



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Our School:**

#### **What is your school's mission or educational philosophy?**

Our mission is to “Empower student-athletes to have integrity in a society that is ever-changing and inspire each individual to hone and build upon their academic and athletic abilities to their highest potential through discovery, innovation, and high expectations.”

#### **What makes this school unique?**

Our staff's dedication to each and every student! At what school can you find teachers committed to not only taking the time to intentionally set specific goals with each student, but proactively meet to assist in attaining them? With our smaller class sizes and dedicated advisory time, our teachers and staff members have the time to invest in each student.

Our school is unique not only because of this, but our high-performance sports program boasts coaches who are highly trained and qualified to give top instruction to help each student-athlete take their skills to the next level. Our blend of on-field and off-field instruction allows student-athletes to combine their technical skills with their tactical skills in a way most players don't receive at the middle school age.

#### **Who are the teachers and coaches?**

Our academic instructors are highly qualified and experienced educators dedicated to spreading a love of learning. Our soccer coaches are high-level professionals with a track record of player development at various levels. Many have played and/or coached at the collegiate or professional level. To learn more about our staff members, [click here](#).



### **Can I enroll my 8th grader for the fall of 2026?**

Not at this time. Our goal is to incorporate 8th grade into our school program in the fall of 2027. We want all students to be able to have the opportunity to learn and grow in their academics and athletics with an extended period of time.

## **Our Soccer Program:**

### **What is your coaching philosophy?**

Our coaching philosophy is centered around the [key qualities of a player](#). We aim to create a challenging yet supportive environment where players are pushed to reach their full potential.

### **What is the level of the training?**

Our soccer training is designed for committed and ambitious players who aspire to compete at a high level. At Evolution MN, student-athletes will take part in on-field technical training sessions three days a week, and tactical training sessions where they will watch films and analyze the various aspects of each game two days a week.

### **How many hours of soccer training will students receive per week?**

At Evolution MN, our daily academic to extracurricular (sports, physical education, etc.) ratio is 70:30. This adds up to approximately one hour per day of combined on-field and off-field training athletic training.

## **Student Life:**

### **What is your student-teacher ratio?**

At Evolution MN, we are committed to having classroom sizes that are no larger than 15 students per teacher.



## **Is the atmosphere of your school competitive or more nurturing?**

Evolution MN seeks to create an atmosphere that offers a blend of both. Being a school that also focuses on sports, there will always be a certain level of competitiveness to be expected. At the same time, we seek to foster a school community that is centered around a positive educational environment that encourages students to be respectful and live with integrity in a modern society that includes many differing opinions. For example, at Evolution MN, we see it as an opportunity to teach students how to agree and disagree in an appropriate, respectful manner both in the classroom and on the field.

## **Academics:**

### **What is Evolution MN's teaching philosophy?**

We at Evolution MN believe that academics are best when students receive individualized instruction. We meet each student where they are at, while helping them achieve their educational goals. Therefore, we strive to provide each student with a personalized education that is built with their individual thoughts, strengths, and goals in mind.

Evolution MN recognizes the immense importance of creating an environment that fosters inquiry and critical thinking across all subject areas. Our teaching philosophy is rooted in our commitment to upholding the Minnesota State Teaching Standards in Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies, and our educational curriculum is designed to help prepare students for the next steps in their school careers and beyond.

We know academics that are rigorous and set at a high standard cannot be achieved without building a positive, safe community — an element of our school we consider just as important as our teaching standards. Our goal is to help students build positive relationships with both their peers and teachers. Learning is possible for any student when they have others they trust around them to help support, build up, and collaborate with throughout the school year.

For a more detailed look at our school's Mission and Vision, [click here](#).



### **What is your academic focus?**

Our academic focus is to ensure that all academic standards are being taught in Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies across our 5th–7th-grade levels. We are also dedicated to using advanced teaching strategies such as inquiry-based teaching and critical thinking strategies to maximize student learning and development.

### **What curriculum do you use?**

At this time, our team is carefully vetting Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies curriculum to ensure the ones that will best meet the needs of our student body and align with our values at Evolution MN.

### **How much independent and collaborative learning do you offer?**

It is our belief that students should have time to work both independently and collaboratively in the classroom as well as outside the classroom. At Evolution MN, our schedule is thoughtfully designed to include dedicated group/work time at the end of each day, where students will have additional time to complete assignments and work with their teacher to receive additional help.

### **What sets this school apart from other schools in the metro?**

- Balanced mixture of high-quality academic instruction and athletic training
- Smaller class sizes: 15:1 student/teacher ratio
- Extra individualized work time
- Intensive technical and tactical soccer development
- A school culture that teaches students how to maintain positive attitudes in the midst of competition, adversity, disappointment, and success



## **Admissions:**

### **What is the application process for your school?**

Evolution MN features a four-step application process:

1. Online application
2. Request for records and transcripts
3. Application and transcript review
4. Upon acceptance, complete online enrollment forms

If you are interested in applying, [click here](#) to begin the process.