



WINNETONKA HIGH SCHOOL

College & Career Pathways



Our Community Counts

The Pathways model creates an integrated partnership between students, teachers and the business community, providing relevant, equitable, personalized, and real-world learning experiences. Students have the opportunity to participate in internships, job shadowing, mentorships, off-campus programs and more with leading business partners in our region.

Where Real World Meets the Classroom

Winnetonka High School encourages all students to step outside the box and push the limits with academics and extracurriculars throughout their high school experience. Our team of dedicated teachers and staff are excited to offer Winnetonka students a new model of learning through the College & Career Pathways initiative.

Pathways prepare all students for college, career and beyond with opportunities to earn industry certificates, network with business partners, earn college credit, and receive hands-on instruction within a focused industry sector.

A School Within A School

All incoming 9th graders at Winnetonka High School apply to participate in one of four "schools within a school" based on their area of interest:

School of Human Services

School of Business, Leadership and Entrepreneurship

School of Health and Wellness

School of Design, Innovation and Technology

Within each school, students explore a focus area of study, or "pathway," designed to provide students with a four-year course of study to prepare them and introduce them to a future college major and/or rewarding career post-graduation.



Griffin Pride

The overall student experience at Winnetonka High School will continue to feature all of the existing comprehensive services and offerings, including individualized academic counseling, advanced placement classes, and student support services. In addition to their individual pathway focus, students are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of offerings to enhance their high school experience, including:

- Athletics
- Clubs & Organizations
- AVID
- Vocal Music
- A+ Program
- Speech & Debate
- Band
- Theater
- Journalism

Something For Everyone at Winnetonka High School

Taken in concert with core 9–12 grade curriculum, every student will join the “school within a school” and pathway of their choice. With a focus on college and career readiness, all of our schools and pathways provide hands-on learning opportunities and support from leading industry partners in our community.



School of Human Services

RELATED INDUSTRY CAREERS:

Teacher, Police Officer,
Psychologist, Social Worker,
Attorney, Public Administration

The School of Human Services provides students with the opportunity to participate in a continuum of real world, community-based learning experiences and collaborative projects, inspiring them to expand their thinking beyond their individual selves. Students are encouraged to serve, support and care for others in the global world with compassion, empathy and equity.

Public Service Pathway – learn how to make a career out of helping others in the community, from first responders to teachers and charity administrators.

Service Industry Pathway – open the door to an exciting future in this diverse field as you study the dynamic relationship between consumers and producers.

School of Business, Leadership and Entrepreneurship

RELATED INDUSTRY CAREERS:

Entrepreneur, Sales Manager,
Marketing Specialist, Financial
Advisor, Accountant, Small
Business Owner

Students in the School of Business, Leadership and Entrepreneurship collaborate to tackle problems, design solutions, and participate in industry-focused projects leveraging individual, cultural, ethnic and racial backgrounds. Using authentic industry protocols, students showcase their professional business and communication skills necessary to compete in a culturally diverse market.

Business Pathway – master the principles of entrepreneurship and innovation while learning the skills necessary to become a game changer in any business field.

Marketing Pathway – prepare for a multitude of careers through a versatile program that focuses on design foundations, sports marketing and more.

School of Health and Wellness

RELATED INDUSTRY CAREERS:

Registered Nurse, Physician &
Surgeon, Licensed Practical &
Vocational Nurse, Pharmacist,
Physical Therapist, Veterinarian

Students in the School of Health and Wellness use authentic, hands-on experiences and collaborative projects to learn the fundamental concepts of medicine and everyday wellbeing. Various careers in the medical field are explored through field trips, personal interactions with professionals, and coursework that is both relevant and purposeful.

Health Services Pathway – learn all about the human body and medical interventions as you are introduced to a variety of different professions within the healthcare industry.

Wellness Pathway – examine the relationship between the mind and body in health and wellness through curriculum that includes therapy studies and brain development.

School of Design, Innovation and Technology

RELATED INDUSTRY CAREERS:

Engineer (Mechanical, Electrical,
Civil), Electrician, Plumber,
Construction Project Manager,
Graphic Designer

Students in the School of Design, Innovation and Technology collaborate with community, business and industry partners to create authentic, innovative solutions for real world challenges. By utilizing a continuum of work-based learning initiatives, students showcase their knowledge through the collaboration of arts and technology.

Computer Science Pathway – Gain the foundational skills to enter the digital workforce with a focus on computer science, cybersecurity, and IT.

Creative Design Pathway – unleash your individual creativity and expression to engage in the creative process as you invent, solve and reimagine the visuals of our future.

Engineering Pathway – Become equipped with the knowledge, skills, and passion to apply innovative

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