

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** March 14, 2025

**Public comment period ends:** May 20, 2025

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to issue this permit for a term of approximately 10 years.

**Name and address of Permittee:**

Liberty Classical Academy  
10158 122nd St N  
Hugo, MN 55038-9428  
  
3878 Highland Ave  
White Bear Lake, MN 55110-4240

**Facility name and location:**

Liberty Classical Academy  
10158 122nd St N  
Hugo, MN 55038-9428  
Washington County

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844-828-0942

A draft permit is available for review on the MPCA Public Notices webpage at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/public-comments>. Additional materials relating to the issuance of this permit are available for inspection by appointment at any MPCA office (<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/contact-us>) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The MPCA will mail or email a copy of the draft permit upon request. Comments, petitions, and other requests must be received at the MPCA in writing on or before the public comment period end date and U.S. Mail comments must be received by 4:30 p.m.

**Public Notice Change:**

This draft permit was originally public noticed on March 14, 2025 with an end date of April 14, 2025. The Public Notice has been extended to end on May 20, 2025 to accommodate for a Public Informational Meeting. A Public Informational Meeting was requested and is scheduled to take place during the extended public notice period.

**Watershed:** Lower St. Croix River

## Description of Liberty Classical Academy

Liberty Classical Academy Wastewater Treatment facility is located at 10158 122nd Street North, Hugo, Minnesota 55038-9428, Washington County.

The facility discharges from (WS 003) to land via a drainfield. The facility is a Class C.

The facility is designed to treat domestic wastewater from a school that services a maximum of 850 students and 150 staff and:

- an average wet weather (AWW) flow of 0.025625 million gallons per day (mgd);
- five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>) of 37.3 pounds per day (lb/day);
- total suspended solids (TSS) of 21.8 lb/day; and
- ammonia nitrogen of 21.8 lb/day.

The facility will be constructed over 2 phases. The final proposed design flow for Phase 1 is 10,375 gallons per day (gpd) and Phase 2 is an additional 15,250 gpd. A total permit flow of 25,625 gpd is proposed.

**Phase 1:**

The system will consist of a raw sewage pump with surge tank, flow meter manhole, 20,000 gallon two compartment septic tank, 20,000 gallon equalization tank, MBBR treatment train including two 20,000 gallon tanks. MBBR treatment tank 1 includes 10,000 gallon pre-anoxic zone with effluent return, 5,000 gallon aerobic zone, and 5,000 gallon nitrification zone. MBBR treatment tank 2 includes a 6,500 gallon anoxic swing tank with carbon addition, and two 6,500 gallon clarification tanks with sloped bottoms, 12,000 gallon dosing tank, and 10 individual mounds.

## Phase 2:

Construction of additional 20,000 gallon two compartment septic tank, 20,000 gallon equalization tank, an additional MBBR Treatment tank 1 includes 10,000 gallon pre-anoxic zone with effluent return, 5,000 gallon aerobic zone, and 5,000 gallon nitrification zone, and 11 individual mounds.

The preliminary determination to issue this Wastewater permit is tentative.

## Procedure for public participation

As stated in Minn. R. chs. 7000 and 7001, there are three formal procedures for public participation in the MPCA's consideration of this matter. Interested persons may:

- 1) Submit written comments on the draft permit.
- 2) Petition the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting.
- 3) Petition the MPCA to hold a contested case hearing.

## Submitting written comments

Comments may be submitted:

- 1) Online at <https://mpca.commentinput.com/comment/search>; or
- 2) By U.S. postal mail to the following address:  
Laura Lacquement  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
714 Lake Ave Suite 220  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Submitted comments or petitions must state:

- 1) Your interest in the permit application or the draft permit.
- 2) The action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the draft permit you believe should be changed.
- 3) The reasons supporting your position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the MPCA to investigate the merits of the position.

## Public informational meeting

A public informational meeting is an informal meeting during which interested persons can ask questions concerning the proposed facility. MPCA staff will be present to provide information. If an interested person would like the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting, the person should include all information identified above and in addition include a statement of the reasons the person desires the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting and the issues that the person would like the agency to address at the public informational meeting.

The Commissioner has scheduled a virtual public informational meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 6 pm. More information can be found at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/events-and-meetings>. Please notify the MPCA within 14 days of the public informational meeting if you would like to request a translator or interpreter for the upcoming public meeting.

## Contested Case Hearing

A contested case hearing is a formal proceeding before an administrative law judge empowered to advise the MPCA regarding issues of fact. As described in Minn. R. 7000.1800, persons who submit petitions for a contested case hearing must also state the issues they propose to address in a contested case hearing, the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter, and the reasons (which may be in the form of proposed findings) supporting an MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing. Failure to comply with these rules exactly may result in a denial of the request. To the extent known, the petitioner may also submit a list of prospective witnesses to be called at a hearing, a proposed list of publications, references, or studies to be introduced at a hearing and the approximate time required for the petitioner to present the matter at a hearing. The decision whether to hold a contested case hearing will be made under Minn. R. 7000.1900.