

Maplewood Academy Connected Learning

grow. connect. educate. with Jesus.

MWA is passionate about providing a high-quality, wholistic, Seventh-day Adventist high school education to as many students as possible across North America. MWA views Connected Learning as its way to be true to Jesus' Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20, by bringing Christ-centered, quality teaching and learning to students, wherever they live.

What is Connected Learning?

Connected Learning is an education model that leverages live video conferencing technology to provide a complete, interactive educational experience for high school students on multiple campuses. Students interact with their teachers and each other in real time during each class, and are also trained to utilize a specific set of online tools to manage textbooks, assignments and projects, and to communicate outside of class with their teachers and classmates.

What are some of the benefits of Connected Learning?

- Available to any student in the North American Division
- Provides the option for a student to continue to live at home while being a part of a larger SDA school community
- Affordable tuition rates
- Allows home-school families to enroll on a per-class basis for specialized or elective classes
- Enhances accessibility for all students through archived recorded classes
- Prepares students for life beyond high school through use of online communication and learning tools
- Encourages an expanded friendship network with students from other parts of North America.
- Expands the Maplewood Academy spirit and community to many locales
- Enables high school students to continue regular involvement with local church activities

I'm a church/elementary school leader. Why should I explore Connected Learning for my location?

If you have several high school-aged students at your church or graduating from your elementary school who would like to attend a Seventh-day Adventist high school but continue to live at home, consider initiating a Connected Campus or Connected Individual Plan at your site!

What's the difference between a "Connected Campus" and a "Connected Individual Plan"?

Maplewood Academy offers several tiers of Connected Learning involvement:

- **Connected Campus:** refers to a connected learning site with a minimum of six full-time students enrolled in grades 9/10 or 11/12 or ten students in grades 9-12. MWA finances a facilitator to supervise the campus.
- **Connected Individual Plan:** refers to a connected learning site with 1-5 full-time students enrolled. The local site is responsible for financing/arranging a facilitator to supervise students.
- **Connected a la Carte:** This per-class option is designed to allow non-MWA students the ability to take electives or specialized classes through Maplewood Academy. Under this option, each family is responsible for individual supervision of the enrolled student.

How much is tuition?

Each tier of Connected Learning involvement corresponds with a distinct set of tuition fees. For complete financial information, visit

www.maplewoodacademy.org/tuition--fees.html

What are the start-up costs associated with becoming a Connected Campus?

Because each campus has a unique set of assets and needs, the host site's cost of set-up for a Connected Campus can range from \$2,000-8,000 per classroom, with facilitator costs covered by MWA if enrollment reaches a certain number. However, the final cost will vary by individual campus and be dependent on the number of students and grade levels represented.

What are the start-up costs associated with the Connected Individual Plan?

Under the Connected Individual Plan, the technology set-up cost may be minimal as long as there is a high speed internet connection. There are also several ways to arrange facilitation and supervision of individual students, so the cost of the facilitator will be determined by the arrangement decided upon in consultation with MWA. The full cost of a facilitator to supervise 2 grade levels is approximately \$20,000 annually.

How do I apply to be a connected student or open a connected campus?

If you are a prospective student at one of our existing campuses in Hutchinson, Minnetonka, or St. Paul, you may apply online:

<http://www.maplewoodacademy.org/prospective-students.html> or contact the Registrar,

Ms. Laura Cummings via email: lcummings@maplewoodacademy.org or by phone: (320) 587-2830 ext. 1102.

If you are interested in becoming a Connected Individual student OR are a church or school leader interested in setting up a new Connected Campus, contact Vanessa Pujic, Vice Principal for Connected Learning, via email: vpujic@maplewoodacademy.org or by phone: (269) 277-3174.

What social and community-building opportunities are available to Connected Learning students?

MWA Together is a monthly gathering of the student body at its Hutchinson campus. This gathering allows students to take part in additional learning activities, participate in ASB activities, intramurals, class meetings, vespers, as well as strengthen bonds of friendship with their classmates. All Minnesota-based students are required to attend each MWA Together. Students residing outside of Minnesota are required to attend MWA Together once per semester. Students attending within the Metropolitan area of Minneapolis/St. Paul can also participate in "Metro Merge Days" held 2-4 times per year at one of the Metro campuses.

Connected students are also encouraged to hold class offices and be involved in ASB and Campus Ministries.

Each Connected Campus has scheduled visits by a school administrator several times a year, and often the administrator will bring other students to visit the campus, as well as plan community activities for the Connected Campus during their visit.

Future plans include a Connected Campus Community Events calendar, with targeted MWA events planned close to or within the communities that host a Connected Campus.

How many campuses does MWA have?

We currently have 3 full-time campuses in Hutchinson, Minnetonka, and St. Paul, Minnesota. We also have two full-time sites in Duluth, Minnesota and Vineland, New Jersey. MWA also operates in partnership with two schools on a part-time basis: Southview Christian School in Burnsville, Minnesota, and Mayfair Christian School in Uniontown, Ohio.