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MEEKER COUNTY
Independent School District No. 461, Cosmos
An Inventory of Its Records

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OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Independent School District No. 461 (Cosmos).
Series Title: Records.
Dates: 1923-1993.
Quantity: 3.3 cu. ft. (3 boxes and 1 partial half-height oversize box).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

HISTORY OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 461, COSMOS

Cosmos School. Established October 3, 1923 as Meeker County School District No. 93; on June 28, 1954, consolidated with several other districts to form Joint Independent Consolidated School District No. 95 of Meeker County and District No. 115 of Kandiyohi County. It became Independent School District No. 461 in 1957. In July 1995, it consolidated with Independent School District No. 464, Grove City, and Independent School District No. 341, Atwater, to form Independent School District No. 2396, Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Clerk's books (1923-1953), classification register (1925-1929), class record (1927-1936), attendance registers (1937-1954), teacher's register (1953-1954), pupil records (1928-1956), census (1928-1978, incomplete), student (1976-1991) and teacher (1970-1989) handbooks, newsletter (1984-1993), registration guides (1967-1992), school board minutes (1953-1978), consolidation materials (1953-1957, 1981), PER [Planning, Evaluating, Reporting] annual reports (1982-1991), closed school contracts (1945), school district map (1941), and teacher's reports to superintendent (1932-1954).

Also homecoming materials (1966-1992), music, prom, and theater programs (1967-1993), Cosmos Community Theatre programs (1981-1993), athletic schedules (1989-1993), miscellaneous handbooks (1982-1989) and programs (1974-1990), and Little Crow-Tele-Media Network course descriptions (1991-1993).

INDEX TERMS

These records are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

School boards—Minnesota—Meeker County.
School census—Minnesota—Meeker County.
School districts—Minnesota—Meeker County—Boundaries.
School music—Minnesota—Meeker County.
School sports—Minnesota—Meeker County.
Schools—Centralization—Minnesota—Meeker County.
Schools—Minnesota—Meeker County—Planning.
Student activities—Minnesota—Meeker County.
Student records—Minnesota—Meeker County.
Students—Minnesota—Meeker County—Handbooks, manuals, etc.
Students—Minnesota—Meeker County—Registers.
Teachers—Minnesota—Meeker County—Handbooks, manuals, etc.
Teachers—Minnesota—Meeker County—Registers.

Places:

Cosmos (Minn.)

Organizations:

Cosmos Community Theatre (Cosmos, Minn.).
Cosmos School (Cosmos, Minn.).
Joint Independent Consolidated School District No. 95 of Meeker County and District No. 115 of Kandiyohi County (Cosmos, Minn.).
Little Crow-Tele-Media Network—Curricula.
Meeker County (Minn.). School District No. 93 (Cosmos).
Minnesota. Independent School District No. 2396 (Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City).

Types of Documents:

Maps—Minnesota—Meeker County.
Programs.
Schedules.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions:

Pupil records contain private data. Researchers may apply to use those records in accordance with the State Archives access statement.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Location

105.D.6.6F Clerk's books, 1923-1953. 11 volumes in 7 folders.
1923-1926.
1927-1930.
1931-1933.
1933-1937.
1937-1941.
1941-1948. 3 volumes.
1948-1953. 3 volumes.
Classification register, 1925-1929. 1 folder.
Class record, 1927-1932, 1930-1936, 1932-1936. 3 items in 1 folder.
Attendance registers, 1937-1954. 6 items in 1 folder.
1937.
1938.
1941.
1945.
1949-1950.
1953-1954.
Teacher's register, 1953-1954. 1 folder.
Covers three classes.

Location

105.D.6.6F

School census, 1928-1978. 3 folders.

Contains 1928, 1936-1938, 1947, 1960-1978.

Pupil personnel data, 1955-1956. 1 folder. **RESTRICTED**

Pupil records, 1928-1954, 1945-1955. 3 folders. **RESTRICTED**

Consolidation order, June 28, 1954. 1 folder.

Correspondence and related materials concerning school district consolidation, [undated], 1953-1957, 1981. 1 folder.

Includes resolutions, petitions, meeting minutes, and newspaper articles.

District No. 95, Meeker/No. 115, Kandiyohi, election, January 31, 1955. 1 folder.

Student handbooks, 1976-1991. 11 booklets in 1 folder.

1976/1977.

1979/1980.

1980/1981.

1982/1983.

1983/1984.

1984/1985.

1985/1986.

1986/1987.

1987/1988.

1989/1990.

1990/1991.

Teacher handbooks (high school), 1970-1989. 2 folders.

1970/1971 - 1979/1980.

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1980/1981 - 1988/1989.

Homecoming, 1966-1992. 1 folder.

Miscellaneous handbooks, 1982-1989. 1 folder.

Newsletter, 1984-1993. 3 folders.

October 1984 - 1987.

Missing May and September 1985, May 1986.

1988-1990.

Missing November 1988.

1991 - May 1993.

Registration guides, 1967-1992. 3 folders.

1967/1968 - 1974/1975.

1975/1976 - 1981/1982.

1982/1983 - 1991/1992.

PER [Planning, Evaluating, Reporting] annual reports, 1982-1991. 1 folder.

Location

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Programs, 1967-1993. 7 folders.
Music, [undated], 1967-1993.
Theater, 1972-1992.
Theater: Cosmos Community Theater, 1981-1993.
Miscellaneous, 1974-1990.
Prom, 1985-1993.
Athletic schedules (with Royal emblem), 1989-1993.
Little Crow-Tele-Media Network course descriptions, 1991-1993.
A Proposal For Our Children, November 19, 1963. 1 folder.
Proposed elementary school addition brochure.
Annual financial report, 1990-1992. 3 volumes in 1 folder.
Closed school contracts, 1945. 1 folder.
Cosmos school property description, [undated], 1963. 1 folder.
Map of school district, 1941. 1 folder.
Teacher's annual report to superintendent, 1937-1956. 1 folder.
School board minutes, 1953-1978. 37 folders.
1953-1957.
1958.
1959. 2 folders.
1960. 2 folders.
1961.

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1962.
1963. 2 folders.
1964. 2 folders.
1965. 2 folders.
1966. 2 folders.
1967. 2 folders.
1968. 2 folders.
1969. 2 folders.
1970. 2 folders.
1971. 2 folders.
1972. 2 folders.
1973. 2 folders.
1974. 2 folders.
1975. 2 folders.
1976.
1977.
1978 January-June.

Location

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Teacher's report to superintendent, 1932-1954. 28 volumes in 4 folders.
1932-1933 – 1937-1938. 9 volumes in 1 folder.
1938-1939 – 1943-1944. 5 volumes in 1 folder.
1944-1945 – 1952-1953. 8 volumes in 1 folder.
1953-1954. 6 volumes in 1 folder.