discounted **partnerships** with community partners

- #SocialSchools4EDU Social Media Membership Program
- Science from Scientists (SFS) – Brings real scientists into your classroom to teach high-quality, hands-on STEM to students
- We Share Solar – Power2Share Solar Suitcase Program equipment and solar education curriculum

Connect and Convene

Attend MINNDEPENDENT conferences and professional development offerings at a discount (including members-only events)

- School Leadership Conference – members only
- STEM Education Conference – discounted rate for members
- Professional Development – free and/or discounted rate for members

STEM Expertise and Support

- STEM Grant Program – eligible to apply for STEM grants up to \$5000 annually.
- STEM Community Partnership Program – opportunities to participate in various STEM Community Partnerships Programs
- MINNDEPENDENT STEM Learning Community – online collaboration, information, and resources

Strong and unified voice for Private & Independent Schools in Minnesota

MINNDEPENDENT advocates at the state Legislature and with our federal congressional delegation

- Safeguarding and protecting programs and resources that benefit students
- Advocating for School Choice
- Working with the media on behalf of private & independent schools to spotlight the sector and showcase best practices
- Working closely and in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Education

Additional Member Only Resources

- **Access to THE VAULT**
 - In partnership with Care Counseling – an exclusive member benefit for Social-Emotional Learning Resources and Support
 - Online portal of on-demand videos to support leaders, educators, and school staff
 - Earn CEUs for each module completed

Membership Rates

For the 2023-2024 school year, dues are \$5.00 per student: or \$275 for schools with 55 or fewer students.

- **Membership dues are discounted for the first year of membership to \$4.00/student and \$225 for schools with 55 or fewer students.**

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MINNDEPENDENT connects and strengthens Minnesota's private and independent schools through programming, partnerships and public policy so members can be student-centered and mission-driven.