

# A COLLABORATIVE, OUT-OF-THE-BOX APPROACH TO EDUCATION



The wide variety of education opportunities in Kandiyohi County make our area unique. We have nine school districts within our county, one of the best community colleges in Minnesota and plenty of other alternative public and private learning options. One thing they all have in common is their focus on creating innovative, hands-on curriculum.

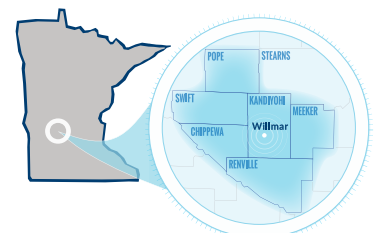
Many schools have partnered with local businesses to develop unique programs such as *KCEO* and *Manufacturing & Production (MAP)*. *KCEO* is a year-long class for high school juniors and seniors that immerses students into the business world; allowing them to learn by touring over 100 local businesses and even launching a startup of their own. *MAP* is a new course taught by area experts that introduces manufacturing careers to young talent. Ridgewater College also has an exceptional Customized Training & Continuing Education Program designed to help students and professionals of all ages receive ongoing training in their areas of interest.



From pre-school to college diplomas, Kandiyohi County has you covered.



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## Ridgewater College [ridgewater.edu](http://ridgewater.edu)

1. #31 out of 851 in the best Community Colleges in America
2. Job placement over 94%
3. Customized training for business and industry
4. Over 100+ degrees & certificates to explore

Community &  
Technical College



## ACGC Schools (Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City) [acgc.k12.mn.us](http://acgc.k12.mn.us)

1. Four-day school week (Tuesday-Friday)
2. National Blue Ribbon School for grades K-6
3. College in the Schools program
4. Participant in KCEO program



## BOLD Schools (Bird Island-Olivia-Lake Lillian-Danube) [bold.k12.mn.us](http://bold.k12.mn.us)

1. Free preschool programs
2. Integrated technology
3. College in the Schools program
4. Growing enrollment



## Dream Technical Academy [dreamta.org](http://dreamta.org)

1. A student-driven, small learning community
2. Hands-on, student-centered approach
3. Project-based learning opportunities focused on life skills
4. College readiness, career preparedness & civic engagement



## KMS Schools (Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg) [kms.k12.mn.us](http://kms.k12.mn.us)

1. Excellent band & choral departments
2. Adult/youth enrichment opportunities
3. KMS 4 KIDS
4. KMS Early Childhood Initiative (ECI)

Public  
Schools



## MACCRAY Schools (Maynard-Clara City-Raymond) [maccray.k12.mn.us](http://maccray.k12.mn.us)

1. Extensive extracurricular activities
2. College in the Schools program
3. Free transportation for surrounding communities
4. Driver's education during the regular school day



## NL-S Schools (New London-Spicer) [nls.k12.mn.us](http://nls.k12.mn.us)

1. Participant in KCEO program
2. 4-star Parent Aware Early Childhood Education Program
3. State-of-the-art facilities, fitness center & technology, including robotics
4. Small class sizes



## Willmar Schools [willmar.k12.mn.us](http://willmar.k12.mn.us)

1. High number of course offerings & extracurricular activities
2. Diverse performing arts opportunities
3. Participant in KCEO program
4. Notable student ethnic diversity



## CMCS (Central Minnesota Christian Schools) [cmcschool.org](http://cmcschool.org)

1. Impressive student to teacher ratios (12:1)
2. Brand new facilities
3. Increasing enrollment
4. Strong performing arts

Private  
Schools



## CCS (Community Christian School) [willmarccs.com](http://willmarccs.com)

1. Low student to teacher ratios (15:1)
2. Specialized instruction for Elementary students
3. College in the Schools program
4. Foreign language opportunities