Minneapolis, Minnesota
November 19-21, 2021
ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Sponsoring at the 2021 NCSS Annual Conference will put you in touch with classroom teachers, leaders, and other decision makers in social studies education. This is the first time the National Council for the Social Studies has visited Minnesota and educators and historians from across the country are coming to Minneapolis to learn, gather ideas, and shop.
HELP US SHOWCASE TWIN CITIES HISTORY

Some of the most engaging and sought after activities of the annual conference are the tours and special events that take place in conjunction with the main conference. These events offer a unique insight to our geography, history and cultural significance that many people throughout the country have often overlooked. Yet, Minnesota’s contributions on the national and global stage offer tremendous insight to how and why our country has developed over time.

The Minnesota Council for the Social Studies is looking to offer some of the best professional development and educational learning experiences that NCSS has ever provided and we want you to be a part of it!
$10,000 “Presented by” Sponsor

- “Presented by” Sponsor for all #NCSS21 Special Events/Tours
- Four passes to join all tours/special events and opportunity to welcome our guests.
- Four passes for the NCSS President’s Breakfast.
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- Opportunity to put promotional item in tour/special event swag bag.
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$250 Friend of MCSS

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WHO ATTENDS NCSS?

- K-12 teachers in public & private schools
- School and District Administrators
- Social Studies Specialists
- Curriculum Coordinators and Supervisors
- Teacher and Education Assistants
- Pre-Service Educators
- College and University Faculty
Potential #NCSS21 Tours and Special Events hosted by MCSS

- Purple Rain & Paisley Park: On Tour With Prince
- Mill City: How Minneapolis Fed A Nation
- Racial Justice and Equality In Our Community with TBD
- Old Man River: The Mississippi Transformed Over Time
- Fort Snelling at Bdote: Dred Scott Legacy with Lynne Jackson
- The Empire Builder: On The Rails With James J. Hill
- James Beard Chefs: An Ethnic and Culturally Diverse Culinary Adventure
- State Capitol: Social Studies Teachers Turned Lawmakers Tour
- Gangsters Haven: How Saint Paul Became A Safespot For the Wanted.
- Behind The Scenes: State Of The Art Stadiums - Target Field and U.S. Bank
- Story of Artifacts: Inside the Archives of the Minnesota History Center
- Building Minnesota: An Architectural Excursion Through The Twin Cities
- Story Time: A Night with Minnesota Authors and Illustrators
- Outfront Minnesota: Leading Minnesota towards LGBTQA+ Equality
Purple Rain & Paisley Park
On Tour With Prince

Start your tour at First Avenue and go behind the scenes of Minneapolis' historic nightclub! Experience the venue made famous by Prince's Purple Rain. Next, visit Paisley Park and see first-hand what it was like for Prince to create, produce and perform inside this private sanctuary and remarkable production complex. Tour the main floor, studios see artifacts from Prince's personal archives, including iconic concert wardrobe, awards, musical instruments, artwork, motorcycles, rare music and video recordings.
Mill City
How Minneapolis fed a nation

Mill City Museum was built within the ruins of the Washburn A Mill, the flagship mill of the Washburn-Crosby Co. (later General Mills). It was the largest and most technologically advanced flour mill in the world when it was completed in 1880. Millers at the Washburn mills in the 1870s perfected a new process for milling, a revolution that made fine wheat flour available to the masses for the first time. Soon thereafter Minneapolis became the flour milling capital of the world, a title it held from 1880 to 1930.
Old Man River
Mississippi River Transformed Over Time

Start your trip on the banks of the Mississippi River at the Falls of Saint Anthony. Learn how the milling industry transformed the river town into the breadbasket of the world. Visit the Harriet Island Pavilion in St. Paul and learn how the park was initially very popular, but pollution from the Mississippi River forced the bathhouse to close in 1919. Learn how Saint Paul cleaned the “Big Muddy” and transformed it into a recreational area. Visit a lock and dam to learn how goods travel via barge along the river.
Join us for an evening with Lynne Jackson, the great great granddaughter of Dred and Harriet Scott and the President and founder of The Dred Scott Heritage Foundation. Learn how the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1857 decision, based in-part on the Scotts time at Fort Snelling in Minnesota, split the nation in two prior to the outbreak of war in 1861. The Foundation’s goal is to promote the commemoration, education, and reconciliation of our histories with an eye towards helping to heal the wounds of the past.
Minnesota Chefs
An Ethnic and Culturally Diverse Culinary Adventure
Session Details TBD
Speaker TBD

Racial Justice and Equality in our Schools.

Session Details TBD
Story Time
A Night with Minnesota Authors & Illustrators

Share an evening with our wonderful community of local children’s authors and illustrators from Minnesota. Hear from the authors of fiction and non-fiction about their inspiration behind books about penguins, families, race, imagination and of course... Minnesota history! Here how their words and artwork have helped students across the country learn about the world around them and how their work has inspired students to enjoy reading and become writers and illustrators themselves.
The Empire Builder
On The Rails
with James J. Hill

Completed in 1891 by railroad magnate James J. Hill, the red sandstone residence is well-known for its rugged stone exterior, massive scale, fine detail and ingenious mechanical systems, and recalls the powerful era of the Northwest’s “Empire Builder.” Discover the splendor of Minnesota’s Downton Abbey—a 36,000-square-foot Gilded Age mansion—and imagine what life was like for the Hill family, their servants, workers, and guests.
State Capitol
Social Studies Teachers Turned Lawmakers Tour

Tour the Minnesota State Capitol with social studies teachers turned civil servants. Completed in 1905, the Minnesota State Capitol is used by the Minnesota governor, Supreme Court, Senate and House of Representatives. Designed by Cass Gilbert, who was known for his classical style and pioneering skyscrapers, the Capitol features the second-largest self-supporting marble dome in the world, works by important 19th- and 20th-century artists, and battle flags from the Civil and Spanish-American Wars.
Behind the Scenes
State of the art stadiums: Target Field & U.S. Bank

Receive a tour of Target Field from MLB’s only Full Time Curator - and former social studies teacher - Clyde Doepner. Visit the Herb Carneal Press Box, clubhouse, dugout and see the artowrk and memorabilia and learn about the environmental and sustainability features of the stadium. When you visit U.S. Bank Stadium, It's more than just a tour – it’s a backstage pass to the home of NCAA Championships, the Summer X Games, and Super Bowl LII. Learn about the building architecture and the inner workings of the stadium.
Story of Artifacts
Inside the archives of the Minnesota History Center

The Minnesota Historical Society preserves Minnesota’s past, shares our state’s stories and connects people with history in meaningful ways, for today and for tomorrow. Because history matters! We’re part of Minnesota’s rich history. Since 1849, we’ve grown to become one of the largest and most prestigious historical societies in the country. We play an important role in our state’s historic preservation, education and tourism; and provide the public with award-winning programs, exhibitions and events.
Gangsters Haven
How Saint Paul became a safespot for the wanted.

Discover the history of Gangsters in St. Paul. Notorious criminals came here from across the nation seeking refuge from the law, and they found it here from a most unlikely source! From Kidnappings of family members of the Hamm's and Schmidt Brewing companies to the hideouts of criminals such as the Barker-Karpis Gang and John Dillinger. Learn why Machinegun Kelly Capone and others found refuge in the “Saintly” city of Saint Paul, Minnesota.
Building Minnesota
An architectural excursion through the Twin Cities

The Mississippi River shaped the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, both geographically and culturally. Because St. Paul was a river port and private enterprise zone, it matured far sooner. Its architecture reflects a European and Victorian-era influence. A dozen miles upstream, Minneapolis grew up on hydro power from St. Anthony Falls. By the time it opened up for private development, building styles had changed and today we see early Prairie Style homes and overall a more modern appearance.
Outfront Minnesota
Leading MN towards LGBTQA+ Equality

Learn how OutFront Minnesota is committed to the mission to create a state where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people are free to be who they are, love who they love, and live without fear of violence, harassment or discrimination. Develop strategies for how to offer community organizing and coalition building, public policy, anti-violence, education training and youth and schools Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Network in your school.