



Park High School

Grades 9-12

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School Hours:
8:30 a.m. - 3:06 p.m.

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College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) Code: 242-340

School and Community

- Year opened: 1965
- Enrollment: 1,925 students
- Number of licensed staff members: 106
- Staff with advanced degrees: 83
- 2022-2023 senior class size: 461 students
- Four-year graduation rate (2020): 92%



Park High School is a comprehensive four-year public high school located in Cottage Grove, Minnesota. Park High School serves students in the communities of Grey Cloud Island, Cottage Grove, and St. Paul Park. High school classes are scheduled in a six-period day with three trimesters (12 weeks each) in a grading period.

About the Community:

PHS is part of South Washington County Schools. The district includes the communities of Cottage Grove,



St. Paul Park, Newport, Woodbury, Grey Cloud Island and Afton, encompassing an area of 84 square miles. The population of the district is approximately 94,000 people, including 18,200 students who attend district schools.

Demographics:

68% - White, 6.9% - Asian, 7.3% - Black, 10.7% - Hispanic, 0.5% - American Indian, 0.1% - Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander, 6.2% two or more races

Approximately 18.4% of the student population at PHS participates in the Free/Reduced Lunch Program.

Curriculum Features

Park High School offers a comprehensive curriculum of over 170 courses, including a full range of college preparatory, general and career technical classes designed to meet the needs of all students.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program:

Park High School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, offering the internationally-recognized IB diploma program. This program aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

Students may elect to take a number of IB courses or pursue the full IB diploma. IB courses include English, History, Spanish, French, Math including two-year calculus, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Sports Exercise/Health Sciences, Psychology and Visual Arts.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:

Human Geography, World History, Statistics and Calculus A/B.

College in the Schools Course:

American Democracy in a Changing World

Honors Courses:

English 9, English 10 and Physical Science 9

Other Special Features:

Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Northeast Metro 916 Technical College, AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

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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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.

Grading and Ranking Procedures

GPA is based on marks earned in grades 9–12 and is calculated on a 4.0 point system. All courses for which the student receives a grade A–F are included in the GPA. Pass grades are not included in the GPA, but do count for credit (a maximum of two credits per year may be taken with the pass/no credit option).

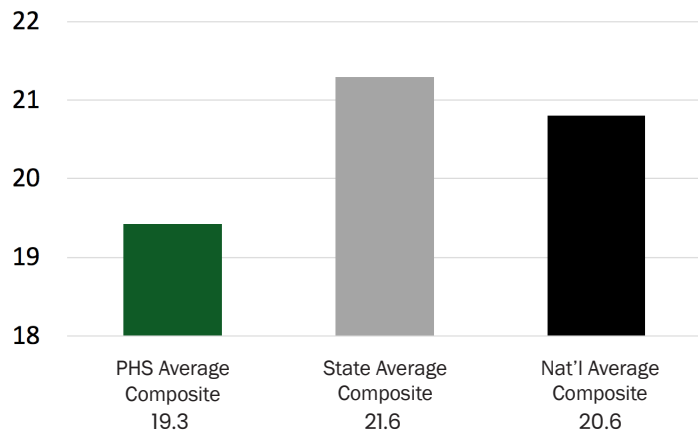


Grades for AP and IB courses will receive a weighted grade using a 1.2 multiplier (i.e. A = 4.8). The highest GPA for the class of 2019 was a 4.42.

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| A = 4.0 | C+ = 2.333 | D- = 0.667 |
| A- = 3.667 | C = 2.0 | F = 0.00 |
| B+ = 3.333 | C- = 1.667 | P = Pass |
| B = 3.0 | D+ = 1.333 | N = No Credit |
| B- = 2.667 | D = 1.0 | |

Park High School no longer provides class rank statistics. Information indicating a class rank using either the academic or all-subject grade point averages will not be issued internally or externally to staff, students, parents, or other academic institutions or agencies.

2020 ACT Test Results



Advanced Placement Test Results

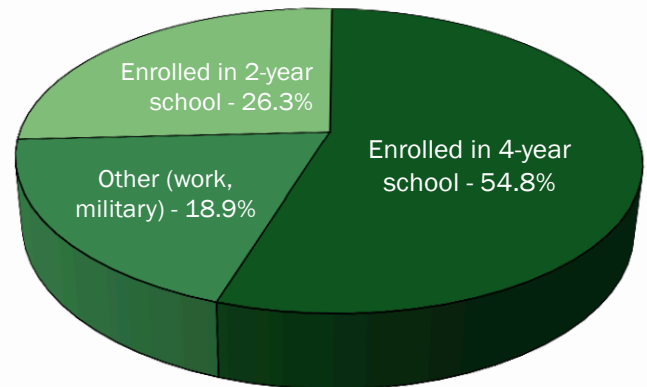
- In 2022, Park High School students took AP tests in 7 subject areas; over 229 exams were taken, 93 students scored a 3 or higher.
- Since 2017, 711 students have scored a 3 or higher on an AP exam.

Our SAT scores cannot be compared to the state and national average since fewer than 15% of PHS students take this exam.

IB Diploma Candidates

- The PHS IB program has a higher diploma attainment rate than the state and national average.
- Park High School has graduated more than 87 full IB candidates since the inception in 2009. In 2022, 100% of senior candidates received an IB diploma.
- In 2022, 166 students took 360 IB exams. Since 2009, 946 PHS students have scored a 5 or higher on an IB exam, earning college credits.
- 32 PHS students have earned a perfect score on IB exams.

College Attendance - Class of 2019



- More than 81% of 2019 Park High School graduates will attend college in the fall of 2019.

Spotlights on PHS

- PHS includes a Wellness Center, Multicultural Inclusion Center and an Inventor Space.
- Park High School girls softball had back-to-back appearances at the State Tournament in 2016 and 2017.
- The Park High School Thunderbolts soccer and floor hockey teams were state tournament consolation champs in 2016.
- Park's 2017 One-Act Play was chosen to perform at the International Thespian Festival.
- PHS students are involved in more than 30 athletic teams and participated in more than 50 clubs and organizations including Animal Rights, ASL, Chamber Theater, Debate, GSA, Key Club, Link Crew, Math Team, NHS, Step Team, and Youth Teaching Youth.
- IB diploma candidates score higher on exams than the state and national average.

