

# Miss Kendra MN FAQ

## Application

### ***Which Schools are eligible for the MN Expansion Initiative?***

Elementary schools based in Minnesota, meeting virtual, hybrid or in-person are eligible to apply. Schools must be willing to implement the program school-wide and have evidence of previous trauma-informed practices.

### ***Is my school ready for Miss Kendra Programs?***

Miss Kendra Programs are looking for elementary schools that have training in trauma-informed care, that can make a whole-school commitment to the program's guiding principles of trauma-sensitivity, non-punitive discipline, a whole-child approach, and that are prepared to sustain the program after the initial year. If your school is ready to move beyond being trauma-informed and ready to address trauma proactively, download an application to become a Miss Kendra school.

### ***What makes Miss Kendra different?***

Miss Kendra Programs offer an established, cost-effective, and sustainable intervention to help meet the emotional needs of children as they return to school by giving them a safe space to share their stressors and worries and by equipping schools to create whole-school environments that welcome open conversation about stressful experiences.

Miss Kendra provides training for teachers so they have the tools to support SEL in their classrooms moving forward.

The program aims to transform and deepen the relationship between student and teacher, which is the foundation of education. Education is what happens between a teacher and a student. Trauma directly interferes with the health of that relationship, and the health of both the student and the teacher.

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### ***Who can apply for Miss Kendra Programs?***

Anyone who is working on behalf of the whole school can apply for Miss Kendra Programs. This can include the principal, teacher, superintendent, community organizations and/or parents.

### ***What is the cost of becoming a Miss Kendra School?***

Becoming a Miss Kendra School costs approximately \$25,000 for Year 1 launch and implementation, depending on school size, and is \$5,000 per year in subsequent years. This covers:

- Initial 5.5-hour training for teachers, social support staff, and administrative staff conducted on-site or online by experienced Miss Kendra trainers
- Ongoing phone coaching/supervision of school personnel, follow-up visits, and ongoing support for school administrators to monitor program success from Miss Kendra Program staff
- Official Miss Kendra materials
- Identification as a “Miss Kendra school”

### ***Miss Kendra Programs is offering \$20,000 grants for the first year. How do I fund the rest?***

Schools fund the program in a variety of different ways – as part of their district/school budget, as part of a grant, with PTO funds or as a collaboration with other community entities. The Miss Kendra team can help provide language for grants or other funding applications if needed.

### ***Our school district has multiple elementary schools. If we want to launch Miss Kendra Programs in all of our schools can we apply as a district? Are we eligible for multiple grants?***

Indicate your needs in the application. Miss Kendra Programs staff will consult with you about pricing for multiple schools.