

ONLINE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS: ACCESSIBLE, HIGH-QUALITY MUSIC RESOURCES FOR GREATER MINNESOTA

WHAT IS MACPHAIL CENTER FOR MUSIC?

MacPhail Center for Music is one of the nation's oldest and largest community-based music education centers. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, we pride ourselves on being a statewide resource for music learning, events and community partnerships.

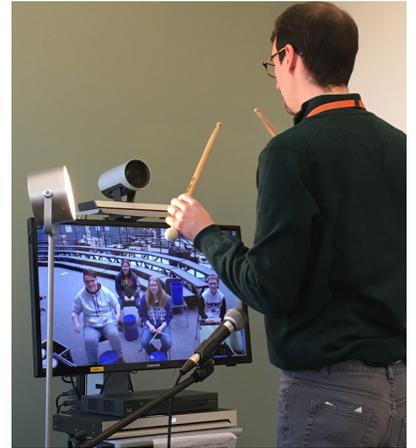
Serving 16,000 students across the state with over 127 different partnership programs, we have been an influential leader in online learning, music therapy, Suzuki Talent Education, early childhood music and community partnership programs. We have more than 240 teachers teaching 35 instruments including voice at our locations in Minneapolis, Apple Valley, Austin, Chanhassen, White Bear Lake, and MacPhail Online.

WHAT MAKES MACPHAIL UNIQUE?

Resources to a school district:

- Early childhood music for Pre-K classes
- Support to school ensemble programs
- Professional development for educators

MacPhail's Online School Partnership (OSP) program supports rural school educators through supplemental online music learning experiences. Using technology, students of all ages and instruments connect with MacPhail Teaching Artists live online, working towards goals set by the rural school's educators. MacPhail has been able to meet the demand for supplementing school music programs in Greater Minnesota bringing music resources to rural areas of the state that may otherwise have limited access.



"Skype + Student Musician + Professional Musician = A Powerful Music Education!" -Eric Stashek, Band Director at Lake City Junior/Senior High School



"The MacPhail Online School Partnership program is incredible. The teachers have been able to assist me and take my large and small groups and individuals to the next level. My program is now better because of this partnership with MacPhail"

-Tim Siewert, band director at Detroit Lakes High School

FUNDING REQUEST

\$125,000 would expand access for online music education for Greater Minnesota schools during the 2018-19 school year. Schools and private foundations contribute as well. HF 2378; SF 2198

WHY FUND MACPHAIL?

While Minnesota schools have been adding teachers since 2006, the trend in music has been the opposite.* MacPhail Online School Partnerships (OSP) contribute substantially to the strength, vibrancy and vitality to Minnesota communities by supporting school music programs.

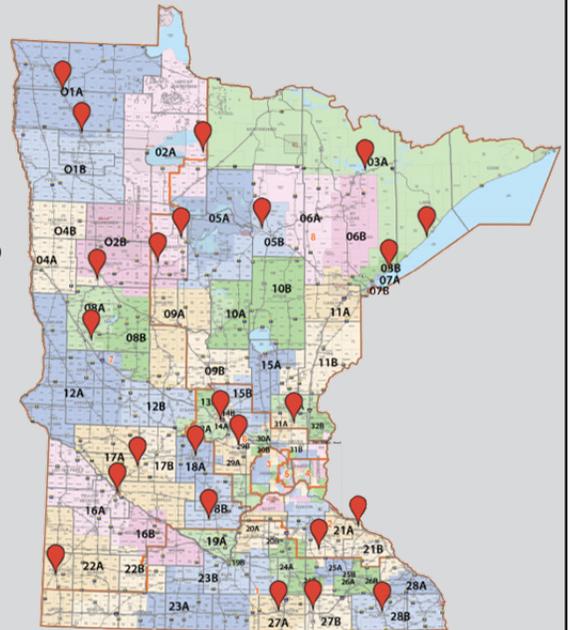
*MDE data 2006-2013



"The expertise and high quality instruction that the MacPhail staff can bring to our youngest learners is invaluable." - Martin Heidelberg, KMS Public Schools Superintendent

OUTCOMES

- 32 schools and early childhood programs received online instruction in 22 counties during 2016-2017 school year
- 1,200 students and 45 educators reached (Pre-K through Grade 12)
- 92% of OSP students stated higher motivation to do well on their instrument.
- OSP students demonstrated a 26% increase in technique
- School educators stated "by increasing their knowledge and skills in music, [students] are able to find a niche for themselves, and by doing so, are more comfortable and positive about their schooling experience." -Wilder Research



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