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National magazine names Edina a top 10 town for families

Edina Public Schools receives a perfect score

Edina, Minn., July 7, 2009 – National magazine *Family Circle* scouted the country for the 10 best towns for families and determined that Edina was among them. Edina Public Schools stood out in the survey, receiving the highest school ranking – 10 out of 10 – of any of the towns recognized. The 10 best towns are featured in the August issue of *Family Circle*, which hits the newsstands on July 7, 2009.

The magazine was especially interested in family-friendly towns and looked for affordable housing, good neighbors, green spaces and outstanding public school systems. According to a statement released by *Family Circle*, “Each of the towns honored is made up of forward thinking parents, teachers and students who are passionate about their hometown, dedicated to bettering their children’s futures and involved in advancing their local school systems ...”

Edina competed with an initial list of 1,700 cities and towns with populations between 15,000 and 150,000. From that, nearly 800 localities were selected with a high concentration of households with an average income of \$75,000. *Family Circle* then assessed which places best met its family-friendly criteria—including affordable homes, quality schools, access to health care, green space, low crime rate and financial stability—and ranked them from top to bottom.

Edina Public Schools received its ranking from Greatschools.net, a nonprofit website with a mission to improve education by inspiring parents to get involved. The site profiles more than 90,000 public elementary, middle and high schools in 50 states.

About Edina Public Schools:

Edina Public Schools is comprised of six elementary schools (K-5), two middle schools (6-9) and one senior high (10-12). Total enrollment is approximately 7,800 students. The District serves a large portion of Edina, a first-tier Minneapolis suburb comprised of approximately 47,450 people

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