



# MINNDEPENDENT

## What is MINNDEPENDENT membership?

**MINNDEPENDENT** is the largest membership organization serving private & independent schools in Minnesota. With 189 member schools across the state, it serves as a vital hub for **connection, collaboration, professional growth and advocacy** for school leaders, educators and administrative staff.

As a unified voice for Minnesota's private and independent schools, **MINNDEPENDENT** champions the interests of member schools while safeguarding the unique missions that define each school.

## The Value of MINNDEPENDENT Membership

Membership provides your school with access to discounted or free resources, professional development opportunities, STEM grant offerings, a members-only resource webpage, expert support, and a trusted voice that supports and protects the nonpublic school ecosystem.

## Benefits of School Membership:

### Stay Informed

- ✓ **Monthly E-Newsletter:** Receive timely updates, resources and news impacting nonpublic schools.
- ✓ **Timely Communications:** Stay informed about legislative, educational, and operational issues affecting your school.

### Exclusive Member Resources

- ✓ **Direct Staff Assistance:** Receive personalized support from MINNDEPENDENT staff to navigate critical issues.
- ✓ **Member Only Webpage:** Access exclusive resources and content.
- ✓ **Law Guide:** Stay current with an updated legal guide for nonpublic schools.
- ✓ **Directory of Services for Nonpublic Schools:** Access a comprehensive guide to programs and services for nonpublic schools.
- ✓ **Professional Development Archive:** Access past training recordings and materials.
- ✓ **Important Links and Resources:** Quick access to essential documents, information and resources.

### Connect and Convene

- ✓ **Event Discounts and Access:** Receive reduced pricing and exclusive access to MINNDEPENDENT conferences and professional development opportunities.
  - School Leadership Conference
  - STEM Education Conference – Discounted member rate.
  - Professional Development Trainings – Free and/or discounted rate for school leaders, educators and administrative staff.

## Save Time and Money

- ✓ **Discounted Partnerships:** Access valuable savings and exclusive offers through trusted MINNDEPENDENT partner programs and services.

## STEM Expertise and Support

- ✓ **STEM Grant Program:** Apply for STEM grants up to \$5000 annually.
- ✓ **STEM Community Partnerships:** Participate in hands-on programs that connect your school with STEM partners.
- ✓ **STEM Scoop:** Monthly newsletter segment featuring STEM resources, opportunities and updates enhance STEM teaching and learning.

## Advocacy and Representation

- ✓ **Legislative Advocacy:** MINNDEPENDENT represents private and independent schools at both the state and federal levels.
  - Safeguards programs and resources that benefit students.
  - Testifies before the legislature to ensure the voices of private and independent schools are heard.
  - Advocates for school choice initiatives.
  - Promotes the private and independent school sector through media outreach and public engagement.
  - Provides guidance to help schools navigate federal and state programs and services.

## Membership Rates

### For the 2026-2027 school year, dues are:

- \$5.50 per student
- \$300 flat rate for schools with 55 or fewer students and associate members

### First-Year Discount:

- \$4.50 per student
- \$260 flat rate for schools with 55 or fewer students

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## About MINNDEPENDENT

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.

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