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MOWER COUNTY
Independent School District No. 492, Austin
An Inventory of Its Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Independent School District No. 492 (Austin).
Series Title: Records,
Dates: 1879-1981.
Abstract: Records of I.S.D. No. 492 and its predecessor districts.
Quantity: 7.25 cu. ft. (7 boxes, and 1 v. shelved loose).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY OF I.S.D. No. 492

Organized by at least 1866 as Mower County Independent School District No. 24; became Joint Independent Consolidated School District No. 27 of Mower and Freeborn counties prior to 1870. Became Independent School District No. 492 on September 6, 1957.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Annual reports, annual financial reports, audit reports, school census records, statistical records and reports, financial records, a textbook record (1896-1920), a high school examination record (1888-1920), and school district annexation records (1956).

INDEX TERMS

This collection is 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.

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Education—Curricula—Minnesota—Mower County.
High schools—Minnesota—Mower County—Alumni—Statistics.
High schools—Minnesota—Mower County—Examinations.
Schedules, School—Minnesota—Mower County.
School attendance—Minnesota—Mower County—Statistics.
School children—Minnesota—Mower County—Transportation.
Schools—Centralization—Minnesota—Mower County.
Schools—Minnesota—Mower County.
Schools—Minnesota—Mower County—Finance.
Student activities—Minnesota—Mower County.
Teachers—Handbooks, manuals, etc.—Minnesota—Mower County.
Teachers—Minnesota—Mower County.
Textbooks—Minnesota—Mower County.
Vocational education—Minnesota—Mower County.

Places:

Austin (Minn.).

Organizations:

Joint Independent Consolidated School District No. 27 of Mower and Freeborn Counties (Austin, Minn.).
Mower County (Minn.). Independent School District No. 24 (Austin).

Types of Documents:

School census—Minnesota—Mower County.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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

Location	Box	
111.E.16.3B	1	Annual Reports: Appraisal note: Many of these reports are duplicated in the records of the state Department of Education. Others are non-archival. They are retained here because they constitute a single bound set that documents the amount of detail that the state department required of individual school districts. Annual Reports, 1947, 1958-1965, 1967/68, 1980-1981. 10 volumes. Annual Financial Reports, 1940-1958. 1 folder. Audit Reports, 1953, 1957-1958. 1 folder. Annual Reports to the Education Department, 1921-1962. 13 volumes. These include superintendent's annual reports; applications for tuition and transportation; reports on the status of high school graduates and on teacher qualifications; and reports of various departments such as home economics, teacher training, physical education, and industrial training. [Many reports are duplicated in the records of the Education Department.] 1921-1930 1930-1934 1934-1938
111.E.16.4F	2	1938-1943 1943-1946 1946-1949 1949-1955 (3 volumes)
111.E.16.5B	3	1955-1962 (4 volumes) Annual Summaries, 1943-1949. 4 volumes. Sent to the Education Department. These include financial statements, enrollment lists by grade, calendars, book inventories, teachers' manuals, reports of various school departments, and reports of noon-hour activities.

Location	Box	
102.I.8.6F	6	Audit Reports (additional), 1935, 1937-1945, 1954-1956, 1960-1967. 4 folders. Annual Financial Reports (additional), 1933, 1935-1939, 1960-1961. 1 folder.

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102.I.8.4F	4	School Census Records: (1951 is missing) 1921-1929 (volume) 1930-1937 (volume) 1938-1939 (folder) 1940-1941 (folder) 1942-1943 (folder) 1944-1945 (folder) 1946-1947 (folder) 1948-1950 (folder) 1952 (folder) 1953 (folder) 1954 (folder) 1955 (volume)

Location	Box	
102.I.8.5B	5	1956 (volume) 1957 (volume) 1958 (volume) 1959 (volume) 1960 (volume) 1961 (volume) 1962 (volume) 1963 (2 folders)

Location	Box	
102.I.8.6F	6	1964 (2 folders) 1965 (2 folder) 1966 (2 folders) Austin Public Schools letterhead stationery, 1892. 1 folder. Bond Issue, 1951. 1 folder. School District Annexation Records, 1956. 1 folder. Statements of Receipts and Disbursements, September 1946-August 1949. 1 folder. Includes monthly itemizations of bills allowed that give details on the nature of expenditures.

Location	Box	
106.F.12.4F-1	7	Statistical Record, 1879-1947. 1 volume. Includes statistics on teachers, enrollment and attendance, textbooks, and curriculum. Although the volume begins in 1894, the first page contains statistics (1879-1894) that were gathered and entered in 1894 when the record was started. Textbook Record, 1896-1920. 1 volume. High School Examination Record, 1888-1920. 1 volume. Entries are arranged alphabetically, then chronologically thereunder. Includes a record of graduates and of teachers.

Location	Box	
106.C.4	loose	Register of Receipts and Disbursements, 1914-1921. 1 volume. Itemizes the source of each receipt and nature of each expenditure.