Albert Lea Public School District (0241-01)

Minnesota Department of Education Report Card — Key Information Summary
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1. District Overview

Albert Lea Public School District (Independent School District 241) is the largest public school district in Freeborn County, serving students in and around Albert Lea, Minnesota. The district operates multiple elementary schools, a middle school, a comprehensive high school, and alternative learning programs.

Metric	Value	Notes / Source Context
Total Enrollment	~2,850 – 3,340 students	PK–12; declining in recent years
Number of Schools	~8–9 schools/programs	Multiple elementary, middle, high, ALC
Student–Teacher Ratio	~14:1 – 15:1	Near state average
Minority Enrollment	~40–45%	Hispanic largest minority (~26%)
Economically Disadvantaged	~60–65%	High free/reduced lunch rates
Graduation Rate	~74–76% (district); HS ~86–89%	Improving at high school level
Average ACT (composite)	~25	Based on available public data

2. Schools in the District

School / Program	Grades	Approx. Enrollment	Notes
Elementary Schools	PK–5	Varies	Halverson, Hawthorne, Lakeview, Sibley, etc.
Southwest Middle School	6–8	~700+	Main middle school
Albert Lea Senior High	9–12	~1,200+	Comprehensive high school
Area Learning Center	Alt 9–12	~100+	Alternative program

3. Academic Performance (MCA / State Assessments)

Proficiency rates reflect the percentage of students meeting or exceeding Minnesota Academic Standards on the MCA. Figures compiled from public sources citing MDE data.

Subject / Level	District / School Proficiency	Context / Comparison
Math (District overall)	~28–32% proficient	Below statewide average
Reading (District overall)	~37–40% proficient	Below statewide average
Elementary Math / Reading	Math ~43%; Reading ~43%	Relatively stronger at elementary
Middle Math / Reading	Math ~18–26%; Reading ~34–41%	
High School Math / Reading	Math ~24–29%; Reading ~42–51%	Reading stronger at HS

Note: Albert Lea faces academic challenges with proficiency rates below state averages, particularly in math. The district has a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students and is experiencing enrollment decline. High school graduation rates have shown recent improvement.

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Additional Report Card Categories & Context

4. Student Demographics & Staffing (Approximate)

Category	Approximate Share / Count	Notes
White	~55–60%	Primary group
Hispanic / Latino	~26%	Largest minority group
Asian	~12%	
Black / Other	~5–8%	
Classroom Teachers (FTE)	~220–240 (est.)	Based on ratio
Teachers Licensed / Certified	≈100%	As reported

5. Finance & Other Indicators

Indicator	Value	Context
Spending per Student	≈ $16,000 range	Recent public data
Graduation Rate (HS)	~86–89%	Improving
Enrollment Trend	Declining	Projected further declines

6. Rankings & Notable Context

- Largest district in Freeborn County with a diverse student population.
- MCA proficiency rates are below state averages, especially in math.
- High school graduation rates have improved in recent years.
- Facing enrollment decline linked to lower birth rates and open enrollment patterns.

7. Accessing the Official Minnesota Report Card

The authoritative Minnesota Report Card is at:

https://rc.education.mn.gov/

Search for “Albert Lea” or district number **0241-01**.

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