



IMMIGRANT EDUCATION

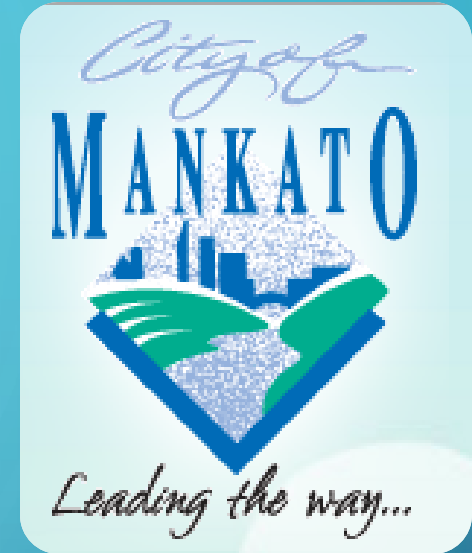
THE
DIVERSIFICATION OF
OUR MANKATO
COMMUNITY

THE ISSUE

- Immigrant Education includes:
 - Primary & Secondary
 - Adult
 - Language
- Adjustment to new culture

“Since 2000, the non-white population in Blue Earth County and neighboring Nicollet County has increased nearly 50 percent, from 3,186 to 4,770”

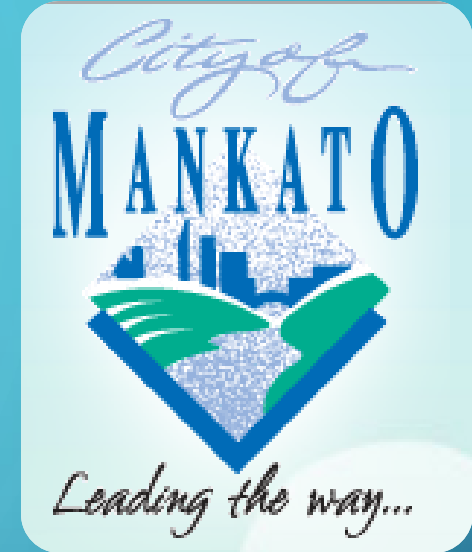
~ Elizabeth Baier, Minnesota Public Radio



THE ISSUE

Mankato school district facts:

- More than 17% non-white student population
- Majority of non-white population are immigrants
- Students in need of ESL curriculum
- Students learning English



AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- Mankato School District
 - ESL instructors and curriculum
- YWCA
 - Ready 2 Learn
 - Walking in 2 Worlds
- Lincoln Community Center
 - Lincoln Logs
 - Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes



<http://www.mankatocer.com/page/2912>

CURRENT LIMITATIONS



- Available Personnel
 - YWCA volunteers
 - ESL instructors
- Financials
 - Supporting family while learning English
 - Fees
 - TRANSPORTATION
- Sense of Community

MY VISION



START SMALL

- Access to transportation
- Educate others in positions to help
- Volunteers
 - ESL instructors
 - Non-profit organizations



WHAT ABOUT YOU?

- Greet immigrant families/be welcoming
- Contact YWCA or Lincoln Community Center if interested in volunteering
 - Ready 2 Learn Program
 - Walking in 2 Worlds
 - Adult Basic Education classes
 - Language classes

CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT



- Self-Educate
 - Culturally relevant pedagogy
 - Interacting with diverse student populations through teaching experiences
- Volunteer Abroad Experience
- R2L Summer Program

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