

2022-2023 School Profile

One of America's Top High Schools
2016 from Newsweek Magazine

Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
from the U.S. Department of Education

Award for Excellence in Content Rich Arts
from the National Endowment of the Arts

Twelve Schools That Succeed
from Phi Delta Kappa Educational
Foundation

**"One of Eight Best High School
Athletic Programs"** in the U.S. from
Scholastic Coach and Athletic Journal

"Minnesota Model Music School"
from Minnesota Music Educators
Association

"Grammy Signature School"
National Academy of Recording Arts
and Science

**Speech and Debate National
"School of Excellence" Award** (Top 5
in Nation)

Emmy Award – EagleEye from the
National Academy of Arts & Sciences
Upper Midwest Chapter

2019 STEM Excellence Award from
the Future of Education Technology
Conference (FETC)

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APPLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

A **STEM** school dedicated to
Academics, Arts & Athletics



A District 196 School. One District. Infinite Possibilities.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Built in 1976, Apple Valley High School is located in the city of Apple Valley in northern Dakota County and is 15 miles south of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. There are four comprehensive high schools, two specialized smaller high schools, six middle schools and nineteen elementary schools which serve the families and communities within the 110 square mile area of Independent School District 196. A member of the prestigious South Suburban Conference, AVHS has a total enrollment of 2,000 students in grades 9-12 and over 115 full-time/part-time faculty members.

STEM PROGRAMMING

Apple Valley High School is a STEM school dedicated to arts, academics and athletics. Part of the District 196 pathway, Apple Valley High School is the only District 196 high school that is a certified Project Lead the Way (PLTW) site and offers a Fabrication Lab and Multi Media Maker Space available to all students. At AVHS students have the opportunity to take Cisco networking, IT Essentials, music production, video production and two levels of computer science courses. Students in our E3 STEM program also receive individual career counseling, have access to professional mentors, and participate in STEM employer partner field trips in an effort to help students gain educational and exploration opportunities in our community. STEM programming at Apple Valley High School emphasizes critical thinking, creativity, innovation and real-world problem solving and prepares students to pursue a post-secondary education and career in a STEM-related field.

OUR LEARNING FACILITY

Our state-of-the-art digital classroom design includes built-in LCDs, SMART Technology; a 1:1 student iPad program, and student mobile computing labs. Apple Valley High School also has a fully-equipped television and digital editing studio, a 650 seat Performing Arts Center with a fly loft and scene shop; a dedicated dance studio and full-time, curricular dance program; four gyms with a running track; a 4,000 square foot fitness center which is adjacent to 200 acres of playing fields, recreational facilities and competition stadiums.

APPLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL HONORS/ADVANCED PLACEMENT/COLLEGE COURSES

ENGLISH

Honors English 9
Honors Speech
Pre-AP English 10A and 10B
Advanced Placement: Language & Composition
Advanced Placement: Literature & Composition
College in the Schools Public Speaking
College in the Schools Writing Studio

MATHEMATICS

Honors Geometry
Honors Algebra II
Advanced Placement: Statistics
Advanced Placement: Precalculus
Advanced Placement: Calculus AB
Advanced Placement: Calculus BC
Advanced Placement: Statistics
Advanced Placement: Computer Science Principles
Advanced Placement: Computer Science
College Linear and Differential Equations (CLA/Diff Eq)
Multivariable Calculus
UMTYMP (U of MN)

SCIENCE

Honors Earth Science
Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry

Advanced Placement: Biology
Advanced Placement: Chemistry
Advanced Placement: Physics 1 Mechanics
College in the Schools Human Physiology, Technology
and Medical Devices

SOCIAL STUDIES

Honors Civics & Citizenship
Advanced Placement: U.S. History
Advanced Placement: World History: Modern
Advanced Placement: U.S. Government and Politics
Advanced Placement: Psychology
College in the Schools: An Interdisciplinary Look at the
Family in Multicultural America

VISUAL ARTS & PERFORMING ARTS

Advanced Placement: Portfolio
Advanced Placement: Music Theory

WORLD LANGUAGES

College in the Schools Spanish 5
College in the Schools German 4
College in the Schools French 4

Career Development

College in the Schools Animal Science

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Apple Valley High School has a strong tradition of co-curricular excellence. We are ranked #1 in Fine Arts State Championships and #5 in Athletic State Championships in Minnesota. Students are able to pursue their interests in 28 athletic activities and over 30 fine and performing arts activities. In addition, there are many clubs which challenge the academic and interest areas of the students such as Math Team, Academic Quiz Bowl, and Science Olympiad. Intramural athletic programs are available all three trimesters.

MINNESOTA POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTION

Juniors and Seniors at Apple Valley High School are eligible to enroll at Minnesota post secondary institutions on a full- or part-time basis. Students may take classes for both secondary, and post secondary credit. The purpose of the program is to:

1. Promote rigorous educational pursuits.
2. Provide a wider variety of options for students.

Several other college credit options are also available within our curriculum.

GRADING SYSTEM

The school year is divided into 3 marking periods or trimesters which are approximately 12 weeks long. A final grade is given for each credit taken at the end of each trimester. The grade point average (GPA) is calculated on a 4.0 system in which:

A = 4.0	P = Pass, is not included in GPA
A- = 3.7	NC/NG = No Credit/No Grade, not included in GPA
B+ = 3.3	S+ = Credit via assessment - minimum standard 80% mastery - not included in GPA
B = 3.0	I = Incomplete, course work not completed due to serious illness/extended absences
B- = 2.7	
C+ = 2.3	
C = 2.0	
C- = 1.7	
D+ = 1.3	
D = 1.0	
D- = 0.7	
E = 0.3	
F = 0.0	

The District 196 high schools have determined that reporting class rank will no longer be practiced beginning with the class of 2020.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from Apple Valley High School, students must:

- Satisfactorily complete 66 credits of course work at the high school level, grades 9-12 inclusively, to be eligible for high school graduation as specified below:
 - English Language Arts: four years (12 credits).
 - Social Studies: four years (12 credits) – encompassing U.S. History, world history, economics, and government/citizenship.

- Science: three years (9 credits) – encompassing biology and a physical science.
- Mathematics: three years (9 credits) – encompassing algebra, geometry, and statistics and probability.
- Art: any Art Education course, Choir, Band, Dance, Interior Design, Marketing 1: Advertising, Intro to Drafting and Architecture, Intro to Graphics and Animation, Intro to Engineering, Principles of Engineering - PLTW, Engineering Design - PLTW, or Music Production (1 credit).
- Wellness: two courses (2 credits).
- Physical Education: four courses (4 credits).
- Safety Education: one course (1 credit).
- Other: 16 credits, of which not more than 12 credits of instrumental and/or vocal music may be applied toward fulfillment of the graduation requirements.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTING CLASS MEANS

American College Test (ACT)

Grad Year	Number Tested	English	Math	Reading	Science	Comp.
2017	370	20.1	21.6	21.2	21.5	21.2
2018	381	19.4	21.9	21.4	21.4	21.1
2019	341	19.6	20.8	20.7	20.8	20.6
2020	345	19.9	21.2	21.0	21.1	21.0
2021	301	19.5	20.6	21.3	21	20.8
2022	299	17.7	19	19.4	19.1	19

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)

	Number Tested	Mean ERW Score	Mean Math Score
Class of 2018	52	: 596	631
Class of 2019	60	: 586	590
Class of 2020	71	: 585	593
Class of 2021	74	: 580	569

APPLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL RECENT GRADUATES' POST-SECONDARY PLANS

Arizona State University	Inver Hills Community College	United States Military Academy at West Point
Augsburg University	Iowa State University	United States Naval Academy
Augustana University	Loyola University Chicago	University of Alabama
Aveda Institute- Minneapolis	Luther College	University of Colorado- Boulder
Baylor University	Macalester College	University of Iowa
Bemidji State University	Marquette University	University of Manitoba
Bethel University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Bradley University	Minnesota State University- Mankato	University of Minnesota- Duluth
Buena Vista University	Minnesota State University- Moorhead	University of Minnesota- Morris
Carleton College	Minot State University	University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
Carthage College	Montana State University- Bozeman	University of Nebraska- Lincoln
College of St. Benedict	New York University	University of North Dakota
College of St. Scholastica	Normandale Community College	University of Notre Dame
Columbia University	North Central University	University of Rochester- Eastman School of Music
Concordia College- Moorhead	North Dakota State University	University of South Carolina
Concordia University- St. Paul	Northwestern University	University of Southern California
Concordia University- Wisconsin	Ohio State University	University of St. Thomas
Cornell University	Salve Regina University	University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire
Creighton University	Saint Mary's College	University of Wisconsin- La Crosse
Crown College	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	University of Wisconsin- Madison
Dakota County Technical College	South Dakota School of Mines & Technology	University of Wisconsin- Platteville
Dordt College	South Dakota State University	University of Wisconsin- River Falls
Drake University	Southwest Minnesota State University	University of Wisconsin- Stout
Duke University	St. Catherine University	Upper Iowa University
Edgewood College	St. Cloud State University	Valparaiso University
Gustavus Adolphus College	St. John's University	Western Illinois University
Hamline University	St. Olaf College	Wheaton College
Hampshire College	Stanford University	Williams University
Harvard University	Stony Brook University	Winona State University
Howard University	United States Air Force Academy	Winthrop University

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