



# 2021-2022 High School Profile

## Our School

**Website:** [www.slpschools.org](http://www.slpschools.org)

**School Code:** 242-205

Four-year public high school,  
Grades 9-12

**Enrollment:** 1,547

**Size of Senior Class:** 400

**School Year:** 2 semesters, 7 period days

## Distinctions

- Nationally Designated School of Excellence
- Named 30th Best Public High School for College Prep in Minnesota by Niche
- International Baccalaureate School
- Four-year graduation rate of 92.3% (class of 2020)

## Administration

### Superintendent

Astein Osei

### Principal

LaNisha Paddock

### Assistant Principals

Jessica Busse

Todd Goggeye

### Student Services Staff

Barb Nelson, Gr. 9 Counselor

Laura King, Gr. 10 Counselor

Kelsey Milne, Gr. 11 Counselor

Heidi Cosgrove, Gr. 12 Counselor

Marlee Nirenstein, Social Worker

Kjirsten Hanson, Social Worker

Kara Mueller, CCR/CTE Coordinator

Kelly Brown, BARR Coordinator

Alissa Case, Enrichment Coordinator



## Our Community

St. Louis Park is a western suburb of Minneapolis with a population of approximately 49,000 residents. Students come from diverse cultural, educational, and economic backgrounds. St. Louis Park is a “Children First” community, and has become a national model by using developmental-asset research to promote positive community attitudes that help children grow toward healthy adult lives.

## International Baccalaureate

St. Louis Park High School became an IB World School in 2000. The IB Program is a rigorous two-year college preparatory program. Juniors and seniors can self-select to enroll in individual IB courses or be a full diploma candidate. If you have any questions concerning the IB Program, please contact Alissa Case at 952-928-6024 or [case.alissa@slpschools.org](mailto:case.alissa@slpschools.org).

## Faculty

St. Louis Park High School has 96 licensed teachers on staff, including 83 that hold advanced degrees.

## 12 AP Courses Offered

- AP Calculus
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP U.S. History
- AP Statistics
- AP Psychology
- AP European History
- AP World History
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- AP Spanish Literature & Culture

## 38 IB Courses Offered

- IB English A Language and Literature SL-1 & SL-2
- IB English A Literature HL-1 & HL-2
- IB Film SL
- IB Extended Essay
- IB Visual Arts SL
- IB Math SL Analysis Year 1 & Year 2
- IB Math HL Analysis Year 1 & Year 2
- IB Chemistry SL
- IB Physics SL
- IB Biology HL-1 & HL-2
- IB Sports, Exercise and Health Science SL
- IB Psychology SL
- IB History HL-1: History of the Americas
- IB History SL: History of Authoritarian States
- IB History HL-2: History of Authoritarian States
- IB French Language B SL-1 & SL-2
- IB German Language B SL-1 & SL-2
- IB Hebrew Language B SL-1 & SL-2
- IB Spanish Language B SL-1 & SL-2
- IB Spanish Language B HL-1 & HL-2
- IB Spanish Language and Literature SL-1 & SL-2
- Theory of Knowledge

## 20 CTE Courses Offered

*Students can get Technical or Community College credit by taking these courses.*

- A+ Computer Tech I & II
- Business Innovations
- Construction Technologies
- Digital Artwork Design
- Digital Photography
- Engineering II
- Fashion Marketing and Merchandising
- Health Care Core
- Health Professions Terminology
- Information Communications Literacy
- Introduction to Accounting
- Introduction to Architectural and Engineering CAD
- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Introduction to Graphic Design
- Introduction to Marketing
- Media Arts
- Photography
- Woodworking I & II

## Student Population (9-12)

White .....	51.3%
Black/African American .....	24.5%
Hispanic/Latino .....	12.7%
Two or More Races .....	7.7%
Asian.....	3.2%
American Indian/Alaska Native .....	.5%
English Learners .....	6.4%
Special Education .....	8.9%
Free/Reduced Lunch .....	25.4%

## Post Secondary Plans

Of the 2019 graduating class, 76% chose to attend a post-secondary institution. 63% of those students chose to attend an institution in Minnesota, while 37% chose an institution outside of Minnesota. Of those students who chose an institution in Minnesota, 27% chose a 4-year institution, while 37% chose a 2-year institution.

## Testing

### ACT 2020 Summary Report

<b>Mean Scores</b>	<b>SLP HS</b>
English.....	20.79
Math .....	20.99
Reading.....	22.82
Science.....	22.06
<b>Composite .....</b>	<b>21.80</b>

### Advanced Placement

In 2020, 516 students took 752 AP exams, earning an average score of 3.0; 62% of all exams were 3 or higher.

### International Baccalaureate

In 2020, 183 students took 367 IB exams. Diploma candidates earned an average score of 4.71. There were 9 students that were awarded the IB Diploma.

### National Merit Scholarship Program for 2021-22

Based on PSAT results, five students were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program, including one semifinalist and four commended scholars.

## Graduation Requirements

All students are required to earn 46 semester credits. Credit requirements by subject area are: English (8 credits), Social Studies (8 credits), Math (6 credits), Science (6 credits), Health (1 credit), Physical Education (1 credit), Fine Arts (2 credits), and Electives (14 credits).

## Grading System

A standard 4.0 grading system with letter grades of A, B, C, D, or F is used. Accelerated, Honors, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate classes are not weighted as part of the student's grade point average (GPA). A "P" for pass is included as a credit toward graduation, but does not count toward a student's GPA. Class rank is based on GPA and includes all marks earned in grades 9-12.

### Important Note About Covid-19 Impact on Grading

#### School year 2019-2020, *semester two only.*

- The high school adopted a hold harmless and equitable grading policy.
- All students for semester 2 issued a Pass(P) for any class between 60-100%.
  - This was not factored into the G.P.A.
- Any grades below 60% were issued a No Grade (N)
  - This was not factored into the G.P.A.

#### Addendum Transcript

- A 2nd-page transcript is available, on student request, that shows the percentages earned for semester two.
- These percentages are available to detail the percentage earned for Pass(P).
  - These percentages are not included in the G.P.A.

#### School year 2020-2021, *both semester one and semester two.*

- Due to the continuation of the pandemic, the high school wanted to offer a choice in grade reporting.
- The student could choose to take any grade as a Pass(P) grade
  - This was not factored into the G.P.A.
- Any grades that were between 60-69% were automatic Pass(P) grades
- Any grades below 60% were issued a No Grade (N)
  - This was not factored in the G.P.A.



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## Extracurricular Activities

### 26 Varsity Athletic Teams

#### FALL

Cross Country (B/G)  
Football  
Soccer (B/G)  
Swimming (G)  
Tennis (G)  
Volleyball (G)

#### WINTER

Basketball (B/G)  
Gymnastics  
Hockey (B/G)  
Nordic Skiing (B/G)  
Swimming (B)

#### SPRING

Baseball  
Golf (B/G)  
Lacrosse (B/G)  
Softball  
Synchronized Swimming  
Tennis (B)  
Track & Field (B/G)

### Clubs and Organizations

St. Louis Park High School has a wide array of clubs and organizations including fine arts opportunities such as theater, band, orchestra, and choir; an award-winning student newspaper and yearbook; academic-based opportunities such as math team and quiz bowl; a robotics team; a computer repair club; a nationally recognized eSports team; a drone racing team; and many others.

## Notable Alumni

**Thomas Friedman**, *New York Times* columnist, author

**Joel and Ethan Coen**, film directors, screenwriters, producers

**Dan Israel**, musician and songwriter

**Jim Petersen**, former NBA player, current Timberwolves analyst

**Peggy Orenstein**, author, writer for *New York Times Magazine*

**Marc Trestman**, NFL coach, former coach of Chicago Bears

**Dan Wilson**, lead singer of Trip Shakespeare and Semisonic

**Peggy Flanagan**, current Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota

