Great Expectations is an ambitious, all-in initiative that aligns efforts and leverages the resources of the entire community to ensure that all of our kids have the cradle-to-career support and opportunities they need to thrive. We believe it is the responsibility of our community to make sure all kids can reach their dreams by dismantling the systemic and individual obstacles that are too often in the way.

Our Anchor Partners

OUR CHILDREN

15,094 Students enrolled in Orono and Wayzata Public Schools

71 Different languages spoken in our kids’ homes

1,487 Kids living in poverty in Wayzata and Orono Public Schools

- White (67%)
- Asian (17%)
- Black (6%)
- 2 or more races (5%)
- Hispanic (5%)
- American Indian, Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander (<1%)


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Great Expectations (GE) is a collaborative school and community initiative designed to eliminate the educational opportunity and achievement disparities experienced by children and youth in our community.
OUR APPROACH

Through intentionally aligned and coordinated action, school and community partners layer their interventions to provide mutually reinforcing programs that reach children and families in and outside of the classroom. Piece by piece, we build foundations so children can reach their fullest potential.

Examples of evidence-based rationale for Great Expectations goals:

- 90% of a child’s brain development occurs by age 5. The quality of experiences, good or bad, shapes how the brain develops. (Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University)

- Behavioral science tells us that students with post-graduation plans are more likely to achieve academic and personal goals. Developing plans prior to graduation can also level the psychological playing field for high- and low-income students. (Behavioral Scientist)

- Having strong developmental relationships across different areas of a child’s life yields increased academic motivation, an increased sense of personal responsibility, and a reduction in high-risk behaviors. (Search Institute)