



South Washington Alternative High School

Grades 10-12

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South Washington Alternative High School is one of **4** South Washington County High Schools.



SWAHS has **21** caring staff members who encourage and personalize learning for each student.



100+ students are enrolled at South Washington Alternative High School.

Spotlight on SWAHS

SWAHS offers an alternative learning environment with small class sizes that help students become career and college ready. At SWAHS, all staff members are committed to helping every student feel supported and included. Teachers work to personalize student learning through one-on-one conversations and building relationships.

SWAHS Students have a variety of career readiness options including enrollment in career and technical training at Northeast Metro 916 and earning credits through employment. In addition, students take part in field trips focused on service learning, as well as college and career preparation. SWAHS also offers the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, which helps students develop organizational skills and study habits that they can use to be successful in college.

Graduation Requirements

66 credits required for graduation (1 credit per class per trimester).

English: 12 credits
Mathematics: 9 credits
Science: 9 credits
Social Studies: 9 credits
Fine Arts: 2 credits

General Phy Ed: 1 credit
Health: 1 credit
Economics: 1 credit
Electives: 22 credits



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“At SWAHS we provide an individualized learning environment where all are welcome and accepted. The staff at SWAHS look for ways to connect with all students so that they can support them as they define and adapt their futures.”
– Nick Falde, SWAHS Principal



Curriculum Features

- The Achievement Lab at SWAHS is designed for students in grades 10-12 to complete coursework through a blend of teacher supported instruction, independent study and online learning.
- Work-based learning allows students to earn credits while working with a local employer.
- Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) allows students to earn college credit while attending high school.



South Washington County Schools: An east metro school district serving all or parts of the communities of Cottage Grove, Newport, St. Paul Park and Woodbury, and Afton, Denmark and Grey Cloud Townships, Minnesota.