

CHESS

Why play chess?

Chess is exercise for the mind! It allows players to practice concentration, critical thinking, abstract reasoning, problem solving, pattern recognition, strategic planning, creativity, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and more!

The partnership between South Central Service Cooperative (SCSC) and Mankato Community Education/Recreation (CER) allows us to offer chess classes and tournaments in our region. Check out afterschool chess opportunities in the CER bulletin and then join us for one or more tournaments this year! Tournament dates: Nov. 7, Dec. 29 and March 2016. ∞



HIGH-STEP

High-STEP Health Science Academy Experiences Exciting Growth

The High-STEP Health Science Academy is expanding to regional school districts and is adding staff.

The academy now includes the Waseca, NRHEG, JWP and USC school districts in addition to a new healthcare industry partner, the Mayo Clinic Health System in Waseca. This expansion necessitated the addition of Kim Paschke and Jessica Stensland as learning coaches.

This will be the sixth year for the High-STEP Health Science Academy. During this time, students from St. Peter, LSH, TCU, St. Clair, Cleveland and LCWM have participated in online health science instruction and face-to-face learning activities at River's Edge Hospital & Clinic in St. Peter. During the 2014-2015 school year, Waseca, JWP and NRHEG school districts combined to start a replica program at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Waseca.

“Mayo Clinic Health System supports the High-STEP Health Science Academy and believes it is a strong community initiative as the program provides students with hands-on learning and the exciting opportunity to work with highly trained health care professionals. By providing an in-depth curriculum that brings students into the hospital, health care professionals are able to show students the importance

of the health care industry through real-life experiences,” said Tom Borowski, administrator for Mayo Clinic Health System in Waseca.

Academy students are also able to earn professional certifications by completing the blended online nursing assistant course. Nursing assistant curriculum is provided online through an approved instructor and students complete lab and clinical rotations at partnering long-term care facilities including the Benedictine Living Community of St. Peter, LakeShore Inn in Waseca, Mapleton Community Home, and The Thro Company.

Maple River and USC are able to join the academy by participating in online health science courses. Maple River has been participating in these courses for the past four years. Student courses include Health Science Technology, Medical Terminology, Anatomy & Physiology, and Nursing Assistant.

Increased district and student participation in the High-STEP Health Science Academy necessitated additional staff to supervise and oversee student learning and experiences. Kim Paschke was hired as an online learning coach before the start of the 2014-15 school year. Kim works primarily supervising and supporting students' online attendance and course work.



Jessica Stensland joins the academy for the 2015–16 school year. Stensland will supervise students on-site at the academy's health care industry partners.

For more information on the High-STEP Health Science Academy contact Amanda Bell, coordinator and instructor: abell@mncsc.org, 612-554-9177, or visit the website: <http://www.mncsc.org/Programs-Services/Partnerships/Benefits-To-Students.aspx>.

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